

Foreign Missions

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY:

Bobbili, its outstations, helpers and missionaries, remembering the interesting girls' school at Bobbili and the work at Ragagahda.

NOTICE.

The book "Things as they are in Southern India" given to the circulating library by Mrs. I. C. Archibald has been in such demand that it is engaged one year in advance, so we have ordered from England our more copies that the sisters may be more speedily supplied with this most thrilling and deeply interesting book. It certainly has a message for every Christian woman and any one who can read it unmoved must have a heart of stone.

A Mission "Exercise" has been prepared by Mrs. Doboe of St. John that will be suitable for Sabbath school or Mission Bands on Sunday or a week evening. It is suggestive and elastic. Changes can be made to suit the varied circumstances of own, village or country. We would like to see every many used during the next three or four months. Please send your address Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, and state the number of copies you wish.

So many Mission Band leaders have asked for some thing of this kind, we hope now they will be able to secure and use this "Exercise." It would bring \$1000.00 into the Mission treasury, enough to support a Missionary for one year.

THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST.

What is the ultimate motive of giving for missions? Is it the sad condition of the world without a gospel? Is it the devotion to those who carry a message? Is it the wonderful success that has often attended the work? All these things move to some extent, but there are times when they all lie, because they are connected with the we kneed mistakes of human nature. There is only one motive that never fails. It is what Paul calls "the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." When we see Him face to face, when we stand so close to Him that our hearts beat with the compassion which He felt for the sheep without a shepherd; when we have lived with Him till we have His strong that all men should have life, and have it undantly, then it will be easy for us to give the right proportion of our means for the work of missions and to pray most earnestly every day that the Holy Spirit may accompany the message given by our representatives in heathen lands to remove the obstacles that now seem to prevent many who are believing in Christ from coming, and publicly acknowledging Him. Oh, for the power from on High! Send it upon us Oh Lord.

MEDITATION.

Thou art the reigning Lord; thou rulest earth and heaven. Thou holdest all things in thy grasp; there nothing without thee, that lives or moves. All things are thine—for thou hast made them. We fear thee, O God, our King. Yet thou art our Father! We would ever magnify thy gracious and impelling truth—thou art our Father and as a father pitieth, so dost thou; as a father loveth, so dost thou; as a father careth, so dost thou. But thy pity and thy love and thy care so much greater than the fondest father's of the world! We fear thee, O God; we love thee, O, our Father!

Let the world know thee as the Father! Help us, children not only to tell it forth; but to live it. Make us loving and lovable children; make pure and tender and kind and sympathetic. May love-light shine from our eyes; may the love breathe in our speech; may the love-life thrill through till all men, with whom we come in contact, shall know of him who is the Master of Love, the Revealer of the Father, the Redeemer of the world, the Lord of Life.

Forgive sin—our sins; restore unto us the fuller life of salvation. From evil thoughts protect us; from crooked paths restore us; from all that defiles, that hinders life in its fullest expression, redeem us, make us humanly Christ-like.

Carry cheer to troubled hearts—enlarge the paths crowded feet—open the windows for darkened eyes; let the blessed sunshine in!

W. H. GRISTWEIT.

The W. M. A. S. of Bridgewater observed Crusade Day on Jan. 19th in the Vestry of the church, short program, consisting of readings and music,

was given after which came the pleasant task of opening the envelopes. The collection amounted to \$7.78, \$5.00 of which goes toward the amount pledged on Mr. Glendenning's salary. Light refreshments were served and the evening passed quickly and pleasantly in social intercourse.

THANK OFFERING SERVICE.

The three societies of the Berwick Church held their annual "Thank Offering" on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8th. Our president, Mrs. Raymond led the meeting. The exercises opened by singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," followed by responsive Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. P. R. Foster. We then listened to short papers on some of our mission Stations and their workers namely—Vizianagram, Bimlipitam, Bobbili, Chicacole. We also had a sketch of the "Grande Ligne" work and an original poem by Mrs. Alfred Chipman. These papers interspersed with good music made up a very interesting and instructive programme. Although the day was stormy and our audience small our offering amounted to about \$28.00.

