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W. B. M. U. TIDINGS

TWENTY FIVE CENTS PER YEAR.

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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For our Lady Missionaries that they may have the power of the Holy Spirit and lead many of the heathen women and children into the truth. For our associational gatherings that by them the spirit of missions may be increased among us, and the work hastened during the year.

Suggested Program for June.

PRAYER

HYMNS

Scripture—Joshua 6:1-4, also vs. 20

Minutes of last meeting

Appointing delegates to Association

Reading Tidings

Prayer for our Assoc. gatherings

Closing Hymn

Kimby, did not arrive hence the appearance of the story, "Moving the fence further out" taken from the Bureau of Literature.

Dear Sisters:—

I cannot realize that it is really six months since I last wrote you. Then we were on tour and were compelled by the rain to return to the station. That was the last rain we had in Bimli until today, when we had a very slight shower lasting for perhaps twenty seconds. However, it was good to see that little, for we have been so long without even a drop.

At present I am alone at this station,—have not spoken with an English person for two weeks. This is a new experience but a blessed one. When God calls us apart from others to be alone with Him, we may be certain He has some blessing to bestow, which can be given only when entirely separated from all friends. Each day calls forth praise to Him who has raised up from among the heathen of this field the class of christians he has given to us. Being more than ever associated with them at this time I have true fellowship with them, find them helpers indeed, see more in them to love and respect and for which to praise God. "O magnify the Lord

Suggested Program for July.

HYMNS

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

Minutes of last meeting

Hymn

Treasurer's Report—All monies must be in hands of Treas. of W. B. M. U. July 31st.

Reading of Tidings

Let the President call on one sister to pray for the work in these Provinces, another for the N. W., another for G. Ligne and another for our H. M. Boards, (let these prayers be brief) and another for our Indian work.

See by all repeating the benediction in Num. 6: 24, 25, 26.

Last month we omitted to mention that the letter from Mrs Corey,

with me and let us exalt His name together."

This is the time of a great feast, one of the greatest held in Bimlipatam. It lasts for three days and people from all the surrounding villages have come to attend it. In fact, when visiting in the town this afternoon we met, in one house a number of women who had come from Vizianagram that they might be present at this feast. So full of this subject were they that for a time it seemed we should be compelled to return without having had an opportunity to deliver our message, but the Lord opened the way for us before we left. This evening while all the heathen rites and ceremonies connected with this feast were in progress and doubtless a great crowd assembled, another company was gathered in the drawing-room of the mission house. A little company indeed, but the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were in our midst, so that they with us were more than they with them. It was a prayer meeting held at the request of K. Appaluswamy who with Gurraya is on tour. When K. A. went on tour nearly two weeks ago, he sent me a note telling of their safe arrival and asking that unceasing prayer be offered that the Lord would grant them some fruit in the villages to which they had gone. This morning Gurraya returned for supplies and brought me a letter from K. A. who now feels that prayer has been answered and there is evidence of fruit in at least one village. He writes that in all the villages he has visited he finds a marked change in the attitude of the people toward the Gospel. Such attention to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ he never received before from these villagers. To use his own words, he says, "We find this new change amongst the people of every caste, in every corner and in every street of villages." He then tells of two whom he feels certain are believing in Jesus Christ, and to quote from his letter again, after telling of the joy with which they were received by these two "new and young brothers in our Lord Jesus," he adds, "I can tell firm-

ly that these both have the unfeigned faith in our Lord Jesus and they got true repentance of their own sin, and they look as the plants which are planted by God our Lord and as the sheep of the Lord's flock.

So at his request we met together this evening and seated in a circle on the floor we listened to Gurayya as he told of their joy to find that, although upon other occasions the villagers had stepped aside to allow them to pass by as if they were cattle, yet this time these same people had courteously received them, listened to their message and they had many reasons to believe that two souls had been born again. He then called our attention to the promise in Matt. 18:19. Vuracharyulu spoke of the instances we have when the faith of friends was honored in the restoration of another, and now this same God would hear our prayer for the healing of these two sin-sick souls. Then all heads were bowed as one and another prayed the Lord to bring these two into His Kingdom, to strengthen them and help them to acknowledge Him before all men.

Dear sisters, was not the real feast after all, in the mission house? Should we not thank God for this good news and take courage? Again I say, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Sincerely yours,

Mission House, Ida M Newcombe
Bimlipatam, Apr. 10, '99.

Notice.

Will the Societies who have not paid for Tidings this year, please remember to send the pay with their next remittance to the Treasurer. The year is drawing to a close and we do not wish to be in debt.

Editor.

Notes for Tidings.

Dear Sisters of W. M. A. S. in N. B.

We are on the last quarter of this Convention year. "What of the night?" It may be possible that we

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Suggested Programme for Mission Bands. June.

- Singing "I want to be a worker."
- Bible Lesson, Psalm 103.
- Mission Creed (in concert)
- Minutes of last meeting.
- Roll Call, each answering by repeating a verse from the Bible in which the word work is found.
- Singing "To the work."
- Questions on China and Africa relating to missions in these continents.
- Map exercise on India with lesson found in Tidings.
- Hymn, "Over the Ocean Wave."
- Collection for Home Missions.
- Close with prayer by leader.

