

Foreign Missions

W. B. M. U.

"We are laborers together with God."

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PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST.

Chicacole. For Missionaries, Bible women and all native helpers. Hospital and reading room. For a special blessing upon the Conventions that will be done for the glory of God and receive His approval.

MARITIME CONVENTION W. B. M. U.

The Maritime Convention of the W. B. M. U. met in Fredericton Wednesday morning, August 16th, at ten o'clock. The President was in the chair, and read rules of order.

The Provincial report from N. S., was read by Miss Emma Hume. C. B. held three meetings in connection with the Quarterly Conferences. One new Aid Society, at Sydney Mines, was formed. Kings sent in complete list of blank forms. In Halifax County there are five Aids outside Halifax city. Lunenburg ten Aids. Queen's ten Aids, and nine Bands. Mrs. Crowell is new county secretary. Digby county's new secretary is Mrs. I. W. Porter. Annapolis reported twenty-two Aids and eighteen Bands with Mrs. G. W. Pearson as secretary. In Hants Mrs. Nalder has resigned and Mrs. Spurr has taken her place. Shelburne, Mrs. Colwell is new secretary. Four Aids reported. Cumberland secured new secretary in Miss A. Logan. Fifteen Aids reported. Twenty-seven through provinces reported having observed Crusade Day 504 copies of Link are taken, forty-seven decreased in N. S. Prayer by Mrs. Gunn was offered for N. S. Aids, officers and members.

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Crandall, report from Nova Scotia be received. Carried. The President appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Mrs. Chubbuck and Mrs. Hutchinson. Nominations—Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Scott, Miss Wadman, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. C. P. Wilson.

The roll was called by Mrs. W. G. Clarke of Fredericton, and 102 responded.

Mrs. M. S. Cox, Provincial Secretary for N. B. then read her report. \$2,734.85 were raised. Two new societies organized. 72 Aids sent reports. Society at Marysville was re-organized. Fredericton has Banner Society having raised \$244 this year while North River, West. Co., with ten members raised \$49, which was the highest average per member. Seventy-one life members during the year are reported and twenty-one deaths. Receipts \$62.63 less than last year.

Only 41 Aids in N. B. contributed toward Home Missions. There should have been 28 more heard from for this important work.

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Miss Hume, this report be adopted. Carried.

After prayer for the workers in N. B., Miss Wadman read her report for P. E. I. Twenty-two Aids with a membership of 380 raised \$702.71. Four life members were reported and nine deaths.

Moved by Miss Hume, seconded by Mrs. Chubbuck, this report be adopted. Carried.

Charlottetown had the highest average having contributed \$3.22 per member.

Afternoon Session.

At 3 p. m. the Convention opened with hymn and prayer. The President's address spoke of gratitude that lives of missionaries, executive and officers had been spared. But more workers must be had to do the work.

The treasurer, Mrs. Mary Smith then read her report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Mary Smith in account with W. B. M. U.
 Balance on hand \$3,016.56
 Amount contributed from N. S. 5,996.51
 Amount contributed from N. B. 2,734.85
 Amount contributed from P. E. I. 702.71
 Donations 117.73
 Tidings 49.95
 Reports 44.21
 Leaflets 78.58
 Annual and Associational Meetings 55.00
 Rec'd from Mission Band Treasurer 2,468.63

\$15,292.11

By subtracting the balance on hand from the total it will be found the receipts for this year amount to the sum of \$12,175.55.

The pastor of the Fredericton Church interested in the financial methods of the Union made a calculation and discovered the running expenses were carried on for the amount of two-thirds of one per cent. This was announced during the discussions. After discussion it was decided to enlarge Tidings and it to become organ of W. B. M. U.

Miss Hume moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Mrs. Scott. Carried.

Mrs. Crandall then read her report as Treasurer of Mission Bands, which also was adopted.

Annual report of W. B. M. U. by Cox, Sec'y, Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck was read and discussed by Miss Archibald, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Kempton. Adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Miss Hume, that the delegation from each Aid Society to annual Convention shall not exceed 5 and shall consist of 2 from Aid, 2 life members and one from Mission Band. Carried.

