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PRAYER TOPIC.

For our Associations that a great blessing may attend these gatherings and a new interest and zeal be awakened in every department of our work.

Suggested Programme for July.

Prayer by Leader
Singing
Reading 1st. John 4th.
Prayer by several on Topic.
Reading Minutes.
Bible Reading on Giving.
Reading Tidings.
Appointment of Delegates to Associations.
See that all dues are pd; also Reports and Tidings paid for and every thing ready for Convention.
Close by Lord's prayer in Unions.

Suggested Programme for August.

Singing
Reading 90th Psalm
Prayer by Leader
Reading Minutes
Reading Tidings
Prayer by several for God's blessing on our Convention
Payment of dues
Appoint delegates for Convention.
Doxology
Prayer.

From the Treasurer

July issue of Tidings will be the last one for this year therefore kindly accept a few words from the Treasurer on finances. Sisters do not let us fail to give our missionary well the double pull in this last month; let the pendulum swing back and forth all through its days pealing forth at each vibration, *Foreign Missions, Home Missions.*

Nine hundred and thirty dollars of the two thousand dollars pledged, are yet to be raised for Home Missions. Nearly one half for the last month. We have taken the seven for the ten hundred and seventy. Let us one and all say, no deficit this year. We will not carry that kind of a legacy into the next century; but will place the balance on the right side. It is ours to do. Let us see that the work necessary is accomplished and the gifts laid upon the altar, and no unfinished work passed over to another year.

Coonoor, India, May 7th 1900.

To the Sisters of the W. B. M. U. :—

I have been asked, my dear sisters, to send you a letter for the month of July. How gladly would I send you *good tidings* that would fill your hearts with joy—such as may yet be in store for you.

As it is, I will merely give you some items in reference to our station. Vizianagram, which by the way, is now quite homelike to me. I think it is just where God would have us, so we are content and happy, although life is unlike what it was at the dear old Bimli. Station !

This city of Vizianagram is somewhat familiar to the readers of the Tidings. The name was one of the first mentioned by our missionaries in their letters after their decision to take up work in the northern part of the Telugu country. It was the capital city of his Highness, the late Moha Rajah, who was by far the most powerful Zemindar, or King in the northern part of the Madras Presidency. Tradition has it that his grandfather, on extending his dominion eastward, by conquest, left the city and fort Sringavarapakoto, beautifully situated at the foot of the Eastern Ghauts, and chose this place twenty-five miles distant as his capital. He gave it the above name, meaning "the city of victory," in token of the conquest he had made. He and his successors have built in it an extensive Fort, the walls of which are thick and high, of strong masonry and surmounted by heavy guns. Within the Fort is the palace, the public rooms of which contain very expensive furniture, paintings, statuary and a large library of well selected and elegantly bound books. Many Europeans, on coming to the city, find pleasure in visiting the Raja's palace.

Access is readily obtained through the kindness of the manager of the estate.

Through the generosity of the Rajah important public works have been completed in the city. For example several tanks, the largest of which situated between the city

and the English Cantonment, is about two miles in circumference. It has quite the appearance of a lake. Here thousands of wild ducks, and other water fowl, find a secure place, at all seasons, for no one is allowed to shoot them in the tank.

The water of the tank also seems to irrigate thousands of acres of rice-producing land stretching away eastward toward the sea.

Several years ago he established a college in the midst of the city, which offers good advantages to Hindu young men and boys. There are at present about six hundred students.

He also built a large Dispensary for the benefit of the public. This is visited during the course of a year, by thousands of the sick and infirm.

Through the gifts of the Rajah quite a large park in the north side of the city, was opened a few years since.

The city itself is situated on the line of the East Coast railway, nearly midway between Madras and Calcutta, being five hundred and twenty-two miles from the latter.

On the north and east are peaks of hills so differently shaped the scenery is quite pretty. The population is about thirty three thousand. We regret to say that, with very little exception, the city is given to idolatry.

The Mission House stands on a shady compound containing about ten acres of land joining the military cantonment on the south. The house is distant from the city proper nearly one and a half miles; but not more than half a mile from the railway station.

This railway now passes through the entire length of our mission field from Viziagapatam in the south to Berhampore in the north, nearly two hundred miles.

The mission station at Vizianagram has become very central and easy of access for all our missionaries. Here the conference are frequently held because of this, and the

ample accommodations which the large old house affords. One room is utilized as a chapel, while we have a school-house-chapel about three-quarters of a mile from the mission house, where regular services are held, and a Sunday School as well. Some day I hope to tell you more about the work.

May 11th

Since the above we have received the *sad news* that our much loved sister, Mrs. Hardy has *passed away*! You will hear more particularly of this from those who were with her during her last hours on earth. May God's dealings with us, bring and *keep* us closer to Himself. We shall miss this dear one, oh, so much! But we know "He doeth *all things* well."

I am writing from Coonor, where we have come to spend the hottest part of the season among the Hills. Hope to return next month when Miss Blackadar will again join us. We are thankful her lot is cast with us.

It is a source of strength to us to know that you are remembering us each and all before the Father, who I am sure is blessing you in your work of love to Him.

Yours in kind Christian love

MARY L. SANFORD.

Notes From N. B.

Dear Sisters of the Aid Societies:—How goes the work? "Watchmen, what of the night?" How is the *work* prospering in our hands?

