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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

For the work and workers at Bobbili.

For the new converts that they may be steadfast and bring many more to a knowlege of the true God.

Corrections in Miss. Band Notes of Dear Tidings : Nov. Tidings.

Miss Newcombe is not at Vizianagram but with Mr. and Mrs. Morse at Bimlipatam. Mr. Schutt did not go out with the missionaries this autumn. Also population of Parlakimedi is 350,-000 instead of 35,000 and that of Palkonda 210,000 instead of 230,000.

Suggested Programme for December.

SINGING.

SCRIPTURE, Isaiah, 44: 1-18.

PRAYER

SINGING.

READING Tidings.

PRAYERS.

Discussion. What gifts can we as a Society give to the Christ for this work this Christmas season?

Closing prayer.

Suggested Programme for January.

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SINGING.

Schipfliff, Psa. 96. Read respon-

THANKSGIVING prayer for souls won during the past year on our Telugu fields.

READING Tidings.

their leaders.

Discussion. How can we help our Bands to raise Mr. Morse's salary ?

In looking over the Thirteenth Annual Report of our Missionary Union, I Tue neady at our own doors. have been impressed to state a few facts and make a few suggestions, with churcles and 22 Aid Societies. But special reference to our Home Mission five of these are reported as giving work.

FICTS

From the Year Book we learn there are 195 churches in N. S. besides those of the African Association. No church in the African Association has an Aid Society. While 195 churches in the other Associations of N. S. there are only 149 Aid Societies. When it is known that some churches have more than one Society, it must be that there are adout 50 churches with no Aid Society. Of the 149 Societies four are not reported to have given anything to any work. Forty-one others as giving give less than the fifty nothing to Home Missions, leaving only 104 to contribute to the great whitened fields at home. Of these three have given less than one dollar each to Home Missions. These were not ar poorest how hes either. In N. B there we 176 dorel es and only 64 Aid Societies Of V B S cording to e Report 6 gi to any cause and 30 others Home Missions, leaving of tribute to the home work

Of the 149 Societies READING Tidings.

SINGING.

But 7 of the twelve is a part of the twelve is a p are new or re-organized in the Now to H. wrong Missions. when 7-12 of

Province and 7-9 in the other start life with so little manifested interest in

P. Lisland does better. She has 27 nothing to any work, and four others nothing to H. M., leaving only 13 interesled in the work at home. These e facts. Now what are the

SUGGESTIONS.

Suppose each Society would take a monthly collection for H. M. If but 25 cets were obtained per month it

If the 63 Spcioner is X S. that now churches that he Aid Societies would each would amount d not a month

not expect intensithe home work and rom God. RGARET B. HALL.

Notes from Nova Scotia

A few weeks in September and Octoes in one ber were spent by the Secretary in County Convention for Colchester was were also held with the sisters at Acadia Mines, Parrsboro and Port Greville. Amid some difficulties the sisters in these places are doing good work. Some new members were added, and we trust good done by these se vices. At Oxford, Cumberland Co., a Mission Band was formed with twenty-one members. Pres. Miss Robb; Vice-Pres. My Dear Sisters :--Mrs. Tait; See'y Miss Gussie Hunter; Treast, rer Roy Brown. The name of this Band is "Honest and Earnest."

Meetings were also held in Annapolis County. The first with the Aid Society at Nictaux, and in the evening a presided over by Miss A. Cahoon and may not be amiss. Miss Hattle Morse. The evercises of and the reward is sure.

they have as yet no Band here, the them. children had a large part of the exer-

"Willing Workers."

A. E. Johnston,

Prov. See'y.

For Tidings

Bobbili, Oct. 16, 1897.

The programme for "Tidings" for the coming year arrived last mail, and as I see that I am down for December's letter, it behooves me to get it off this week.

What shall I tell you? Many things public meeting at the same place come to my mind to write, and it is This meeting was conducted by the hard to choose, but as the beggars two Mission Bands, "Sunbeam" and seem to absorb more of my time and will come around the house atterwards "Co-Workers," the one working at Nic- strength now, than most any other one clamoring and shouting that they were taux, the other at Nictaux Falls, and thing, perhaps a few words about them not present when the rice was given

cises and the result must be an in- on the plains, after being to the cool walking skeletons. held with the Band at Lawrencetown, camp at Bobbi'i where hundreds were on. That same evening that priviled to thousands were fed daily. Also relief scarcely rags enough on to cover their attendand address an empty of the B. works established at which thousands persons. T. P. U. at South Williamston This could obtain work and pay. Then,

fifty members. Miss Johnston, Pres.; to us, for there are still three month

visiting among the Societies. The first Miss Hume, V Pres; Miss Nellie of great scarcity ahead of us, if not more. place visited was Belmont where the Keelor, Sec'y; Mr. Harry Eisener, Treas. So we have an extra quantity of rice Dartmouth has lately for some years prepared for that day, and when the held. Then to Lower Economy and had its Mission Band in the Sunday rice runs out in the distribution, we Five Islands where we held our meet. School, but this not succeeded very well go on with small pieces of money. Ofing on Sunday morning. Meetings so we have returned to the old order of ten 300 come and when we are through things. The name of the Band is with the distributions we are about tired out.

> Such loathsome sights come be ore our eyes and make the air redolent with impurities, as we pass around among the people, for many are literally decaying with leprosy and other diseases. And such clamoring for more! More that we are often sick at heart as well as tired out when we get through the ordeaf, for we are painfully conscious that the supply falls far short or the necessity.

