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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

That the power of the Holy Spirit may accompany the Message of our President this month and for our sick ones on the Home and Foreign Fields
Jno 11 : 3, Mark 6 : 56

Suggested Programme for October Meeting.

Hymn 647 (in Sacred Songs and Solos).

Prayer.—All joining in the Lord's Prayer at close.

Bible Reading.—I Co. 3: 9-23.

Hymn 646.

Reading of President's Message.

Discussion of Message.

Prayer—For our missionaries who are ill, and the workers at home also laid aside.

Hymn 337.

Reading.—Extracts from "Retrospects."

Collection.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Any Business—Specially the raising of the money for the quarter, to be sent to the Treasurer by Oct. 15th.

Hymn 495.

Closing Prayer.

It is well for all to have Bibles, and all read together.

This meeting may be held on Crusade Day; therefore we have added the collection to our programme. Would it not be well to have a Mite Box at every meeting. The cents soon amount up.

This programme is arranged with reference to this being the 25th anniversary of our Aid Societies.

To My Fellow Laborers in the Mission Work.

DEAR SISTERS,—Again it becomes my duty and privilege to address another yearly letter to you. I have asked the Master to give me the message and altho' the words may be few and feeble with His blessing they may prove a stimulus and help.

We have entered upon our Twenty-fifth Anniversary year. Gratefully have we looked back upon the path by which the Lord has led us and learned lessons of trust

and confidence in Him. There is much in the checkered scene to humble and condemn, very much to encourage and inspire.

Crusade Day, with its glorious opportunities for services, is beckoning us to "go forward."

Our mission work never called so loudly or appealed so pathetically to the hearts of all Christian sisters as it does just now.

Women of Isreal help! Everyone in her place. No time this for indulging in selfish ease or stopping to question or cavil. "Be still, and know that I am God" seems written everywhere:

There's only one thing should concern us,

To find just the work that is ours,
And then having found it, to do it
With all our God-given powers."

Are your monthly meetings well attended and seasons of spiritual blessing as well as affording opportunities for gaining a knowledge of Mission Work throughout the world? Are you doing all you can to make them such? Always present unless prevented by sickness, ready to pray, speak, sing or read as the occasion requires. Seeking to interest others in the Mission Work and inviting them to unite with you in this service. When every sister in our churches is actively engaged in this work. Then will the great blessing for which the few are praying, be richly bestowed.

Is there a Mission Band in connection with your church? Are your children and young people being instructed in the history of missions and the wonderful opportunities the present day affords for carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth? Are you actively engaged in this work in your own home, in the Sabbath

School, Young People's Union, and in the church? The responsibilities resting upon us as Christian women to-day are appalling. Oh, that the Lord would open our eyes to see that the golden opportunities may be wisely used and the time that is so rapidly bearing us into eternity profitably spent in the Master's service.

Finances.

We are rejoiced to know that there had been this year an increase in Home Mission contributions. The appropriation has consequently been raised \$100.00. We did not feel justified in increasing the Foreign Mission appropriation as we have not yet reached the \$7000.00. My sisters, let us not forget the VACANT STATION in our Telegu Mission.—Sheep without a shepherd in that vast wilderness—schools closed and helpers removed because there is no missionary to direct affairs. Let us not turn a deaf ear to the piteous cries of our over burdened missionaries as they plead for reinforcements AT ONCE. We deeply regret and feel condemned that no new missionaries are turning their faces toward India this year. It means sad loss to our mission and great disappointment to our patient, toiling missionaries. When shall we realize the great obligation resting upon us in this direction and provide the needed funds to carry forward this work? I would recommend that in connection with Crusade Day exercises, or at some early date thank-offerings be made so that the next year we may send out two young ladies who are now preparing themselves to go.

Literature.