MRS. J. H. FOSHAY, Sec.

THE SUNSHINE MISSION BAND OF APPLE RIVER.

Our Mission Band which was organized last March is still doing good work for the Master. Although the members are quite young, consisting chiefly of the school children, they are quite anxious to work. We held a fancy sale last June, raising the sum of thirty-four dollars. Since then we have been making an autograph quilt which is not yet complete, but have already forwarded \$23 to the treasurer. The proceeds from a Missionary entertainment a few weeks ago amounted to \$8.25. Although we have met with some obstacles yet "when God is for us, who can be against us?" As leader I know I am incompetent, yet that does not excuse any one from working for Christ. Though we are weak and our best work is but small, yet when we know of the millions who are perishing without Christ, how can we refrain from sending them the Gospel tidings.

ALBERTA PATTON,
President of Mission Band.

MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE W. B. M. U. TREASURER FROM JAN. 21ST TO FEB. 6TH.

Sheffield, Miss Bessie McGill, F. M. \$1; Cambridge Narrows, F. M. \$5.90, H. M. \$1, Reports, 15c; Steeves Mt. F. M. \$2.50, H. M. \$2.50; Forbes Point, F. M. \$7; Berwick, F. M. \$17, to constitute Mrs. Duncan Reed a life-member, F. M. \$13, H. M. \$12; Weston, F. M. \$6, Reports, 10c; Somerset, F. M. \$9, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 15c; Surrey Valley church, F. M. \$4.50, H. M. \$2, Reports, 20c; East Ragged Island, F. M. \$2.75, H. M. \$2.50; Dartmouth, F. M. \$81.40, H. M. \$20, Reports, 40c; \$40 of this money is proceeds of Thankoffering Crusade Day; Ingram River, Mrs. J. P. Webber, to constitute herself a life member, F. M. \$25; Upper Gagetown, F. M. \$3; Billtown, F. M. \$5.10, H. M. \$6, Tidings, 50c, Reports, 20c; Lakeville F. M. \$5.75; Aylesford, F. M. \$8.50; Halifax, North Church, F. M. \$15.25; Middleton, F. M. \$12.75; Bridge-water, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$3, Reports, 15c; Weymouth, F. M. \$3; Liverpool, Riverside, Cheggoggin, Green Road, each Tidings, 25c; St. John, Dartmouth each Tidings, 50c; Linden, F. M. \$5.75; Springhill, F. M. \$5, H. M. \$1, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 15c; Mt. Hanley, F. M. \$10.20, Reports, 10c; Hampton, leaflets, 24c; New Germany, F. M. \$3.75, Reports 25c; New Canada, F. M. \$3.75, proceeds of concert, F. M. \$6.75, Tidings, 25c, Reports, 10c; North River, F. M. \$23, H. M. \$7; Doaktown, F. M. \$13; 3rd Yarmouth, Deerfield and P. Valley, F. M. \$4.35, Indian Mission \$1, H. M. \$1.10 Reports 15c; Hebron, F. M. \$11.13, H. M. \$1.50, Reports, 15c; North Sydney, F. M. \$13.50, H. M. \$3.40, Reports, 20c; Amherst, F. M. \$3; Springfield, F. M. \$4, H. M. \$3.50; St. Stephen, F. M. \$11.25, Reports, 50c, Tidings, 25c; St. John, Germain St., F. M. \$10 Reports, 30c; Lower Canard, F. M. \$8, H. M. 2.50, Reports, 25c, Tidings, 25c; Athol, F. M. \$5, Christmas Coll. H. M. \$10, Reports, 10c; Charlottetown, F. M. \$35, H. M. \$9.50, Reports, 45c; Springfield, Mrs. Israel Nobles, Mrs. G. Randall, Mrs. W. S. Perkins, Miss W. G. Perkins, F. M. \$4, Miss H. Nobles F. M. \$1, H. M. \$1; Windsor, H. M. \$6.40, G. L. \$7; Amherst, F. M. \$30, H. M. \$6; Halifax, Tble church, F. M. \$6.36, H. M. \$5.10, Reports, 35c; Windsor, F. M. \$34; West Jeddore, F. M. \$4; Halifax, 1st church, F. M. \$10, H. M. \$5, Mrs. Samuel Perry to constitute herself a life member, F. M. \$25; Chipman, F. M. \$9.44, to constitute Mrs. H. B. Hay a life-member, F. M. \$12.50, H. M. \$12.50, (a gift from a sister) to constitute Mrs. H. A. Brown a life-member, F. M. \$25; Mission Band, Treasurer, F. M. \$310.17, H. M. \$7.70; Brookfield, Leaflets, 9c; Lower Economy and F. Islands, F. M. \$6, Tidings, 25c; Clementsvalle, leaflets, 45c; Lower Aylesford, H. M. \$5; toward Rev. R. M. Gullisons salary, \$9; North Range, F. M. \$9; Bear River, F. M. \$4.45; Westport, F. M. \$21, H. M. \$12; Lunenburg, F. M. \$8.45, H. M. 45c; Advocate, Leaflets 42c; Centerville, F. M. \$8; proceeds of supper, Home Missions in New Brunswick \$15; H. M. \$1.15, Tidings, 50c; Woodville, F. M. \$7.54, H. M. \$1.50.

