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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For Binlipitam, the missionaries and all their helpers, that the seed patiently sown may bear fruit. For Mission Bands and their leaders.

Suggested Programme For January.

Prayer.

Singing.

Scripture. Psalm 96.

Read responsively

Thanksgiving prayer for souls won during the first year on our Telugu fields.

Reading. Tidings.

Prayer for our Mission Bands and their Leaders Discussion.—How can we help our Bands to raise Mr. Morse's Salary?

thing about, looks so fresh and green. How different the scene from one year ago! Then, how anxiously we watched for the least sign of rain, and when a cloud was seen in the sky, our hopes would rise, thinking that perhaps even yet rain would come.

The monsoon rains we usually have in June, were very late this year, and this monsoon, which was due the middle of October, has been late, too.

The hearts of the regots (farmers) must rejoice, now, as they look forward to a bountiful harvest. Last year, it was a sad sight to see far-reaching paddy (rice) fields being dug up, and the withered stalks fed out to the cattle

Suggested programme For February

Opening Prayer by Leader

Reading, John 17.

Singing, All hail the power of Jesus name.

Prayer by several sisters.

Minutes of last meeting

Reading Tidings.

Singing

Reading, Mr. Corey's report on page 77 of Year Book

Closing prayer.

What suffering poor India has endured, during the past year! Famine, earthquake, pestilence and sword! Your missionaries have been in the midst of the famine only.

The earthquake caused no damage, in any part of our mission, though the shock was felt as far as two hundred miles or more south of us.

The plague has broken out in the Madras Presidency, within the last two months, but as every precaution is being taken against its spread, we hope it will not be as serious as in the Bombay Presidency last year.

The scene of the war is so far away up in the North, that we hardly realize it is really in India.

Letter For Tidings.

My dear Sisters.

This is a dark, rainy day! We have had two such days, and every-

Last week's papers give us a heart-

ending account of a recent cyclone at Chittagoug.

One million of people have been made homeless and about five thousand lives were lost.

We know the Lord must have some wise purpose in sending these many afflictions upon the people of this land. Oh, that they might hearken to His voice and turn from their foolish worship of idols of wood and stone and worship Him, who is the only true God!

We have seen enough of the famine, to know what want of rain means, to these poor people.

Saturday morning, from far and near, the people crowd outside the Compound gate, and wait for us to distribute grain to them. At first we gave rice, and then decided, if all who came were really needy, they would be glad to get a coarse kind of grain, of which, for the same amount of money, we could get a much larger quantity. This we did, and the numbers did not decrease. We have counted from two hundred to two hundred and seventy at one time.

I sometimes think my heart has grown hard, seeing so much of want and misery, since I came to India, but even yet, I know I have some keen heartaches, when I go among these poor sufferers and see their wretchedness. Many of them are so greedy, never seeming to care whether the one sitting next gets anything or not.

We have them sit in rows, and tell them to keep in their place until all are helped, but some times one who has been helped moves along slyly and sits among those who have not yet received their share, and so gets a double portion. Another manoeuvre is for one woman to claim a certain child and ask a share for it, then when we get along a little farther among the crowd, we find another woman possessing the same child, so as to get a double measure. I have keenly felt this ingratitude and then have been brought to examine myself and see that I am more ungrateful for what my Heavenly Father gives me than those people can

possibly be, for what little we give them.

You remember in my last letter I told you that Somalingam's wife seemed near the Kingdom. The work of grace has been going on slowly and steadily, and about seven weeks ago, she asked for and received baptism. We had been praying and looking for this since her husband's baptism in the beginning of '94.

The wives of Veerachayalu and Evaron seem to show little, if any interest in the gospel. Will you join with us in praying that they may be brought to feel their need of Christ, and give their hearts to Him who yearns over them and longs to make them His own?

When the Christ-life appears how it transforms and brightens! If Christ dwelt in each heathen home in Bimfi, what a transformation this would be!

This has been a good year throughout our Missions, and we feel encouraged. I know you have rejoiced with us, that so many have been brought into the light of the gospel of Jesus.

Yours in Him.

Lillie P. Morse.

Bimlipatam

Nov. 10th. 1897.

N. B. Home Missions

During the year, ending Sept. 1st. 1897 forty eight churches were aided by the Board. The total amount expended for the year was \$3213.00 Since Convention the Board has engaged Rev F. D. Davidson, formerly pastor at Gibson, to go out as general missionary. He also gives part of his time to Sabbath School work.

Mr. C. H. Schutt B. A. who spent the summer in the French work in Madawaska country, has returned to McMaster Hall, Toronto, to complete his studies. His place is now filled by Mr. Paul F Madliger, a native of Switzerland. Bro. Madliger is a graduate of Newton Theological Seminary, Mass., and speaks French as

his native tongue. He preaches at St. Francis, Edmundston and St. Leonards.

The Board also supports at Grand Falls and New Denmark.

Rev. N P Gross and wife, who labour among the Danes as well as among those speaking English. Mr. Gross speaks Danish, and visits and speaks regularly in the Danish colony near Grand Falls. There are now five hundred and fifty families of these people settled here.

