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# N. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

“Workers together with Him.”

## PRAYER TOPIC.

“For Brother and Sister Corey at Parlakimedi, that a great blessing may daily attend their work, and that the Brahmin who wishes to confess Christ may have the difficulties removed. That our associational gatherings may be so guided and directed by the Holy Spirit that their influence will tell for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom.”

Programme for monthly meeting has not reached us. Have any of the sisters forwarded “suggestions” respecting programme to Miss Johnstone, as asked for in February Tidings? By so doing a varied programme with new ideas might constantly be presented for our meetings.

M. S.

## Letter For Tidings.

Dear Sisters :

I am going to write you about a tour which I made with Mr. Morse in Jan. and Feb. As soon as possible after our return from the Quinquennial Conference in Ougole, we started for a village, which is to us a light in a dark place.

It was near this spot where we made our first tour in India. Then we pitched our tent about two miles from here. This time we have it pitched under a large mango tree in an orchard, which belongs to Somalingam and his brothers, only a few minutes walk from the heart of the village.

Our tent is twelve feet square and serves us as sitting, dining and sleeping room. Every nook and corner is utilized as you can well imagine. Snugly fitted in one corner is a box with shelves for books, papers, tracts, etc. In another is a rustic closet for dishes. Beside it is a box of provisions with legs set in tins of water to keep the ants from swarming in and devouring its contents. The little organ has

a place by itself near the open door. Ropes tied from the centre pole to the two back corners of the tent give ample room for our clothing. In the morning our cots are taken out and our dining table brought in. At night, the table goes out, and the cots are carried in.

Every morning Mr. Morse has Bible class and prayer-meeting with the native preachers, preparing them and himself for work among the villages in the afternoon and evening.

Somalingam's wife, children, and sister-in-law frequently take the opportunity of coming to spend a few hours with me. They are not as shy as they used to be, but still I notice they prefer to come when Mr. Morse is away. We have many pleasant and profitable conversations. A marked change has come over Somalingam's wife. She has not given her heart to the Saviour, but her case seems much more hopeful than when her husband was baptized two years ago.

One Sunday evening we held a meeting on the front verandah of their house. As soon as the people heard the organ they flocked around us and although some of them were very noisy and rough, yet they listened to the singing and preaching until after dark.

One afternoon we went across the fields to a village called Lingaliaalasa. No sooner had we reached the place than the people old and young came running from every direction. There was more to attract their curiosity than

usual, for the missionary's wife and child had never been there before. Probably Marion was the first white child they had ever seen. When the organ began to play they seemed very much delighted. They paid good attention to the preaching and asked many questions.

It was while on this tour that I received such sad news from my home—that my dear brother had been called away. The Loving Father never seemed nearer or more precious than at that time. He in whom my brother had learned to trust came near and helped me say "Not my will, but Thine be done!"

Miss Gray leaves us to-morrow for Bombay, whence she sails April 4th. for home. We shall miss her more than I can tell, but we hope after a season of rest in the home-land she may return to us with renewed strength.

Night before last the teacher of the Mission School and a number of his Hindoo friends held a meeting in the school-house to say farewell and thank her for her kindly interest in the Telugus.

Sincerely Yours,

LILLIE P. MORSE,

Bimlipatam,

March 25th., 1896.

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#### Notes From P. E. Island.

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As regards the prosperity of the work on the Island, I gather from

the correspondence with the sisters that it is much the same as last year. There are the "faithful few" in each Society who are deeply interested, and are doing their utmost to enthuse others, but too often 'tis just as Mrs. Manning says, many seem to think their whole duty done when they give their annual dollar, indeed in many cases we are glad they are interested enough to do that.

The general experience goes to show that very few are interested enough to attend the monthly meetings. We in Charlottetown made a special effort to interest others in the work by written invitations, to what we called a social missionary meeting. After a social cup of tea we had our meeting which was largely given up to prayer. Quite a number were present and all seemed to enjoy the evening. Two or three new names were added to our membership, and we trust others were impressed with a sense of their responsibility, although we have not seen any tangible proof as yet.

We are looking forward to our Associational meeting and hope and pray we may have a good time. These annual gatherings are growing more interesting year by year, I only wish more of the sisters could attend. Several of the Societies carried out the F. M. programme, and found it both interesting and profitable.

M. C. DAVIES, Pro. Sec.

Dear Sisters :

Loving greetings to you at this the

beginning of the last quarter of our Convention year. I believe at its close a gladder "well done" "praise God" will gush forth from our hearts than ever before. I have been cheered many times this year by expressions similar to the following which was received from one of our societies to-day. "Our W. M. A. S. is doing good work, meetings are well attended, and we are greatly encouraged in our work." Surely the benediction of "He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might He increaseth strength," is resting upon our smaller societies especially.

More money has been forwarded, up to the present date than ever before. Last week I received a legacy of twenty-five dollars from a Methodist sister for which the W. B. M. U. is very thankful.

If we are "not at ease" in our work during the next two months, if every woman is true to her Master and faithful to her heathen sisters, we will go to our "Annual Meeting" with every dollar raised that we promised the Lord to work for last August, viz., F. M. \$7000, H. M. \$1600.

MARY SMITH,  
Treas. W. B. M. U.

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#### A QUESTION ANSWERED.

Is it not just as well to do without our Missionary Prayer-meetings, provided we give our money?

What the soul is to the body, that

the prayer-meeting is to our money offerings, in our labors for the spread of the gospel. Money is the material, prayer the spiritual force; and spiritual forces are the stronger. Is it well to cast away our larger strength, and trust only to the weaker? Or the prayer-meeting is our right hand, our gifts the left hand: is it well to cripple our right arm, and work only with the left? Nay, the body must have a soul, or it is dead, inert matter. We must work with both hands in whatever we have to do, else we make a botch, or leave our small deeds unfinished. Suppose we do give our money, and never send a prayer with it. Money will procure outfits, will pay passage, will build mission houses, will buy for the missionaries rice and chickens. But will money give heart and voice and soul to the missionary? Ah, he must be "endued with power from on high."

"But," says some one, "I suppose the

missionaries we send out pray, and God will hear them." But the work is yours as well as theirs. It is a shame for us to leave them to pray alone. Their last word in parting, with the final clasp of hand is "Pray for us." And the same cry comes over the waters, with every ship and with every letter, "Support us with your prayers."

Again, we give our money to send men and women to convert souls. But will the chink of money waken a soul buried in darkness deeper than night? Will the chink of money dispel ignorance and banish sin, and make new creatures clean and pure, out of filthy, ragged, degraded, savage heathendom? Will it convert souls here at home, in this enlightened land? Then will it there? Need we the prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit?" Need they not the same?

May the Holy Spirit come and quicken, and lead us to this higher plane.

MISS ABBY JONES.