"The winter is over and gone." Has the spring brought us more earnestness in "laboring with the Lord?"

Here and there our societies are mourning the loss of those "promoted to service on high." Penobscis, N. B., mourns for their young secretary, Sister Mary Anderson, an earnest worker in all that concerned her Master's business. The Lord had need of her, so He called her away. May He fill her place on earth with one who will be as earnest. May He comfort those who mourn.

Please take notice all aid societies that have changed their Secretary or President, please send a card immediately to your provincial Secretary, giving names and P. O. address of the new officers.

Also, will all Mission Band Secretaries, new and old, send a card to Prov. Sec'y of N. B., stating name and P. O. address of their Secretaries? If the correct names and address are in the Secretary's hands before June 15th it will help the work of sending blank forms for returns.

Women of New Brunswick; sisters in this work, we have come again to the last quarter of another year. For which of us will it be the last quarter we will have to work? We know not. God knows. He told us to work while it is day. *Now* is the time. If we have failed in doing what we could the three fourths of this year let us redeem the time.

We have "put our hand to the plough, let us not look back."

Margaret S. Cox,
Prov. Sec'y, N. B.

Anagance, N. B.

A Letter to Mission Band.

WOLFVILLE, June 18th, 1900.

To the Leaders of the Mission Bands of N. S.,

To quite a number I have written during the year, but with many I have had no communication directly. This, I regret, as it would be my delight to visit each Band in order to know more about its internal workings and to become personally acquainted with its members.

How to reach the children, to interest them and to train them in the way everlasting, both to know and to do the Father's good pleasure is a difficult problem, yet an all inspiring one. God gives the strength and courage to perform, to the willing worker. "Be of good courage and he will strengthen your heart."

My heart has been rejoiced to receive some very encouraging letters of increase in numbers or interest and of organization of new bands. In some cases, however, I have been saddened to receive word of disorganization. Careful and prayerful work among the children cannot be over-estimated, and I trust ere long there will be many more Misston Bands.

As our year is approaching its end I shall not be able to write to each band, but feel very anxious to hear from everyone. Will you, leaders, treat this as a personal letter to you, and it being such, kindly answer me in person or get your Secretary to do so so as soon as possible? It will help me greatly. I wish to know if you reckon your year according to the W. B. M. U. year? Is your Band in the Sunday School or apart from it? Have your officers been changed? At what date was your band organized? I have the date of some, but not nearly all. What were your special motives and methods in carrying on the work? Have you suggestions to offer in the way of improved ideas for the coming year? How many bands have made Life members? Will each of you kindly write if you have or have not used the lessons published in "Tidings?" Also, please state wherein they have failed to reach the needs required of such a series of lessons?

The Lord has greatly blessed us during the past, so let our zeal never weaken, for it is the Master who calls us to do His work, and the fields are ripening for the harvest.

Trusting I shall hear from each of you soon,

Yours in His Service

Etta J. Yuill,

Supt. of M. Bands of N. S.

Pass It Along.

REV. WM. ASHMORE, D. D., SWATOW, CHINA.

I am going to suppose a case. Such an actual case

never happened. It would have made a stir all over Baptist Christendom if it had.

It was at the Lord's Supper, there was a good churchful of disciples, and the deacons came along with the cup. The rule was for the man at the end of the pew to partake himself, and then pass it along to the next, and so on till the last one was reached. One man, right in the middle of the pew, got hold of it and partook and then held on to the cup.

"Pass it along," said the man next to him who had had it, but he would not do it.

"Pass it on," said the man beyond who wanted it, but he would not do it.

"Pass it on," said the deacon in a low but earnest voice, but he would not do it.

The pastor saw there was some trouble in that pew. He slipped down on tip-toe, and seeing how it stood, he said, "Pass it on; the cup is intended for all; 'drink ye all of it.'" It is not intended for you alone. It has come all the way down from the table till it reached you. Don't stop it; pass it along." But the man clutched all the harder and would not pass it along. He wanted to keep it all for himself.

There is the Cup of Salvation. Christ filled it with his own hands. He gave it to His disciples to drink. Drink and pass it along. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." "Go ye, therefore."

So the apostles partook and then passed it on. They of Jerusalem passed it on to Antioch; and they of Antioch passed it on to Ephesus, Corinth and Philippi; and they of Ephesus, Corinth and Philippi passed it on to Rome; and they of Rome passed it on to Britain; and they of Britain passed it on to us in America; and we of America are to pass

it on to Japan and China and India, and to the Isles of the sea which have it not.

But now some there are who have got the cup and hold on to it, and will not pass it on. "It is good," they say; "blessed—oh most blessed—but they will not pass it on. The heathen are perishing for want of that cup, but they will not pass it on. There is more salvation in the cup than they can ever use themselves, but they will not pass any of it along. When the brethern in other places conclude they must do something to hold forth the word and spread the blessing and come and ask them to join, saying, "We have found it so good ourselves, let us pass it over to those million of poor Chinamen." They say "No. We do not believe passing the cup along." So they are never giving to save other people. Is that all right?

Last month our Foreign letter failed us and material from our Mission Band Secretary was not in hand so we published a leaflet which crowded out our notes from Sister Cox which appear in this issue.—Editor