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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.—*Bimlipitam, its missionaries, native Christians, that the boy's school and teachers may learn more of Christ, the only Way of Salvation and that consecrated Bible-women may be called to this field. That a great blessing may be experienced in all the Associational gatherings and in the Home Mission fields of our Provinces, many souls may be won for Christ.*

GOOD HOLDING GROUND.

In the bitter waves of woe
 Beaten and tossed about
 By the sullen winds that blow
 From the desolate shores of doubt,
 Where the anchors that faith has cast
 Are dragging in the gale,
 I am quietly holding fast
 To the things that cannot fail.
 I know that right is right,
 That it is not good to lie;
 That love is better than spite,
 And a neighbor than a spy;
 I know that passion needs
 The lash of a sober mind:
 I know that generous deeds,
 Some sure reward shall find;
 That the rulers must obey,
 That the givers shall increase;
 That duty lights the way
 For the beautiful feet of peace;
 In the darkest night of the year,
 When the stars have all gone out,
 That courage is better than fear,
 That faith is better than doubt,
 And fierce though the fiends may fight,
 And long though the angels hide,
 I know that truth and right,
 Have the universe on their side.

—Washington Gladden.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF W.M.A.S.

IN CONNECTION WITH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE,
 CUMBERLAND, COLCHESTER AND PICTON CO'S.

PROMPTLY at Three P.M. the brethren adjourned their meeting and gave the Aid Societies the rest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Estabrooks of Spring Hill, County Secretary for Cumberland, presided. After a hymn and prayer by the Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. Chubbuck of Amherst, gave a Bible-reading on Giving.

The chief point was a parallel drawn between the age-long contest of Christ and Satan and the Russo-Japanese War.

The zeal, unselfish devotion and heroism of the little brown men and women was sharply contrasted with the Bride who refuses to open her ample resources at her Lord's command and doles out a meagre pittance, barely enough to keep a handful at the front, when a call for help to hold an important strategic position comes too often. The answer is "retreat" instead of "advance"—"Retrench," for "Go Forward."

Japan withholds nothing, presses her treasures on the authorities, heaps up the nation's altar with willing offerings, and is prepared to sacrifice everything precious and dear to resist and conquer her foe.

Her peril is great, the need is urgent and the nation is alive to the danger.

Yet, in comparison to the eternal issues of Christ's kingdom, the resources of the foe, the welfare of millions of human beings, there is no balancing the two causes. As eternity is greater than time, as heaven is higher than earth, so Christ's Holy War demands and deserves, all His Church possesses. Alas! that she does not, with the wisdom and devotion of Japan, respond.

Following this bible-reading came a very pretty duet by two young ladies of the Oxford choir. Then the reports from the churches was in order:—Spring Hill, Oxford, Belmont, Onslow, New Glasgow, Westchester, Linden and Amherst, responded.

The general tone was encouraging and told of earnest effort and faithfulness in the face of many difficulties. The average attendance in many of the smaller societies, compared with the larger ones, in proportion to the membership, was quite wonderful, and many of these scattered ones are shining as lights in the world, unseen by the multitude, but watched with tender love by the Master of Assemblies. The new Society at Linden, which was organized during