We would impress upon our Societies

the benefits to be derived from our missionary literature. Miss Black at Amherst has a fine assortment of leaflets, mission studies, etc., containing just the information you all need for your monthly meetings and Mission Bands. Will you not send for a catalogue and order samples so that the literature may be circulated. One sister writes, that since the discussion on this subject at our annual meeting her Society has authorized her to send for a large number of leaflets to form a "Bureau" of their own so that the different sections of the church shall be provided, and they can exchange after reading. This is a grand idea. Every County Secretary should be supplied with a number and send them where she feels they are most needed. My sisters, enclose them in your letters, keep them somewhere near your work so that the few leisure moments may be employed in reading while you are resting. If one proves a blessing to you pass it along. Mite boxes are sent free to all who request them. Our circulating library although not large has some valuable volumes which would bring great pleasure and profit to reading circles during the long winter evenings. The books may be kept two months. Only the postage is required. We have decided to enlarge "Tidings." This "Tiny Mite" has proved a blessing in its infancy, now that it assumes double proportions may it prove a greater blessing. Besides the usual missionary letter there will be a programme for each monthly meeting which should be very helpful, and notes from our Provincial Secretaries in turn. This gives an opportunity for our Secretary to come directly in touch with Societies, they cannot visit, and each one is asked to send

any item of interest or ask any questions about the work to your Provincial Secretary so that she can report these in "Tidings" for the benefit of all who read. The expense for printing will be increased and we confidently hope each Society will promptly send 25 cents to our Treasurer in return for the monthly visits of this little messenger.

Our Hour of Prayer.

While we ask each sister to remember the Prayer Topic every day. Our hour of prayer is nine o'clock on Saturday night. Just about this time our missionaries and their helpers are commencing their Sabbath day's work. A precious sacred hour with many of us who for years have observed it. My sisters, if you have failed hitherto in this respect, begin at once and receive the blessing it will surely bring. Let us then in a special manner plead the promises ONE BY ONE which are found in GOD'S blessed word. Let us remember unitedly our brothers and sisters whom we have sent to Foreign lands, at that consecrated hour, that grace may be given them, patience sweet and Christ-like to bear the heavy burdens of toil and sickness that is laid upon them. Are we telling this world with wrestling, agonizing, prevailing prayer, so that the Angels shall descend at this, the hour of our evening sacrifice and returning heavenward shall pour out "Vials full of odors" at our Redeemers feet?

Let us go softly to our closets every Saturday evening and there freshly consecrating ourselves pour out our hearts before Him, our prayer hearing Saviour, and then shall we indeed sing rejoicingly :-

"This whole wide world for Jesus !
Through all its fragrant zones ;
Ring out again the watchword,
In loftiest, grandest tones."

"The whole wide world for Jesus !
We'll sing the song with prayer,
And link the prayer with labor,
Till Christ his crown shall near."

Yours in the Master's service.

E. J. Manning.

St. John West.

Notes from Nova Scotia.

The Aid Society at Port Medway held a public meeting one Sunday evening in August. The Pastor presided and gave a short earnest address. He was followed by Miss Steadman, who urged upon all their duty towards those who had not heard of Christ. A prayer on "Giving" came next from Mrs. Freeman. Revd. Mr. Trotter gave an eloquent address from Acts 17. Some excellent selections were given by the choir. The collection amounted to ten dollars.

From a private letter received from the young Leader of the Mission Band in Bridgetown we take the following.—

"How little I thought when our Mission Band was organized, That I would be President of it in such a short time. I think that the Lord Jesus has indeed conferred a great honour on me in allowing

me to do this work for him.

I often wonder how any one can be uninterested in Mission work, when there are so many dying in Foreign lands and in our own home land too, without a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I hope our Band will grow to be a successful one ; and that we will be able to raise a great deal more money during the coming year.

(The Leader of this Band is only fifteen, and is engaged with her studies, but is using her spare moments in this way for the Lord.

A young girl in the County of——in Nova Scotia was greatly distressed that she was no longer able to give to the Missionary cause. Careful thought and earnest prayer brought to mind the fact that instead of using the eggs allowed her for her own daily use, she could save them, and by selling them at the end of the week, have what she wanted for her Masters service, and she is doing it. Will not the King say unto such "She hath done what she could?" "Ye did it unto Me."

"The Sec'y for Kings Co.—Mrs, Gullison has just organized a Mission Band at Greenwood with 80 members. Pres. Mrs. W. Spinney, Sec'y Mrs. Frank Foster. The Society at Harmony only organized in July has now a membership of 34. Six new members joined the Society at Tremont at their last meeting."