



Woman's Work



FOREIGN MISSIONS

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Aunt Lucy Pledge Circle, 6 shares 150.00

SHARES FOR CIRCLE.

Franklinton Auxiliary has paid in three shares and Memorial, Durham, has paid one to our Aunt Lucy Pledge Circle.

We trust all our missionary societies will make a point to raise as many shares as possible early in our fiscal year.

STATEMENT.

First Quarter Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, June 1, 1909.

Dues:
Auxiliaries \$570.50
Pledge:
Auxiliaries 28.01
Aunt Lucy Circle..... 380.07
Scholarships 26.77
Retired Fund 2.75

Total \$1,008.10
Remitted to Mrs. McTyeire.. 981.33

School Fund on hand..... \$ 26.77

Conference Expense Fund:
Balance forward \$262.39
Collections for quarter.. 153.95

Total \$416.34
Expense for Quarter..... 289.01

Balance on hand..... \$127.33
School Fund on hand..... 26.77
Balance in bank..... \$154.10

MRS. B. B. ADAMS,
Treasurer.

Four Oaks, N. C.

BRIGHT JEWELS.

Dear Advocate: As a member of the Bright Jewels of Memorial M. E. Church, South, I want to inform you of the achievements of the Band.

We have one of the best and most faithful Lady Managers, Mrs. E. M. Stokes, which could be secured anywhere. All of the Bright Jewels are perfectly devoted to her and she to them. The Board could not help prospering under her direction, for she is so much interested in the work.

The past year was one of our most prosperous years, and we have already begun this year with willing hands and hearts, full of love for the work. I do not think I ever saw the members take hold of the work with so much enthusiasm as they have done this year; and that means a great deal.

At the beginning of this year Mrs. Stokes divided us into three district Bands, for there were so many that she could not well manage them all at the same time.

These Bands were: the Primary, including the children between one and ten; the Junior, including those from ten to fifteen; the Senior, including those from fifteen to one hundred, if they desire to be members that long. I do not think one ever gets too old to be a Bright Jewel, although we usually think of the small children as Bright Jewels, and the older people as Leaguers.

These Bands have all gone to work earnestly, and we hope that this will be the most prosperous year in our history.

Each band has its own individual officers and a time set apart in each month for its meeting. At these meetings we have a devotional ser-

vice, carrying out the program laid down in the Little Worker. We then discuss our plans for raising money and anything which is of interest to any of us.

In the Senior Band, especially, our Lady Manager has got us to take a more active part in the prayer service. She used to lead the prayer, but for the last few meetings we have been having sentence prayers, and a good many took part in it each time. I am sure this made our Lady Manager feel as if she were doing some good in training us.

Although we are divided we work together to a certain extent. Mrs. Stokes has charge of all the finances, and send off the reports of all the bands combined; so you see that we are just one large band of Christian workers.

Each year we have at least one large ice cream supper on our church lawn, at which we usually procure our Pledge. If we do not raise it in this way we institute other plans for raising it.

Then we have several entertainments during the year, and always get a good collection, and especially at our Easter entertainment. The people seem to be disappointed if we fail to have one Easter. Our church is nearly always crowded, and sometimes we take in as much as twenty-five dollars. Of course, this is very encouraging to us, as well as our Lady Manager.

With our Mite Box collections we are supporting a little girl in Miss Elizabeth Davis' school in Rio. This is the third year that we have supported her. I think it is a good thing, for it gives us something definite for which to work. We have also pledged five dollars for Mr. Moose, which has already been raised by the Junior Band.

Although we send the greater part of our money across the ocean to help the poor heathens learn of Christ, we do not forget to do Home Mission work at the same time. We take flowers to the sick, food to the needy, and little things to the aged, which we think will give them pleasure.

Last year we raised, also, a nice amount for the erection of our new church and handed it over to the treasurer of the building fund to be used as the church sees fit. It is our determination to do more this year in this line of work, as well as in the foreign lands.

Mrs. Stokes says we have made a fine beginning; so I will enclose our report to let you see for yourself what we have already done.

Quarterly report of Memorial Bright Jewels, for quarter ending June 1, 1909:

Number of members, 117; number of new members, 14; life members, 6; subscribers to Little Worker, 34; amount raised in dues, \$13.64; amount subscribed for Mr. Moose, \$5.00; total, \$18.64.

