

# W. B. M. U. TIDINGS

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## Motto for the Year.

“Workers together with Him.”

## Prayer Topic.

Thanksgiving for the blessing of the Lord during the past years and that the influence of the convention just held may result in more devotion and zeal in carrying forward the Lord's work.

## Suggested Programme for September.

HYMN. “Blest be the tie.”

SCRIPTURE and prayer by leader.

SINGING.

READING letter in ‘Tidings.’

PRAYER (thanksgiving.)

READING minutes of Annual Meeting.

SINGING.

PRAYERS, for reconsecration of service and money for our missions.

REPORTS from delegates.

DOXOLOGY.

## Notice.

W. B. M. U. workers will please pay particular attention to the change in their Treasury department. All monies from W. M. A. Societies, which will include subscriptions from Tidings and pay for Annual Reports, will be sent to Mrs Mary Smith, Amherst. All monies from Mission Bands, B. Y. P. Unions, Junior Unions and Sunday Schools to Mrs A. W. Fownes, St. Martine, N. B. Kindly see that no mistake is made in remitting.

## Pedda Penke (Great Mischief).

This is the name of a village about ten miles to the east of Bobbili. Years ago Mr. Churchill bought a piece of land, dug a well, built a house and stationed a native preacher there. For some reason, unknown to me, the preacher was recalled, and then the house tumbled down and the land was rented. And I believe none of the villagers had become Christians.

Before going to the hills, Mr. Gullison decided to distribute our Bobbili tracts somewhat. And with this in view, Sayamma, a Bible-woman, and David, a native preacher, and I, took

our tents and went to Pedda Penke. We spent several days there and everywhere—among low caste and high caste people—we heard loving testimonies to the memory of the Christian man who had once taught them. When we told them that we were thinking of sending another teacher to them, they appeared to be much pleased, and one man offered to allow him to live in one of his houses until our house could be built. With a glowing report the spies returned, and Mr. Gullison gave directions to have the house built. In less than two months, David was located there.

A few weeks later, a message came to me saying that a goldsmith (the goldsmiths are the aristocracy (?) of the village) had professed faith in Christ, and was coming daily to David's house to hear him explain the Gospel of Matthew.

Not long after, the young fellow, who had often visited me when I was in Pedda Penke, appeared at the Mission house. He told me that his people were very angry with him, and that they feared he would break caste; but he believed Christ had saved him, and he wished to be baptized. But as the Missionary was not in Bobbili, he was asked to wait, and assured that Christ would keep His own and not allow them to suffer to their hurt.

After his return to his home, a storm began to gather. The young man's (Krishnamurti) Bible was destroyed; he was forbidden to go to David's house, and when he disobeyed was locked up.

One day the father learned that his son was again talking with the Christians (a Christian from Bobbili had gone to visit David for a week) and in a passion he caught up a stick and called for followers. Soon an angry