Leader. What is the size of England's Indian Empire?

Ans. It is less than half the size of the Dominion of Canada.

Leader. How does the population compare with our own land?

Ans. It is more than sixty times that of our land.

Leader. What is its area?

Ans. One and a half million square miles.

Leader. What is the population?

Ans. Over two hundred and fifty-two millions:

Leader. Where is the presidency is Madras situated?

Ans. On the eastern coast between the chain of mountains named the Eastern Ghauts and the Bay of Bengal

Leader. What is its area?

Ans. One hundred and fifty thousand square miles, and its population over thirty-four millions.

Leader. What is the principal race of people called who live in this presidency?

Ans. The Telegus.

A Cup of Thanksgiving.

At the thank-offering feast in the old Israelitish days, it was the custom for the master of the feast to take the cup in his hand and solemnly bless God for the mercies thus acknowledged. This was the "cup of thanksgiving."

have a whole year's work to do in his last quarter. Can we do a whole year's work in one quarter? Financially, perhaps we may; spiritually, no. We can not.

If we have been faithful, we can look forward with hope to the close of the year. Who has been faithful? The time is short, "let us awake."

The Associational gatherings are at hand again. Can we not pray earnestly and work earnestly to have these meetings the best we have ever had in N. B.

Dear sisters of the western Association, do you remember how we promised to pray for the blessing of God in this word throughout the bounds of this Association? Have we been faithful in this? Will there be a delegate or a letter from every Aid Society at these meetings.

To some of us the Lord has come very near this year, in afflictions, in pain, in prosperity, and in joy. He has come very near us all. Will we respond with a more active, faithful and more deeply consecrated life? His grace is sufficient for us."

The letters from the Foreign Field have been so encouraging. "What shall we render to the Lord for all His kindness shown."

A small band of sisters in Bound Creek, West. Co were organized as an Aid Society last Thanksgiving. We are glad to know they have survived through this hard winter. Of the "Sun of Righteousness rise" for their efforts to spread His name abroad, Pres., Mrs L. A. Wilmot.

The blank forms will be sent to our Society first week in July. Will Secretaries please see that they be forwarded to the Prov. Sec. for N. B. at Chipman as early as possible on or July 31st. None should be later than August 10th. Please do give them to Convention and hand them in. Help the Prov. Sec. to have a good, reliable, full and accurate record in good season.

the world's harvest field . . .
Soul! Hast thou gleaned well to-day?

M. S. Cox,
Prov. Sec.

ing," or as St. Paul calls it, "of blessing."

Do you hold such a cup as you make your offering to-day? What is in it? No one knows but yourself; no eye but your own can look into its depths; no hand but yours can weigh or measure it. Your neighbor's cup may be full but its contents are different. There is much in each that is a secret between God and the soul.

On the surface indeed, appear many things which are common to all; below the surface are the hidden things wherein God has blessed you. There are the prayers answered, anxieties removed, fears calmed, hopes fulfilled, faith strengthened, victories gained, yes, even defeats turned into triumphs.

Move your cup a little that more light from above may fall into it. Ah, do you not see new blessings there now which stir heart and hand to a new outpouring of thanksgiving? You had forgotten until the light revealed it, that time when you came so near losing through your own indifference, the opportunity of service which proved such a comfort and joy to you and to others. Look longer and you will find other unremembered mercies which were yours because God cared for you and led you in His own way.

But away down in its deepest depth as the best element of joy which your cup contains, is the loving face of the Master, sweetening every other blessing, and brightening even the dark places of your experience. When we take the cup of thanksgiving, is not CHRIST after all, the one to whom our thanks, and the gifts betokening them, are due? Is He not the motive, the object, the crown of all the glad service that we render, and the willing gifts which we bring?

To Him, then, let them all be offered with great joy and ever growing love.

Only Think Of It.

I confess the thought constantly fills me with astonishment that that great sacrifice already made, that the knowledge of that sacrifice by which it is to be applied to the life of all mankind, has not even yet reached the ears of all the inhabitants of the world. To think that the Lord has died for us on the cross, and intrusted us with His dying command so many centuries ago, and that the church has not yet so enlarged her borders as to include all those for whom Christ died—Archbishop of Canterbury.

Only a century ago foreign missions were the theme of orthodox ridicule. Gradually the ridicule grew to criticism, the criticism changed to indifference, indifference became interest, and now interest has reached the point of enthusiasm. The growing thought today is that the church has no purpose in existence except as it is found in carrying the gospel message to a lost world.

Miss Gollock of the C M S has truly indicated this when she says: "Last winter I spent in India, and I might tell you of that wondrous land and of its widespread needs; but since I have come home I have seldom been able to speak of it, because I feel much more strongly than ever before, that the inspiration for missionary service comes, not so much from the outstretched hands of the heathen, as from the personal claims of Jesus Christ upon the soul. . . . If every man and woman stood in their right place in regard to Christ, they would stand in their right place toward their future service, whether at home or abroad."