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.

W. B. M. U. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT. FOR QUARTER ENDING JANUARY 31ST, 1905.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Recd. from W. M. A. S., N. B.,	\$845.37	\$321.97	\$1167.34
" " " " " N. B.,	\$12.61	\$3.25	\$15.86
" " " " " P. E. I.,	91.23	45.44	136.72
" " " " " Donations,	23.10	1.00	24.10
" " " " " Tidings,			13.00
" " " " " Reports,			12.85
" " " " " Leaflets,			7.55
			\$1057.22

Paid Treas. F. M. Board	\$2262.50
" Block engraving L. M. Certificates,	20.00
" printing	4.50
" " Leaflets	6.00
" " Tidings	8.50
" Pro. Sec. New Brunswick	5.00
" County	5.65
" postage Mission Band Leaflets	7.50
" Drafts and postage	3.50
	\$2323.21

MARY SMITH, Treas. W. B. M. U.
Amherst, Feb. 4th, 1905.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSION BANDS. FOR QUARTER ENDING JAN. 31ST, 1905.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Recd. from Bands, Nova Scotia,	\$241.87	\$7.70	\$249.57
" " " " " S. S.,	7.00		7.00
" " " " " Bands, New Brunswick,	35.30		35.30
" " " " " P. E. Island,	26.00		26.00
			\$347.87

Paid Mrs. Mary Smith, F. M.	\$10.17
" " " " " H. M.	\$7.70
	\$347.87

MRS. ADA G. GRANDALL, Treas. M. B.
Chipman, Queen's Co., N. B.

The Baptist World Congress.

What are we in the Maritime Provinces going to do about it?

We lack effective organization such as some other bodies—even other regular Baptist Conventions—have; and no nothing definite has yet been done.

In compliance with a request from the general Secretary in England (rec'd Jan. 7), and agreeably to my suggestion, Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, M. A., of Orillia, Ont., Sec'y of the Baptist Convention of Ont. and Que., is acting as general Secretary for Canada. Three letters from him, received Jan. 21, Feb. 1 and Feb. 2, lie before me.

In the first he says: "The Grand Ligue Board is sending three delegates, the Manitoba Board three; Ontario will probably send three or four. What are your people doing?"

In the second he asks, "What delegates have been appointed by the Maritime Provinces?" and "What parts have been assigned to Eastern men?"

"We will have the regular Spring meeting of our Executive Feb. 21st, when we hope to complete our arrangements."

In the meantime he received a letter from me, and in replying (Jan. 30) said "Unless I hear further from you before the 21st, we will assign our topics without reference to the Maritime brethren." Our Transportation Leader will be Mr. J. E. Housom, 32 Church-Street, Toronto.

Now up to this moment only one minister in the Maritime Provinces has notified me (informally) of his desire or intention to attend the Congress; only three laymen have done so, and these are not persons who would take any part in the programme. Thus no appointment has been made.

Are our Maritime Churches, Boards and Convention to be unrepresented on the Congress platform?

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