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## Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

## Prayer Topic.

For our convention and the W. B. M. U. Annual Meeting, that a special blessing may descend upon all present and wisdom to guide all its affairs.

## Suggested Programme for August.

Prayer

Hymn

Scripture John 14: 1-17

Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's report for the year

Prayer by several

Reading, Tidings.

Apportionment of Delegates to the annual meeting at Truro

Prayer and closing Hymn

## The Revival in Sardis.

It was the noon hour at the conference in Peacedale. Deacon Hart had joined a group of delegates who were talking about the dearth of revivals, and why it was that outside the church there was so little interest in religion, and inside the church so little concern for the conversion of men.

"Well, deacon," said they, as he told them, "we hear you've been having a regular old-fashioned revival over in Sardis."

The broad, happy face of the deacon lit up afresh as he answered: "Yes, the Lord, we've had a great one. We waited years for the Lord to come, but when we just stopped

waiting and every one of us set to work, we found that the Lord was there all the time waiting for us.

"Tell us about it. What methods did you use? How did you go to work?" were the eager questions as they gathered about him.

"Well you see it was in this way. We didn't have no evangelist, 'cause some o' the members said if we'd any money to give away we'd better give it to the parson instead of to a stranger. Besides, you know they all loved the parson, and they said, 'He loves us and he knows all about us; and no man from outside can come here to Sardis and talk to us heart to heart the way parson does.' And so we didn't have no evangelist.

"And it appears to me we didn't have no methods, neither. The parson, he always kept telling us, 'It don't matter much about methods. The Lord wants men and woman and when they're ready to do what's got to be done, the Lord will provide the methods.' The parson kept at us till we all begun to feel that something ought to be done. And then 'twasn't long before we begun to feel that we ought to be doing it ourselves.