This is the report for the entire band, but I want to say that the Senior band, of which I am a member, is planning to do just lots of work this year. It has already planned a social meeting at the home of one of its members who was kind enough to throw open her home to us. At our socials we usually charge a small admission fee and get a nice contribution. These meetings are thoroughly enjoyed and I think it arouses a great deal of interest, as I have told all about our band. I will close with best wishes for the Advocate, I am,

ANNIE WEST.

HOME MISSIONS

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. H. M. S., of the N. C. Conference, 1908-1909.

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ABSENT FOR AWHILE LONGER.

A note from Mrs. Burton states that she must remain away for awhile longer. Her son needs his mother's presence while he undergoes a perhaps slow recovery from nervous break-down. Let us hope he may become strong speedily and that in the meantime the mountain heights may add some of their strength to the mother also.

While Mrs. Burton is away, all matter for the column may be sent to me. Once before this column was in my care for a few months and—I didn't say anything about it then—but I wondered if our women had not yet learned that all matter for the printer must be written on one side only of the paper! On long, hot days the extra work of copying material and editing it adds something to the task. Perhaps Mrs. Burton is just too sweet and good to say anything about this, so I shall speak now for myself, hoping the habit may become fixed in all correspondents, so that when she returns all matter for the Home Mission Column shall be ever so neatly written on one side of the paper.

I shall be glad to have any news items or reports of interest from the Auxiliaries.

Trusting that the summer days may not be too severe for the strength of some, and that the work may continue to prosper in our hands, I am,

Sincerely,
MRS. R. B. JOHN.

Raleigh, N. C., July 1, 1909.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

The leaflet giving the Summary of the Annual Report is now in the Auxiliary Presidents. It is a budget of such notable facts and figures that every member of our Conference ought to read it. Gains have been made in every branch of the work. The local work has been most efficiently handled this year.

The Week of Prayer collection, amounting to \$12,927 insures the new building at Ann Browder Mission Home and School. All the schools report good work done. I am sure we all want to read Miss Helm's book, "From Darkness to Light." It is the sixth book in the Interdenominational Reading Course,

and has met the hearty approval of the committee from our Church. Which Auxiliary will be the first to get and read this book, the work of our new editor?

The Reading Course was used the past year by 3,441 of our women. Not so many as should have used it; yet an increase of 1,407 over past years. I should be glad if North Carolina might become known as "The Reading Conference." Can't we make it so? Then we should also be come known as "The Working Conference," for knowledge must certainly give us energy.

O God, the Father of the forsaken, the Help of the weak, the Supplier of the needy, who hast diffused and proportioned Thy gifts to body and soul, in such sort that all may acknowledge and perform the joyous duty of mutual service; who teachest us that love towards the race of man is the bond of perfectness, and the imitation of Thy blessed self; open our eyes and touch our hearts, that we may see and do, both for this world and for that which is to come, the things which belong unto our peace. Strengthen me in the work I have undertaken; give me counsel and wisdom, perseverance, faith and zeal, and in Thine own good time, and according to Thy pleasure, prosper the issue. Pour into me a spirit of humility; let nothing be done but in devout obedience to Thy will, thankfulness for Thine unspeakable mercies, and love to Thine adorable Son Christ Jesus. Amen.

For friendship is not ours to lock away

In stifling chests, for fear of thievish hands;

It is a generous sun-warmth, that expands

The soul it flows through, turning night to day;

Light given to us to give abroad again,

Till none in unblest darkness shall remain.

—Lucy Larcom.

"Can't I take your order for one of our encyclopedias?" asked the dapper agent.

"No, I guess not," said the busy man; "I might be able to use it a few times, but my son will be home from college in June."—Buffalo Express.

"You see," said the professor, "the science of chemistry depends on the discovery of certain affinities—"

"Pardon me," interrupted Miss Pryn. "I trust the conversation can proceed without drifting into scandal."—Washington Star.

Life 100,000 Years Ago.

Scientists have found in a cave in Switzerland bones of men, who lived 100,000 years ago, when life was in constant danger from wild beasts. Today the danger, as shown by A. W. Brown, of Alexander, Me., is largely from deadly disease. "If it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me, I could not have lived," he writes, "suffering as I did from a severe lung trouble and stubborn cough." To cure Sore Lungs, Colds, obstinate Coughs, and prevent Pneumonia, its the best medicine on earth. 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottle free.

Crooked paths come from trying to walk to heaven while looking on the other country.