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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For our young ladies on the mission field, that the power of the Holy Spirit may accompany their labors. For our associations that the Lord's blessing may attend every session.

Suggested Programme for June.

Opening prayer
Singing
Scripture, Phil 3 : 1—6
Prayer
Reading of Tidings
Prayer
Minutes of Last meeting
Business Appointing of Delegates to our Association
Prayer
At this meeting let all the tithes be brought into the store house.

Suggested Programme for July

Opening Hymn
Prayer
Scripture Reading Psa.—85.
Prayer, by several
Reading "Tidings"
Hymn
Minutes of last meeting
Appointment of Delegates to annual meeting
Report of Treas.
Closing Hymn

As the letter from Miss Harrison for June Tidings has not reached us, we print the following extracts from a letter received from Miss Archibald a short time ago.

My Dear Friends:

Our conferences, at Bobbili and Co-canada were interesting, and at the former some changes were made in the

distribution of our forces. ~~Mr. & Mrs. Churchill~~; Mr. Higgins goes to Kimidi and this move prevents Miss Clark from living there; so she has come here to be with us, and we are very glad to have her. She has already taken charge of the Bible women who are pleased to have someone working regularly with them. Miss Archibald is busy with the language and making satisfactory progress. Then we have our Ethel who teaches some in the school, sews some, and flutters around girlishly in a sort of general way, so we are quite rich in girls.

Five years ago, Kimidi field was set off from the Chicacole field with half the helpers, but not half of the population. Now, the Tekkali field has been cut off, with its quota, which is smaller than that which went to Kimidi as there was not so much to divide, and we still have on our hands Palcondah and Chicacole. With over half a million people. The Kimidi and Tekkali sides of the field have been worked more than the Palcondah and Chicacole sections; a large part of the latter has scarcely been ploughed at all; so we find ourselves beginning on almost new ground, with few helpers and some of them of very inferior quality. We are not at all discouraged, however, and this year will endeavour to do something on the Chicacole field proper. We are very glad to be limited to a smaller area, yet there is ever some regret in parting with the Christ-

ians, with whom, and for whom, we have worked and prayed for years. We hope, that God's richest blessing will attend them all, and their numbers be largely increased as the days go by.

Mr. Higgins has temporary charge there, and we expect he will be followed by Mr. & Mrs. Gullison, sometime during this year.

On the two fields, now on our hands, there are about half a million people. Mr. Archibald is the only Male Missionary. Our staff of native helpers, consists of four preachers and three colporters; with five Bible women.

Mr. Archibald has just brought me the exact population as given in the census of 1891; of these two fields, and it is 602,195 considerably more than half a million, you see. Including the above mentioned assistants, there are 47 Christians. Christ broke and blessed the bread, and gave it to His twelve disciples, and they distributed it to the five thousand, with the women and children. My head goes down here, and my eyes fill. Is His arithmetic any criterion for ours. You have the bread, and I entreat you not to keep it but to send it with the prayers that bring the blessing. There were believers in Palestine, corresponding to these here, but where are the twelve disciples? The bread and the Blessor were there, and so were the people; but they must have gone hungry had the twelve not been there. If the word "Give ye them to eat" has come to you, then the others of the disciples who should be on these two fields, are among you. Do you well to keep them? multiplication was preceded by the mind to divide, and the remainder exceeded the original quantity. With what amazement and joy must those disciples have been filled! Suppose they had failed to grasp the Master's thought for them, and had missed this manifestation of power? Are you losing anything, by keeping more than your share of the bread and of the distributors and thus impoverishing your-

selves in Heavenly things? More Missionaries are needed here, and more native helpers. Will you think about this matter? Will you pray about it? Will you ask the Lord of the harvest to make you willing to thrust out from among you, the labourers, who should be here, feeding these starving multitudes? Will you pray for us, and for these, who are dead in the trespasses and sins? The longer I live in India, the more terrible are the depths, which lie hidden away in that one sentence. You are called upon, to give them the Bread of life, that they may eat and live forever Will you do it?

Yours in the Work,
C. H. Archibald.
Chicacole, India
March, 1898.

Notes from Nova Scotia.

Dear Sisters:—

This number of Tidings will reach you in time for your June meeting. At that meeting you will appoint your delegates to the Associations.

Please appoint one from your Mission Band as well as those from your Aid Society.

A lengthy report is not needed, perhaps as Mrs Cox suggests, a short note speaking of your work during the year will be best. And I would add, asking any questions which may have come up during the year. Please heed Mrs Cox again, and let those notes reach your Provincial Secretary before the meeting at which they are to be read, not afterwards. Last year on my return from the Eastern Association which is the last to meet, I found several letters waiting me which should have been read at the two first meetings;

It is with deep regret that I record the resignation of two of our County Secretaries, Mrs L. H. Burnaby, Queens and Mrs Browne, Shel. Co. Mrs Read who had just got nicely into the work will also be obliged to leave us on account of the ill health of her husband.

She has however kindly consented to keep the work until the end of the year.

Queens County will, I trust, soon be supplied, but Shel. Digby, and Cumberland are in need. Many of our Sisters shrink from this work on account of the visiting involved. But this may be done in pleasant weather and through the winter also, the pen can take the place of the voice.

In many of our Counties the County Convention has given place to a part in the District Meeting, which lessens the work for the Secy. Will our sisters think this matter over? An Aid Society and Mission Band in each Church in the County, and these, helped forward by cheery words, is the work.

It means work, it means self-denial, but it also means the extension of Christ's Kingdom; it means the helping forward the day when "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied."

News has reached me of a new Mission Band at Mount Hanley-

No of members 17.

Pres. Miss C. I. Rumsay.

