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# W. B. M. U. TIDINGS

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## MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with him."

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## PRAYER TOPIC.

For Mr. and Mrs. Archibald that the work of their hands may be established, the Spirit of Power descending on those to whom they bring the message.—For our annual meeting that it may be to the praise of His glory who called us to be laborers together with Him.

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## Note.

In Annual Report 1892-3 in list of Life Members the name Mrs. John Wheelock should read Mr. John Wheelock.

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## Notice.

Will the Secretaries of the N. B. Aids please fill out the blank forms and send to Mrs. M. S. Cox, Chipman, N. B. before August 10th? Please have them in by that time at farthest.

M. S. C.

## Letter for Tidings.

My last letter for Tidings was written from Vizianagram. now I am writing from our new home at Parlakimedi, which is nearly one hundred miles farther north. Here the scenery, and our whole surroundings are quite different from Vizianagram. This place is nearly surrounded by mountains whose sides are covered with

green trees which make a pleasant change from the bare, brown, stony hills farther south, indeed we never tire of viewing the hills with the blue clouds moving about their summits. The sides of some of these mountains are cultivated by the Savaras, a native tribe whose homes are among these hills. Half way up the hill directly behind the mission house, is a small hut which the natives occupy during a part of the year while watching their crops.

Near the town are two large tanks whose construction must have required a vast amount of time and labor. The main road runs along the edge of each of these, so that a person passing, really travels over a high bank, on one side of which is the water, and on the other cultivated land. These fields are watered from the tank by means of small trenches, and each patch of ground is separated from the other by a narrow ridge of earth. Both tanks must have been dug many years, for the trees on their banks are large and old. In the water a species of lily grows which has large flat leaves, and every day these leaves are gathered, and sold to the Brahmins to be used instead of plates. This is not done because of the expense of earthenware, but as such dishes are made either by Europeans, or non-caste Hindoos, the Brahmins would be defiled by their use. One of these tanks is on the Aklatampara road, A——is as you all know, one of the outstations of the Kimedi field, and Miriam, the little girl who is supported by some of the home friends lives there. On this road about two miles from Kimedi there are huge overhanging rocks which make a scene of wild beauty resembling a turnpike at home.

Here and there along this road are the large mango trees loaded with fruit, and their dark green foliage forms a striking contrast to the light green of the surrounding trees.

The roads by the tanks are beautiful, and would be more so were the beauty not marred by the idol temples near by, which are carved and ornamented with hideous figures. The natives must surely see the difference between their temples and the plain little whitewashed mission chapel, where the simple gospel story of a Saviour's redeeming love for a lost world is told.

Between fifteen and twenty children from a village near the Mission Compound attend Sunday School at this Mission Chapel, and it is a real pleasure to see their bright faces, and especially to hear them answer the questions so readily. Occasionally some of the people from this village come to the service attracted by the presence of the children. Whenever we pass the village the children speak to us, and Mr. Cōrey sometimes asks them questions such as "Who made you?" and the answer is given at once "Davordo" (God). Surely the good seed is being sown in their young hearts.

The Mission House itself proves a great attraction to the people, and they often come to call on us from villages miles away. Recently a company of about twenty Brahmins came to the house from a village thirty miles distant. Before they left they asked to be allowed to go to the roof of the house, and esteemed it a great privilege being allowed.

Sometimes our hearts are gladdened by some coming from a real desire to learn more of the truth as it is in Jesus. Only yesterday a middle-aged man came to the Mission House and asked for a native preacher to be stationed in his village, but his request could not be granted as there was no preacher who could be spared for that purpose. The man remained some time and read passages of Scripture which he was asked to read. He said that he had a Bible, but wanted a book with prayers so as to learn to pray. Fortunately there was a little book in the house containing the Lord's prayer

and a few other simple prayers in Telugu. On receiving that, he seemed more satisfied, but still continued to beg for a preacher. He also asked many questions as to the way of salvation. Finally one of the christian young men came and the man went away with him, and the last I saw of them they were talking earnestly. Pray for him that he may be soon led into the full light of the Gospel, and not only he, but this whole Telugu mission needs your prayers.

CLARA L. COREY.

Parlakimedi, March 16, 1896.

### Notes for Tidings from N. B.

What can we send? We have had three Aid Societies organized since June 1st. One at McLaughlin Road, Kent Co., one at Doaktown, and one at Ludlow, Northumberland Co. We hope for much good from these new workers, "May they never grow weary in well doing."

The Aid Society at Cumberland Bay, (2nd. Grand Lake church) has made *two* Life members this year. The last was our dear Bro. Chas. W. Barton, who always has helped us in this department of God's work. We were glad to show our appreciation of his help in this way.

Sisters, this convention year has nearly run its course, what have we done more than last year? "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" When the 31st of July comes and the books are closed for this year, shall we fold our hands and rest, or begin another year's work with greater zeal, with stronger faith in God?"

"*Shall you, shall I?*"

M. S. C.  
Pro. Sec.