

## SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY MEETING.

Opening Prayer.—Praise for the baptisms in Bobbili.  
Hymn.

Reading.—Isaiah xlix : 1-13.

Hymn.

Reading.—*Tidings* for the month.

Prayer.—By two or three sisters.

Hymn.

Report of Treasurer for quarter just ended.

Prayer.—For the uninterested ones in our churches.

Closing hymn.

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." All round about you there is a world of sin and sorrow, and the devil is there. But remember Christ is on the throne, Christ is stronger, Christ has conquered, and Christ will conquer. Workers, go to your work more humble and empty, broken and helpless, and impotent than ever before. Let us praise God that He can work that in every one of us. But wait on Him. My text casts us down : "The things which are impossible with men," but it ultimately lifts us up high—"are possible with God." Get linked with God to-night. Adore and trust God as the Omnipotent One, not only for your own life, but for all the souls that are entrusted to you. Never pray without adoring His omnipotence ; and say : "Mighty God, I claim Thine Almightyness" ; and the answer to the prayer will come, and like Abraham, you will become strong in faith, giving glory to God, because you account Him who hath promised, able to perform."—REV. ANDREW McRRAY.

Now that the Provincial Secretaries take turns in sending notes of work among the Societies to *Tidings*, there is not so much for the LINK ; still "News from our Aid Societies and Mission Bands" are always welcome.

The last "Notes" from N. S. were omitted from *Tidings* because we needed the space for the letter from our missionary. We had hoped to have had these Notes for this No. of the LINK, but they cannot now reach us in time.

I am very anxious to have the name and P. O. address of every President of our Aid Societies in Nova Scotia. Please send them to

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## THAT LOST FIVE DOLLARS.

(Read at Twenty-fifth Assembly in Philadelphia.)

A Treasurer sat with haggard mein,  
Two great, deep lines her eyes between,  
And there she sat and searched all day  
For one little figure—gone astray.  
And the shades of night found her searching still—  
For, tho' weary of brain, she was strong of will—  
And when about to give up the fight,  
That figure appeared, just before daylight,  
And stood on its one little curled-up leg,  
As tho' it had never moved a peg,  
But had been standing round in the Treasurer's view,  
Just where she ought to have seen it, too !  
Why didn't she make a sudden dive  
And bring up that saucy curled-up little 5 ?

And what do you think caused all this fuss—  
Got the book of accounts in such a muss ?  
That five-dollar bill arrived too late,  
And had to come in at a little side gate,  
When the door was shut and the lights put out ;  
And that poor little figure wandered about,  
And never found its own little bed,  
But slipped in a cold, dark corner instead.  
And there it remained, from that sad, and night,  
Till the spring house-cleaning brought it to light !  
And the Treasurer was almost made to declare  
She'd give up her place at the end of the year !

Now, who was to blame that that figure was late,  
And had to squeeze in at the little side gate ?  
Was it carelessness on some Treasurer's part,  
Who failed to give it an earlier start ?  
Or, did the subscribers lag behind,  
And drive her, too, 'most out of her mind ?  
Should any one read this who ever is late,  
Please do not forget the pitiful fate  
Of the poor little figure at that side gate,  
Whose story I've had to sadly relate.  
And call to your mind your Treasurer's state,  
As she tears her hair at a terrible rate,  
Because for your money she has—to wait.

In view of this sad state of affairs the following suggestions are made to Auxiliary Treasurers :

Begin collections early, quite early in the year,  
Then of broken pledges you need never have a fear.  
And pay but once each quarter, at least one week before  
Your presbyterial meeting, then don't send any more  
Until another quarter. Send checks, whoever can ;  
If you don't know how to draw one, well, you'll have to ask some man !  
If you give to several objects, send all you have for one,  
And don't take up another until with that you've done.  
This saves your Treasurer trouble and the Board Treasurer, too,  
And, if I'm not mistaken, makes it easier for you.  
Please note these five suggestions, adopt them if you can,  
And help us to develop a systematic plan.

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In my former letter to THE LINK I believe I reported two baptisms and a marriage. After my return to Bobbili it is my privilege to report the same this time.

This marriage was in October, the bride, a member of our church, 19 years of age, and the groom one of Mrs. Higgins' helpers, 26 years of age. Yesterday two more of our schoolboys, children of Christian parents, were baptized, and these with three others, by letter, were received into our Bobbili church. It was indeed a joyful day for us here, and we hope and pray that these may be the drops that herald the shower, and that those received may, by God's grace, be earnest workers in this part of His vineyard.

One of the lads, about 10 years old, had been very ill for weeks, so ill at times that we, but myself, about gave him up. I held on to the Lord in prayer, and believed He would raise him up. We talked and prayed with him frequently, and in conference meeting, he told us that he believed in Christ when ill, and asked the Lord that He would spare him to get well, so that he might confess Him in baptism, and he was very anxious to fulfil this compact with the Lord. Yesterday he so eagerly and joyfully stepped forward and down into the baptism, under the shade of the mango tree, in our mission com-