Secy. Treas. Miss Edith O. Armstrong.

Mrs. Morton writes from N. Brookfield Queens Co. "Our Band seem to be doing good work. All are deeply interested. We hope to show our interest by sending more money into the Treasury. At our first meeting, we told in rhyme how we had earned our dues. It was very helpful to the children, giving them an idea of what they could do by a little self-denial and push. We would like to hear from other "Bands," I think it would be a good plan for Bands to correspond telling each other our modes of work, and thereby increasing our zeal.

We are trying to realize the importance of this work, and to impress upon their youthful minds this thought that *God wants the children to work for Him*, for they are the hope of the future!

The meeting of the W. B. M. U. in connection with the Central association

of N. S. will be held in Hantsport, on Saturday afternoon June 25th, commencing at 3.15, and closing at 4.30 sharp.

The meeting of the W. B. M. U. in connection with the Western Association of N. S. will be held in Milton, Yarmouth County, on Saturday afternoon, June 18th, at 3 o'clock.

At Fourchu Cape Breton a Mission Band was organized on March 15, 1898 with 17 members.

President, May L. Leverance

Secretary, Frances M. Leverance

This band is called "Cheerful Givers.

At wine Harbour Guy's Co. a Mission Band has been formed with 9 members. We are so glad to welcome these new workers to a seat among us. We are glad to welcome them as learners with us about the promised Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and helpers "together with him."

Amy E. Johnston.

Prov. Sec'y.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands

Singing "What a friend we have in Jesus."

Missionary Creed (in concert)

Responsive Bible reading. Romans 3: 9-19

Minutes of previous meeting.

Roll call. Each answering by repeating a Bible verse containing the word love.

Singing "Come to the Saviour."

Reading by the Leader. What boy's can do

Close by all repeating the Lord's prayer.

Leader What is the name of the new mission field in the Telegu land?

Ans. Tekkali

Leader What is the population of Tekkali?

Ans 7000

Leader How much money is required to build a Mission House in Tekkali?

Ans. About \$3,000

Leader What missionaries are expected to occupy the Mission House.

Ans. Mr. and Mrs. Gullison.

Leader Name the missionaries who have recently arrived in the home land for rest.

Ans. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill.

Leader Who will have charge of Bobbili during their absence?

Ans. Mr. and Mrs. Corey.

The encouraging reports recently given by the American Missionaries in China, have awakened anew our interest in that country, and, altho the Maritime Baptists are not represented there, yet we care none the less for the present and future welfare of our Chinese sisters. Some one has said—that "no class of people ever needed the comfort of the gospel more than the women of China," and they need it now. They are made to work unceasingly and beyond their strength, they are taught that women are fit for nothing but work, that they are incapable of any higher life, and they are hopelessly bound down by ignorance by social custom and by superstitions innumerable. We think infanticide is a dreadful thing, but is it any wonder that the Chinese women feel so little sorrow at the death of a baby girl, when they know so well the weary and heavy burden of the life she would have to bear.

When we read "Chin Po" and the "Chinese Daughter-in-law" and compare with them that little sketch of christian life, called "Two Sunny Hearts," we understand why those who have been converted speak of that change as a coming up "Out of the Depths" and into the dawn.

The story by "Brother Ox" gives us an idea of how the educated men of China are seeking for something higher than they know, or, as one of our poets has said; "They are groping blindly above them for light" and tho they know it not, they are "feeling after God if haply they might find him."

The Christian Training of the Women of the Church" is the most comprehensive and perhaps the most interesting of the Chinese leaflets. There are seven obstacles to the training of the women of China. The first of these is the Tyranny of Opinion: "Why should a woman learn to read? Will it bring a girl any more to eat or wear, and if not of what use is it?" The second—The Pinch of Poverty; They cannot afford to give their own or their childrens time. "If little hands cease to labor, little jaws must cease to grind."

Third: The Multiplication of Manual Labor; One woman had over two hundred days sewing to do in one year. This was not counting the time required to prepare the cloth; that is to gather seed, pick, spin and weave the

cotton; nor did it include the making of the family shoes. Fourth: The Social Vortex; A woman may not be taught without the consent of her father and mother, her elder brother, her grandfather, grandmother, uncles, aunts; her future husband must give his consent, also his father and mother and so forth, ad infinitum.

Fifth: The intellectual labor The women of China are stupid.

Sixth: The Spiritual Lethargy; "A Chinese woman has no idea of an undying spirit. She believes when she believes anything, not that she has an immortal soul, but that three souls and seven animal spirits frisk round her mortal tenement like spring lambs in a meadow."

Her religion is all form and ceremony. One of them said "The missionary ladies are nice. It is a pity they have no religion"

Seventh: The Gulf between races; We do not understand the Chinese, and they cannot understand us. They need their own people educated and consecrated to work among them. These are the seven barriers, but in spite of them christianity is advancing and the time is coming when "their superstitions shall give way to a confiding trust in an all wise Father" and "they shall eat of the fruit of the tree of life which is given for the healing of the nations"

M. Wood Sec. of Bureau

NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER

I consider it my duty to inform the Societies that our receipts are behind those of last yr. I had hoped for weeks that the close of the third quarter would remedy this matter; but as it has not, but the deficiency has increased. I write to inform you of the fact believing you will at once so increase yours as to make them equal, those of each year, and so meet our liabilities. We voted two thousand dollars for Home Missions, at last annual meeting, of this amount, not quite nine hundred dollars has been received.

M. Smith Treas.

Correction.

In letter to Mrs Smith on 4th. page of last months Tidings, in the 2nd. and 8th. lines of the 3rd. paragraph, and in the 4th. line of 5th. paragraph, \$5 should read 5 cts. . . .