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W. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

TWENTY FIVE CENTS PER YEAR.

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No. 48.

Motto for the Year.

Workers together with Him.

Prayer Topic.

For Mr and Mrs Corey and Miss Clarke that many souls may be won to Christ in Kimediy That Mr. Corey's health may be restored.

Suggested Programme for March.

- Singing: All hail the power of Jesus name.
- The Lord's prayer, by all.
- Scriptures, Isaiah 62.
- Prayer by several, remembering the topic
- Reading, Letter in Tidings, Singing.
- Reading, H. M. Notes in Tidings
- Minutes of last meeting
- Question, Is our Society one of those who did not contribute to H. Mission last year

Closing Prayer.

Suggested Programme For February.

- Opening Prayer by Leader
- Reading, John 17
- Singing, All hail the power of Jesus' Name.
- Prayer by several sisters.
- Minutes of last meeting.
- Reading Tidings.
- Singing.
- Reading, Mr. Corey's report on page 77 of Year Book.
- Closing prayer.

Parla Kimediy
December 1897

Dear Sisters

A year has passed since Tidings you have received a message from here and we have to go back a good many years in the history of the place to find one that has been fraught with so much suffering, much done by government and the missionaries to help the sufferers but fa-

ine is an enemy that cannot be disposed off easily, and when the people are weak Cholera, that dread disease, is almost sure to follow. In this district thousands have died during the past six months. The people of this place found it impossible to bury their dead so carried the bodies to the river and left them to be devoured by the starving dogs and jackals.

The town is filled with mourning for these people love each other and sorrow for lost ones as we do, there is one great difference, they have no hope of a union in the hereafter, everything is uncertain for they know not Him who rose from the dead and dispelled all the terrors of the grave.

One poor woman said that within two months, her husband, father, and brother, had died and left her alone except for her little brother and a baby two months old, another had lost her husband, and three children, we talked to them of He who cares for the widow and the fatherless and pray that they may learn to know Him as their comforter, for in such cases earthly comfort seems vain.

The words of the Psalmist "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most high, thy habitation; then shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling," have been literally fulfilled here in Parla Kimediy, for when sickness and death were on every side, the lives of the christians were preserved from all harm.

During the past month two of the christian women of this place have accompanied me in the

house and village work, this is their first attempt at Bible work and they are rather shy, but I am so pleased to see that when they get interested in telling of what the Lord has done for them, and what he is willing to do for each one of those who will accept the invitation, they forget themselves and the Lord speaks through them.

This evening we started out to visit a house we had been invited to, but I felt all the time that I should go to a village in quite a different direction, when we reached the house it was locked and the people were away, so Secthamma suggested that we go to the washwomans village that was quite near we found that they were away also, so I said we will turn and go to the village that I felt on first starting out I should go to, we found lots of people there. in a few minutes a man who had been attending church quite regularly and has said that he is believing, came up with a rose in his hand and gave it to me. I held it up and asked the people standing around, who made it? Most of them thought it just grew, but the one who gave it, spoke up and said "God made it," from that we went on to talk of His loving care over all that He had created, and how that they were living in open disobedience to His laws, but still He was calling to them to return to Him, throw away all their cast prejudices and idols, and accept His greatest gift Jesus, as their Saviour. The man who gave me the rose spoke and his testimony for the Lord, before his own relatives and friends did my heart good, we expect that he will be baptized next Sunday. His wife is also interested and I hope too, is trusting in the Lord.

You have learned through the Messenger and Visitor of the wonderful way in which the Lord is manifesting His presence in Auklatampana, on the fifth of this month eleven more were baptized, and again yesterday three were buried in Baptism, this makes in all, thirty six since July, and still there are more to follow. Help us dear Sisters to thank our Father for
at spots here and there in

this dark land. To Him be all the glory.

very sincerely yours
Martha Clark.

Notes For "Tidings" From N. B.

Dear Sisters:—

"I watch the hand of time" would be a motto that would keep most of us busy. Here it is, time for Notes for Tidings for February, and it seems but as yesterday that our November notes were sent!

Two new Mission Bands since the new year came in. The "Ida Newcombe Band", at Cromwell's Hill, Kings Co. Mrs. Geo. McKnight, Pres. Mrs. Gordon Gilchrist, Vice Pres. Miss Priscilla McKnight Sec. Miss Thirza E. Branscombe. Treas. organized Jan 3rd Another at Hampton Stn. Jan. 5th, Mrs. I. J. Baizley, Pres. Mrs. T. W. Fenwick, Vice Pres. Mr. William Baizley. Sec. Miss Helen Pierce Treas. Also, another "Aid Society" at Allison, Westmorland Co. Officers names not at hand.

Mission Band, 2nd Chipman, held a concert on Jan. 2nd. Collection and mite box opening amounted to \$22 A pleasing feature of this concert was the assistance rendered by four children from the school for the Blind, Halifax.

We heard much of constitution. at Sackville yet still, it must be "line upon line, precept upon precept".

There are some aid societies and at least one Mission Band that send Home Mission Money to Mr. J. S. Titus, Treasurer of Home Mission Board N. B. Con. Why is this?

Dear sisters, do we not owe LOYALTY to our organization, to our own constitution, which says "ALL moneys raised by this society shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U." What ever risk there may have been, in other years, of losing improperly designated money certainly, there was none THIS YEAR.

The sum total from the Aid Societies of N. B. suffer loss, and the Home Mission Board of N. B. gains nothing thereby.

Will all those Societies who did not contribute to Home Missions last year take the matter up at once? If our Home Mission Fields are neglected, the foreign must suffer.