Mrs. A. F. Randolph in a few well chosen words welcomed the delegates. Greetings from the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church were extended by Miss Beverly and from that of the Methodist Church by Mrs. F. P. Thompson, to which Mrs. J. N. Golding, of St. John, replied.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. MacDonald. Evening Session.

Meeting opened with singing by choir, Mrs. J. Harry King, read the scripture and Mrs. Peters offered prayer.

Mrs. Hutchinson of St. John, was first speaker, and her paper on "Our Foreign Mission Work" was most interesting and helpful.

Miss Annie Laura Peck our newly elected missionary was introduced and told of her call to foreign work. The Convention was impressed by Miss Peck's earnestness and sincerity, and expects much good work from her.

Miss Mabel Archibald our returned missionary told of her work in India and of her joy in service. Miss Archibald's address was given in a vivacious manner, which charmed the audience. Its substance will be published later.

The church was well filled for this service, which was bright and helpful. The choir of the Fredericton church rendered two anthems and Mrs. Brown of Havelock, sang a solo, that was much appreciated.

Before closing the meeting, Rev. Mr. Laflamme gave Miss Peck the hand of fellowship into the missionary fraternity.

Thursday a. m.—Prayer service led by Miss A. Logan and a solemn memorial service led by Mrs. Gunn preceded opening the session for business.

President in the chair. Minutes of previous session read by Mrs. Everett, and approved.

President made some announcements, then called on Mrs. Weyman of Apohaqui the representative of the Ladies' Mission Societies of the Free Baptists.

This important address will be reproduced in the Messenger and Visitor, as we wish our constituency to become well acquainted with this work, in the light of coming events. The remainder of the morning session was occupied by a conference on organization led by Mrs. Cox, Prov. Sec'y of N. B.

Thursday p. m. At 2.30 Miss Easson of St. John gave a bible reading, after which the most of the time was occupied in hearing from N. B. leaders.

Mrs. P. R. Foster, M. B. Supt. for N. S., read her annual report, bringing out some encouraging facts. Eight new Bands organized in N. S., seven of these are in Kings county, which rejoices in largest number of Bands in N. S., viz., 24. 124 Bands in province, 12 inactive from lack of president. Twenty-four Bands not reported. Total membership in N. S. 3,252, raised \$1,611.54. Increase over last year \$210.38. Banner Band at Apple River, Cumb. Co., \$2.22 per member.

Report of Mrs. McIntyre the Band Superintendent for N. B., 11 new Bands, 42 active bands, 1,310 members, total receipts \$604.94. Chipman leads with \$102.76.

Report for P. E. I., Mission Band of Mrs. J. G. Belyea read by Miss Wadman, Charlottetown has the largest band, membership 40. Total number of members 189; receipts \$126.00.

Reports voted on and passed as whole.

An animated discussion of Mission Band methods succeeded. These free interchanges of opinion are features of great value in our Conventions.

Mrs. Foster read an able paper on the Mission Band work in general. Mrs. McIntyre gave an address on Senior Work, both full of practical suggestions, gathered from actual experience.

Different ladies gave interesting reports of work in their own churches. Miss Logan of Amherst and Salem. Mrs. Foster of Berwick, Mrs. Estey of Wolfville, Mrs. Gunn of Truro, Mrs. Carter of Truro, Mrs. Golding of Brussels St., Mrs. Robinson of St. Stephen.

The report of editor of department in Link read and approved.

The following resolution was read:
 Resolved,—That the W. B. M. U. unite their publications (with the exception of the column in Messenger and Visitor, and the printing of Mission Band leaflets for 6 months) and print one paper in the interests of our Aid Societies and Mission Bands. The price to be 10 cents per copy a year, in clubs of 10 20 for a single copy a year.

After some discussion the resolution was passed. Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck was appointed editor, with power to appoint a business manager. Price of printing Reports and whether their distribution be free or not, decided in favor of granting contract to Black Pub. Co., Amherst, and making price 5 cents a copy.

