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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.  
"Workers together with Him."

## PRAYER TOPIC.

For the work and workers at Bobbili. For the new converts that they may be steadfast and bring many more to a knowledge of the true God.

## Corrections in Miss. Band Notes of Nov. Tidings.

Miss Newcombe is not at Vizianagram but with Mr. and Mrs. Morse at Bimlipatam. Mr. Schutt did not go out with the missionaries this autumn. Also population of Parlakimedi is 350,000 instead of 35,000 and that of Parlakonda 210,000 instead of 230,000.

## Suggested Programme for December.

SINGING.

SCRIPTURE, Isaiah, 44 : 1-18.

PRAYER.

SINGING.

READING Tidings.

PRAYERS.

DISCUSSION. What gifts can we as a Society give to the Christ for this work this Christmas season?

CLOSING prayer.

## Suggested Programme for January.

PRAYER.

SINGING.

SCRIPTURE, Psa. 30. Read responsively.

THANKSGIVING prayer for souls won during the past year on our Telugu fields.

READING Tidings.

SINGING.

PRAYER for our Mission Bands and their leaders.

DISCUSSION. How can we help our Bands to raise Mr. Morse's salary?

## Dear Tidings :

In looking over the Thirteenth Annual Report of our Missionary Union, I have been impressed to state a few facts and make a few suggestions, with special reference to our Home Mission work.

## FACTS.

From the Year Book we learn there are 195 churches in N. S. besides those of the African Association. No church in the African Association has an Aid Society. While 195 churches in the other Associations of N. S. there are only 149 Aid Societies. When it is known that some churches have more than one Society, it must be that there are about 50 churches with no Aid Society. Of the 149 Societies four are not reported to have given anything to any work. Forty-one others as giving nothing to Home Missions, leaving only 104 to contribute to the great whitened fields at home. Of these three have given less than one dollar each to Home Missions. These were not reported to have given either. In N. B. there are 176 churches and only 64 Aid Societies.

Of the 149 Societies according to the Report 6 give nothing to any cause and 30 others give nothing to Home Missions, leaving only 113 to contribute to the home work.

Of the 149 Societies 14 are new or re-organized in N. S. Mr. But 7 of the twelve are in N. B. In N. B. 18 are re-organized and 14 of these are in Home Missions. Now, what is wrong when 7-12 of such Societies in one

Province and 7-9 in the other start life with so little manifested interest in the work at our own doors.

P. J. Island does better. She has 27 churches and 22 Aid Societies. But five of these are reported as giving nothing to any work, and four others nothing to H. M., leaving only 13 interested in the work at home. These are the facts. Now what are the

## SUGGESTIONS.

Suppose each Society would take a monthly collection for H. M. If but 25 cents were obtained per month it would be \$3.00 a year. That would be as much or more than 25 of the Societies in N. S. that now give to Home Missions do, and only 24 in N. B. do more than that.

If the 63 Societies in N. S. that now give less than \$1.00 and the fifty churches that have no Aid Societies would each give \$1.00 it would amount to \$339.00. In N. B. it would not amount to \$339.00.

It is not fair to expect these Societies to give more than what they are able to give.

Do not expect intensification of the home work and from God.  
MARGARET B. HALL.

Nov. 1897.

## Notes from Nova Scotia

A few weeks in September and October were spent by the Secretary in