

But my letter is already too long. You have perhaps by this time an insight into the difficulties we have in building. It is a long tedious work. The man who builds a house in India needs a special amount of grace for the task and it generally takes more out of him physically and spiritually than all the rest of his work for two years put together. Our buildings at Tekkali are begun. Mr. Hardy and I will live there for the present and occupy some small outbuildings that have been put up. The compound is a regular chaos of stones, sand, brick, plaster etc. We hope to see a nice substantial building there within a year if possible. I know you will do all you can to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,

W. V. HIGGINS.

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Suggested Programme for Mission Bands.

- Singing Jesus keep me near the cross.
- Prayer by leader.
- Bible lesson, Romans 10.
- Minutes of previous meeting.
- Roll call, each answering by repeating a passage of scripture containing the word Christ.
- Singing what a friend we have in Jesus
- Ask two or three of the older pupils to write a short paper on the climate of India for next month.
- Request another to draw a map of the Telegu field, marking the different Mission stations, and naming the missionaries living at each station.
- Ask each member of the Band to try and earn five cents for Missions before next meeting stating in what way it has been earned.
- Close with the Lord's Prayer, (In conce-.)