The whole wide world for our Christ, not a portion of it.

Secy. of Com. on
Home Missions

Dartmouth. Jany. 1868.

Home Mission Notes For February.

On Dec. 5 the new Scandinavian chapel, known as the "Alexander Grant Memorial Chapel," will be dedicated. Those who take the Canadian Baptist will observe that the Baptists of the East have contributed very liberally to this scheme. Nothing could be more suitable than such a memorial. We all know how Pastor Grant's heart went out to the foreign nationalities settling in the Province.

Work on St. Peter's Reserve

The work on this reserve is moving on all right. Three services are held every Lord's day at the chapel and a Sunday school at the same chapel. The congregations are small in the morning, but in the evening are largely attended. Our school sometimes has about 20 children, and the old people are attending it. We have another meeting in the settlement in a dwelling house; people are coming and some are anxious. I am rejoicing to say we are on the Lord's side and He will carry on His own will and blessing if we preach Jesus and Him crucified. The deacons are very nice and the Christians are growing with the Lord.

Another constitutional error, a Mission Band in N. B. sends a report of the year's work; thus "\$125 raised during the year" of which sum \$77 went directly to the work of their OWN HOME CHURCH "\$10 to Famine fund \$10 to Foreign Mission Board". All very commendable, no doubt, but WHY should the W. B. M. U. report these items?

Let us be true to our constitution, the work of the W. B. M. U. does not interfere with the work we should do for other objects but all money raised by our SOCIETIES as SOCIETIES should sent to the Treasurer of the W. B. M. U.

Mrs Mary Smith Amherst N. S.
Sec. W. M. A. S constitution Sec. 5.
"In Union is strength."

The address of the Mission Band Superintendent is, Miss Lenora Barton, Cumberland Bay, Quenn's Co. N. B.
M. S. C.

Leduc.

Fancy the warmth of heart and blood our Russian-German brethren must possess when with the thermometer marking down among the thirties, forties they scorn an inside baptising cutting open the ice and baptising in open waters. On Lord's day, Nov. 14 th, with six inches of snow on the ground and the thermometer near Zero they held their morning opening service near Leduc, Alberta without a stove or fire of any kind, save the fire of divine love and their new found liberty. The old fashioned Baptist duty our forefathers used to repeat finds, surely, a complete exemplification in the experience of this strong, rugged, earnest people:

"If your hearts are warm
Ice and snow will do no harm."

From N. W. Baptist.

Suggested programme for Mission Bands.

Singing—"All hail the power of
Jesu's name."

Prayer. (in concert)

Dear Father we thank Thee for preserving our lives and giving us health to meet again.

We ask Thee to bless our band and make each one of us useful to Thee.

Forgive our many sins, and may we be the means of the conversion of many of the heathen, both in China and India. We ask it in Thy name.
Amen.

Bible Lesson—Psalm 2.

Roll Call. Each person ap

repeating a passage of Scripture containing the word heathen.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Singing.—To the work.

Missionary Lesson. China, with a review of last month's lesson.

Close with the Lord's Prayer (in concert.)

Leader.—What is the most prevalent idolatrous sect in China called?

Ans.—The Buddhists.

Leader.—Who is the chief God of the Buddhists?

Ans.—Gnatamu.

Leader.—In what way are the little girl babies tortured in China?

Ans.—By having their feet bound, in order to prevent the natural growth.

Leader.—Are the babies buried in China in the same manner as they are here?

Ans.—No. When a baby dies in China a cart comes around to the house at dark, and the little one is carelessly thrown in, and buried in a heap of rubbish.

Leader.—What can effect a change in China?

Ans.—The religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader.—Is it our duty to pray for the heathen in China as well as for those in India?

Ans.—It is.

Leader.—Why should we do so?

Ans.—Christ commanded us to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Leader.—Where did the Baptists first do mission work among the Chinese.

Ans.—In Siam.

Leader.—Where is Siam?

Ans.—South of Burmah.

Leader.—To what animal do the Siamese pay divine honour?

Ans.—To the white elephant.

Leader.—In what way do the natives honour him?

Ans.—By bowing their heads to the ground before him, and offering presents.

Leader.—Describe the dwelling of the white elephant?

Ans.—It is a lofty hall, gilt from top to bottom.

His fore feet are fastened by a silver chain, his bed is covered with crimson silk, his coverings are of the richest gold cloth thickly studded with diamonds. The vessel's from which he eats are of gold inlaid with precious stones.

Guysboro N. S.
Jan. 17. 1898.

Mrs. Mary Smith.

Treas. W. B. M. U.;

Enclosed find \$1 00

From two little girls;—

Edna Curtiss Morse age 22 mos.

Hazel Gordon Morse " 3 mos.

Our papa and mama have told us about, "the children's missionary," Rev. L. D. Morse, and so we send this to help pay his salary. Our papa and mama are very much interested in missions and call us their little missionary girls.

We think it would be nice if the W. B. M. U. would start a baby band of which all babies under three years could become life members by paying \$1.00. We should like to be charter members of such a band and should like to have all the babies in the Baptist homes of the province join us.

Very truly yours,

Edna Curtiss Morse
Hazel Gordon Morse

Missionary Work

When Dr. Duff began work in Calcutta, he found a cow had more rights than a woman, and he said that the attempt to educate women was like trying to "scale a wall five hundred yards high." Today in the province of Bengal alone, one hundred thousand women and girls are under instruction and India's most gifted daughters are under instruction and laying hold of the advantages of higher education.

The gospel does not belong to you, it belongs to God and the world and if you are not spreading it, you are stealing from God.