The needs of this work in many places are very great. There are several unoccupied settlements in the province which present a fine opening for H. M. work. Twice the amount now expended could be advantageously laid out. There is at present but one Baptist minister in Restigouche County, also only one in Northumberland, and none in Gloucester. The destitution in the upper half of the province is very great.

E. MacIntyre.

Chipman. N. B.
Nov. 18-1897.

Programme For Mission Band

Hymn "When he cometh"
Missionary Creed (in concert)
Bible Lesson, Subject Children

The pupil will turn up the following references and the Leader may make some suitable remarks on each verse. Psalms 42: 16; Deut. 4: 10 1 Sam. 16: 11 Job. 8: 4 Mat. 7: 11 Acts. 2: 39 1 Kings 9:6 II Kings 17: 31 Acts 2: 39 II Kings 2: 23.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Roll call. Each answering by repeating a passage of Scripture containing the word children.

Singing "Go work in my vineyard"!

Missionary Lesson. China.

Close with prayer by Leader.

Leader. Where is the largest mission field in the world?

Ans. In China.

Leader. What is the area of China?

Ans. It comprises an area of more than five and a quarter million square miles.

Leader. What are its resources?

Ans. They are vast and varied, minerals of every kind are abundant and the agricultural wealth is proverbial.

Leader. what is the population of China?

Ans. It comprises one fifth of the human race. It would take the letters of eighty Bibles to represent the population of China.

Leader. How does it compare in reference to the heathen world?

Ans. It is one half of the heathen world and during the last hour fourteen hundred have sunk into Christless graves.

Leader. If a missionary were to start from here to-morrow for China, how many souls will have passed into eternity before he can reach their shores?

Ans. One million and a quarter.

Leader. How many provinces are there in China?

Ans. Eighteen.

Leader. Has the gospel been sent to each province.

Ans. To a very small extent.

Leader. In how many provinces have missionaries longest labored?

Ans. Seven.

Leader. How many in those seven provinces are beyond the reach of the gospel?

Ans 80,000,000.

Leader. How many people on an average has one missionary to look after?

Ans. 2,000,000.

Leader. What is the moral condition of China?

Ans. It is most accurately described in the first chapter of Romans.

Leader. Are the Chinese fond of study?

Ans. They are a nation of students.

Leader. What is the date of modern missions in China?

Ans. 1860.

Impressions of India

BY DR. GRATTAN GUINNESS.

There is an overwhelming impression of almost countless multitudes, with needs and destinies as important as our own. One is stirred to compassion, for they are still as sheep without a shepherd. India contains one-fifth of humanity, and the bulk are still utterly unevangelized.

This vast people is wholly given to idolatry. Temples, small, dark, dirty, ugly and repulsive, stand open everywhere. Vile images of men, monkeys, bulls, and elephants are adored. The mind and conscience of the people are in abject slavery to the vilest superstitions. The darkness of India can be felt. It is a world of moral night. Religion has become animalism. The immoral priest washes his senseless idol, and worships it before your face. The Brahman stands there to argue in his defence. The fakir sits naked in the sun, smeared with ashes, with wild, uncombed locks, like a beast from the woods, and deems himself the most religious of mankind. India worships three hundred millions of divinities. To her, God is everything, and everything is God, and, therefore, everything may be adored. Snakes and monsters are her special divinities. Her pantheism is a pandemonium. The things she sacrifices to idols she sacrifices to devils.

O for light! light! Millions grope at noon, and stumble into perdition without a warning voice. They know not the true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. And we in England and America are content to preach and press the gospel, time after time, with measureless labor and expense on our home thousands, and

leave these millions untaught, unwarned, unshepherded! How is this? Our missionary societies send them a few missionaries, but what are our churches doing? What right have the churches to delegate this tremendous work of raising up the entire heathen world to a few overburdened societies? Let every church arise and do its share directly for the salvation of mankind, and the problem of the world's evangelization will soon be solved. Let every pastor, every elder, every deacon, every church member, every Sunday-school teacher, every individual Christian, be taught to feel 'this work is mine.' I am personally responsible to give the gospel to some part of this unevangelized world.

I have my share to attend to it this sacred business. No other can do my work, or answer for me before the judgment seat of God. Let me do my personal part in the work of saving mankind, or renounce the name of Christian.

No door is shut in India. The cities are open, the towns, the villages, the streets, the shops, the zenanas, the halls, the market-places, the whole population. You may go where you will, and say what you will, none daring to make you afraid. The people sit by the wayside waiting for you. They wait, with their meek eyes looking out for the advent of the messenger of saving truth. A change has come over their, thoughts. They have begun to scorn their Priests and suspect their idols. They are willing to hear God's Word when it is brought to them. But there are few to bring it. Scarcely one Christian in a thousand has the heart to help them. Mammon is too mighty for our pity and piety. Our small home interests hide from us the immeasurable interests of a perishing world.

The millions of the heathen to most of us are as though they had no existence whatever. Who shall roll away the dark reproach? Let each one roll it from his own door. Our responsibility is individual. As individuals let us meet it in all its magnitude.—'Missionary Review of the World.'