Moved, seconded and passed that estimates for en-

suing year be raised \$500; estimated totals \$9,600. Moved by Mrs. Scott, seconded by Miss Hume that the treasurers of the W. B. M. U. Mrs. Smith, for Aids; Mrs. Crandall for Bands be each granted privilege of handing books over to expert accountant for posting extending and completing annual accounts. Passed unanimously. No officer in the Society does the work and bears the burdens which comes on the treasurer, and the Union is anxious to lighten the burden as much as possible.

The election of officers was the next important item on the program.

The nominating committee submitted the following list. All of whom were elected:

President—Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John.
 Vice-president—For N. S., Mrs. D. H. Simpson, Billtown; for N. B., Mrs. D. Hutchinson, St. John.
 Rec. secretary—Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck.
 Treasurers—Mrs. G. B. Smith, Amherst; Mrs. Ida Crandall, Chipman.

Provincial secretary—For N. S., Miss Hume, Dartmouth; N. B., Mrs. M. S. Cox, Anagance; P. E. I., Miss Wadman, Charlottetown.

The Convention adjourned to meet for tea on the lawn of Mrs. J. G. McNally. This afforded a delightful opportunity for the social intercourse which is almost neglected in the press of business.

The evening session was replete with interest, Mrs. Estey's paper on Mission Study was thoughtful and suggestive, Mr. Laflamme spoke on Woman's Work, in terms few women would dare to use, so eulogistic and unqualified in praise of the quality of women's missionary work.

Mrs. Macdonald voiced the sentiments of the Union in well chosen words of farewell to Miss Peck.

The report of committee on resolutions was read and the whole body rose joined hand and sang: "Blest be the tie that binds."

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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quite in harmony with the general appearance of thrift that the city presents. Not the least attractive of these in respect to beauty of design and substantiality is the Baptist church in which the Convention is held. A history of this church was given in the editorial which appeared last week. The number of delegates in attendance this year will be very much below the average. There seems, however, to be a pretty full quota of the pastors from the different churches. It will be more than usual a minister's convention.

On Friday, Aug. 18th, the Baptist Institute held away, and discussed a very substantial program. In the absence of the President, the Rev. J. W. Brown, Ph. D., took the chair. After prayer and singing, a paper written by the Rev. Dr. Day of Kentucky, upon the subject, Is a belief in immortality essential to Ethics, was read by the secretary. The subject was treated in a very scholarly way by the writer, and elicited some interesting discussion. The writer showed that in the history of different peoples and different religions, ethical maxims have been connected more or less closely with a belief in the immortality of the soul. With a decline in the belief in immortality came also a decline in Ethics itself. The vitality of the ethics of Christianity has been grounded in the belief and promise of life eternal. The question is how much importance is to be attached to this fact? Is the connection merely accidental? The writer believed there was an essential connection between Ethics and a belief in immortality. That this hope of a future life when the tangle of life would be straightened out was needed to enable men faithfully to obey the standards of right and to struggle on painfully in the direction of their moral ideals. In the discussion that followed Dr. Goodspeed thought the writer did not make enough of the place of conscience in the ethical idea. Our "sense of oughtness" he believed to be the fundamental principle in ethics. Belief in immortality is useful in strengthening that fundamental principle. It is a most powerful factor in ethics but perhaps not essential.

By reason of the inability of the Rev. S. W. Cumming of Amherst to be present and to fulfil his part of the program, Dr. Gates was asked to give the Institute the benefit of some notes he had made from a chapter in Dr. Dodd's recent book, on The Bible, its Origin, and Nature. The chapter title was The Bible and other Sacred Books. The superiority of the Bible is seen in its being in a unique sense a revelation of God to man. Its teachings bring God to man and man to God. It is a revelation of the history of redemption. Votes of thanks were formally extended to Dr. Day and Dr. Gates for these valuable contributions. At the afternoon session the Rev. S. P. Raymond presented an address upon, The Young Man Problem, in the Sunday School. The gist of his suggestions was, graded schools, better teachers and a leading of the boys to accept Christ as a personal Saviour would aid largely in solving the young man problem. Other pastors discussed the subject in a way helpful to all. Following this a paper upon The Authority of the Scriptures, written by the Rev. F. E. Bishop was read by Pastor Stackhouse.

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