

understood to some extent at least what it meant to leave idols to worship and follow God; but fearing lest she had not really appreciated nor counted the cost of such a step, I read to her about Nicodemus and explained fully to her the necessity and character of the new birth. I left her with that. Again I saw her this month when I was up, and she exhibited the same concerned spirit. I read the account of the healing of the ten lepers, and of how only one returned and received a fuller, more precious healing. Then I spoke of how God fed and clothed all, just and unjust, but how he had something more than temporal blessings for those who called upon Him. Just as out of the ten one, seeing he was healed, came back to Jesus and was told that his faith had saved him, "so, Narayanamma, if you with all your heart, ask God he will give you salvation." And I wish you might have had the joy of seeing the light grow in her eyes as she took in the point. She repeated it all over after me, showing that she had taken into her heart the personal application. She asked me to tell her how to pray to God, and you may be sure I thankfully did, telling her at the same time that it didn't matter how many times she prayed, if she did it without a true motive and a desire to know God, it would never reach God's ear. And so Narayanamma is in God's hands — and her own. Whether she will ever come right out into the light I know not, but it cheers me to think of her, and I pray that the seed dropped there may grow and bear fruit, and that she may have strength given her whenever she needs it.

And so we find many causes for thankfulness in our work and encouragement. The disappointments are not wanting. But always our attitude towards the work is one of waiting upon the Lord, following where he opens the way, entering where he sets back the door, watchful to seize every opportunity given.

I have also begun more definite work among the Christian women of the two fields. They are very few and most of them very ignorant, hardly any of them being able to read. But wherever there is a Bible-woman, or a woman who can read among them, I am having them teach the other women the catechism, the commandments and scripture passages. I do long that our women should have more joy and comfort in their religion, and I believe this is possible only as their resources are widened, only as they know more of God as their Father and Saviour and Friend. I also want them to be able to give a good witness before the heathen in their homes, and hope to keep them in that way. Some of them are very, very poor, and to these life seems one struggle for rice, and they have so little to elevate them or take their thoughts from every thing that is of the earth, earthy.

Training the Christian women in the ways and will of the Lord, and bringing the Gospel to those who know Him not is our twofold work. It is a very interesting

work, and to me more dear now than when I came. It is now a little over a year since I entered upon the work in Yellamanchili and Narsapatnam. A year of disappointments and encouragements, but taking it all round a year of encouragement and progress, I believe, in many ways.

We have lost Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, who were such a stronghold. We hope some one will be sent out soon to occupy the place they have left in Ramachandrapuram. To human eyes this last reduction of the working staff, and the deficit at home, seems discouraging. We should be enlarging our borders all the time and instead of that we are drawing them in. Why?

The Lord is blessing us here in the work and making our hearts glad in many instances. Surely some of the joy is yours, because of the gifts and prayers you have put into the work. May the Light shine into many more of the dark hearts here, and bring many more into the kingdom.

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## W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR: "We are laborers together with God."

PRAYER TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER.—For our North West Mission—the work among the Indians—and all the labourers. That this year there may be a great ingathering of souls.

For our W. M. A. Societies—that every sister may be enlisted in this work.

## SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

Let the President ask for a few moments of silent prayer, and then let her voice the petitions.

Hymn.

Scripture—Psalm 107: 1-21.

Reading of Minutes of last meeting.

Prayer by two or three.

Hymn.

Reading of "Tidings."

Short discussion on "The Prayer Topic for the Month."

How can we help to answer it?

Prayer for those sisters who are not interested in the work.

Report of the Treasurer of the Aid Society for quarter just ended.

Closing prayer.

The new venture—now in its third year—of the W. B. M. U. is proving a decided success. The monthly visits of *Tidings* with its suggested programme, its letter from the Foreign or Home field, and the notes from our secretaries is helpful indeed. The reverse side to all this, is that much of the information which used to come to Dartmouth for the LINK, now goes to Amherst for *Tidings*. For some months this seemed a hindrance,