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# W. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

“Workers together with Him.”

PRAYER TOPIC.

For the Convention and the W. B. M. U. annual meeting that a special blessing may descend and wisdom to guide all its affairs.

## Suggested Program for August.

## Letter for Tidings.

HYMN.

SILENT PRAYER, followed by audible prayer by the Leader.

HYMN.

SCRIPTURE.

PRAYER by several.

MINUTES of last meeting.

READING. Tidings.

HYMN.

TREASURERS report for the year.

DISCUSSION. What can we as a Society do to help the leader of our Mission Bands, and make the work more effective.

CLOSING hymn and prayer.

NOTE: If there is no Mission Band the above discussion may be changed to—“What is our duty as an Aid Society towards the children?”

## Mistake in Statistical Sheet.

The mark denoting “on Furlough” after the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, Miss Newcombe and Miss Harrison should not have been there. They are not on furlough, but at work.

No programme for September has arrived.—Ed.

Kelso Cottage,

Ootacamund, June 7, 1897.

My Dear Sisters :

I am informed that a letter for the August Tidings is expected from me, and so it must be written very soon.

We are now on this beautiful mountain top, far away from the great stifling heat of the plains, from the cholera, plague and famine. But not so far away that our sympathies are not going out to those stricken ones, and our prayers daily ascending for them that the Lord in His mercy would shorten these calamities and glorify Himself by them in the hearts of the heathen. We keep in touch with our christians and the work we have left by frequent letters. Our preacher, Prabha Das at Chekkagoorda has been very ill. They wrote to us and requested our prayers. We, that is fifteen of us missionaries united one evening in asking the Lord to raise him up, and yesterday the letter arrived telling of his recovery. It is such a good cheery letter from these

new christians who have come through persecution for Christ's sake, that I feel inclined to send it for the August "Tidings" rather than anything more from myself

Prabha Das came to Bobbili before we came to the hills and asked for one of our boarding girls. As she was willing to cast in her lot with him Mr. Churchill married them and they returned to the work. She has been teaching the children their letters, and reading and explaining the Bible to the christian women and teaching them to pray. She wrote me that when she sees these new christian women's faces shining as she teaches them the word of God, her heart is filled with joy. Nineteen have been baptized and they report three more waiting for us to return.

The following is the translation of the letter received from the Naida or head man among them :

"Chekkargooda, May 27, 1897.

To the dear Rev. G. Churchill,

Your dear brother, P. Tamandora desiring your blessing, we being well up to this time, give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to your salaams making, by your son Zogi Kaza, have caused to be written the following matters. The letter you wrote was received. Having caused the letter to be read, having heard the things written, great joy was to me. Since you have written such things we are very grateful. Though we were cooled by the winds, our thirst quenched by water, and by the fire warmed, yet we were ruined by sin. But to us these riches of the gospel by you came,

therefore toward you we are very grateful. Besides, that by the favor you have reposed in us, in recovering our land, we give praise. and to you being obedient. That our faith may be strengthened, our hope may be permanent, our love greatly spread abroad, by the favor of Christ and by your gracious blessing, that during our whole life time, in this religion of ours to be strengthened and to know the great things of Christ, that you will pray for us, we make our request.

The ten rupees which you wrote that you sent for the famine people was received. I took the money and gave to the poor. Five days since it was all spent. That is since the 23rd of May. Now there is no money by me. Many poor people came to me and I gave it to them properly. To some among our christians, that is Asidora Seetima (widow) and Dasarijmani (orphan) I gave some of the money you sent me and some of my own for two months. Therefore the money soon went from me. You said I must consider P. Das's circumstances and help him, but if I had money not giving to him would I give to others? As the money has gone I cannot give.

Alas! for three weeks Prabha Das was very ill. Fearing that he would die we greatly grieved. Though we gave him ever so much medicine he did not recover in Chekkargoorda. Then having made a stretcher with my own servants I sent him to Belgamn hospital (32 miles). I took care of his wife in my own house during his absence. P. Das having gone there, having stayed in hospital ten days, and

having partly recovered, came back to Chekkagoorda on the 27th May. Therefore we greatly rejoiced. Because he was sick we greatly borrowed, but the Lord delivered us from the sorrow. Because he came to our village and spoke the Lord's teaching we consider him our second head; you are our third head we believe. By this P. Das to all of us, that good teaching may come, that we may *walk* according to the teaching he speaks, for us, and for his family, we desire you to pray earnestly.

Farewell. Our salaams to you and mother please accept.

This is all, Zogi Zazai, signature.  
The signature of Lamadorã."

With my warmest love to you all dear sisters,

Yours in Christ,

M. F. CHURCHILL.

The following letter written to Mrs. Churchill while on the hills by her Bible woman, "Siamma," will be read with interest, as it bespeaks Christian faithfulness and the change the Gospel of Christ makes in the heart and life of the Telugu when they are yielded up to him.

Bobbili.

16th April, 1797.

Dear Mamma :

Your kind letter to hand on 10th inst. I felt too much glad to hear of your welfare. I posted a p. c. which relates you all of our welfare. I think

it will reach you on this time. We are all going on well on our duties. Yes, mamma, I know what a sad opportunity occur; it makes you to feel very much sad day by day. But I believe that our Lord grant wings to all our sorrows by kindling the lamp of Holy Spirit in all our hearts. Now I and my family pouring my prayers at the feet of our Saviour, that our superiors should feel glad, healthy and strength. Please pray for us that we should act according to the will of our Saviour dear and superiors.

I really sorry to visit the mission house as I can't find there my mother the friend's face. Our prayer meetings are going on as well as before. Daily attendance of the pupils are nearly 60 or 65. Kannaih and Appannas' work was postponed by the want of the tar, varnish and chumans. You told to buy tar only. They have burnt bricks. Now they are attending to the garden work. We are all doing well by the grace of the Almighty, hoping the same from you. Nothing particular. Please convey my best compliments to master and Miss Harrison. Christians, boarders, your servants school children sending their loving wishes to self master and Miss Harrison. All the members of my family sending their compliments to all of you. With loving kisses to your two checks,

Yours ever most obedient

(H.) G. Sayamah.