But do you think we are done with beggars for the week after this distribution is over? No; not even for the rest of that day. Often many of these out. And as soon as one succeeds in However, I must begin my letter getting a small piece of money from both Bands showed careful training, with thanksgiving to our dear people at us, others will rush in calling out that Our sisters are engaged in a good work home who have made it possible by they too have received nothing yet, and heir gifts, for us to do something to it is impossible to remember the faces Two meetings were also held at Tor- alleviate the great distress around us of those to whom you have already brook, one in the afternoon with the though we o ten feel that all we do is given; and this they keep up for hours. sisters of the Aid Society and a Ablic but "as a drop in the bucket" compar- Next day and the next, and every day, meeting in the evening. Although ed with what is needed to be done for they are coming round calling out and showing their sunken stomachs and In July and August, our first months erying for food; and some are almost And so you keep creased interesting the work of missions, and quiet of the hills during our great- giving a kance to this one, an anna to Ou Sunday afternoon a poeting was est heat, the government had a relief another, and a cloth to another, and so I have been surprised to see when Miss Edith Thomas was elected daily fed, and other camps at towns and women of very respectable families in President and Mis Mase V President. villages in the vicinity, in all of which Bobbili coming to beg. and some with

One will come to the front verandah The name of the same of the sa place. Miss Archibald was with us, and we had excellent papers from Miss
Lienotte and Mrs. D. W Crond II

an increasing number of occasion parents are dead and she is starving, or upon private charity. parents are dead and she is starving, or upon private charity. Parents are dead and she is starving, or upon private charity. Parents are dead and she is starving, or upon private charity. On Wednesday afternoon a Mission one day a week but which we could because she is so hungry, or a woman Band was organized in Dartmouth with have the whole arise of pregars come in dirty rags with a wailing emaciated babe guittless of even a rag. These we

tell to bring their babes twice daily work at Chekkagoorda continning. Mr. tuned praying to Jesus for a long child has died of cholera and she has follow, nothing with which to purchase wood to burn the body. streets, and it is easy to leave them all home not made with hands. behind me before I come home. But would be at the end of our resources

And how do the people thank us for our friends in Windsor. all this trouble? There are some exenough.")

before one month was gone.

the side of the road, where he had fallen down, near our Christians' houses. He seemed as if his race was about run. They talked with him about his soul and he asked them to give him some food.

They said if they gave him food his caste would be broken. He replied, What did be want of caste? He only wanted something to eat, to learn about God and go to Him when he and fed and taught him. That was more than a month ago, and at the last Conference he came and asked for baptism so carnestly, that the church received him, and Mr. Churchill baptized him on Sunday with a caste boy of about 16 years, who also came to us before the old man did, begging to be He is alm at I ful allowed to stav "ii i he was a child. Ever since he came he

has been very persevering in learning so debilitated for want of about Christ, asking first one and then that they simply die another to tell him more about Him, and learning to pray; and he has been does not bego very faithful in doing any work we them off by have put into his hands to do. Some old pupils of other caste people have asked for bap. near my sch tism, but we think it better to wait a died, before little, and see whether it is salvation or food they mest desire.

No doubt you have heard how our ter, when sh hearts have been cheered by the good that she hall

and we will feed them with milk. Churchill baptized 6 more when out time asking him to forgive all her sins Sometimes it is a mother who says her there in August and there are more to and take her to his home above, then

One other an old man was received And so it goes on for baptism, but was too ill on Sunday till you are glad to close the house, and to leave his bed. He had been turned rush away to school or into the town to out of his home by his wife and out of vour Bible work among the women, his village by his caste people, when I believe she is now with Him. Her And there you often come upon re- they knew he was determined to be a harmy death has made quite an impresspeciable women who are very needy. Christian; but we believe the pearly but who will not go out to beg. I gates have since been opened to admit sometimes take a few rupees in my him, and he has heard the welcome, box pocket when I intend to visit in certain come in and dwell forever more, in the to

I went to see our School Conducif we should "give" all that is needed tress' little boy last Friday evening af- hin to every one "that asketh of thee" we ter our school prayer meeting, and distribution of rice, to our poor pupils, kindly supplied by the generosity of hold to sell him, but I said no. I can-

I heard this child had cholera and suport and educate him, and give you centions, but the usual "thank you" is had sent medicine to him at noon from a rifee per month while the tamine "tsaldoo! tsaldoo!" ("not enough, not the hospital near us. I found the last and give to you all on Mondays child very weak and ill, his eyes sunk- within rest. He took the boy home An old caste man was found lying on en, and body cold, but the disease and asked the Lord to send him back somewhat arrested. He was lying on if was His will, for I felt that I ought the verandah, and when I told his to mother to carry him into their one il room, she said it was dark and she had no oil for her lamp. Her caste people th were all standing around and I asked hi them to give her some oil. No, they dayone day, and pushing the boy tohad none, they said, though I saw a will me said, "take him." Both of rich woman with a profusion of jewels on, standing among them.

I finally said if any one would supshould die, and he was going to stay ply a light, I would send the money to here till he died. They took him in pay for it on the morrow, and then oil was brought. The mother vatched alone over her sick boy, all night, so she told me afterwards, the father being away in town with our colporteur. Such are the tender mercies of the heathen, even to one of their own caste in trouble I sent more medicine when I returned nome and hunter the inst

> () 1 m ft 18 not m cholera in town, but many pe they take it. my d lived with it and he was sick. Siamma and the stricken mother, and w her daugh-

lay down, looked up with a joyful wondering gaze, and smilingly died. She has lways given us pleasure when we visited her, singing our hymne with us, and confessing her faith in Christ, and sion on her people. e have taken in two small caste

perhaps 10 years old, who came on account of the famine. One orphan, his parents both died of wai , and we could not refuse to take The other was brought to us by his ather, a mere walking skeleton wid skin drawn over the bones no buy anyone I will take the boy, o that much for the starving fam-It was a struggle with the father to ive up the boy to break easte, but more weeks of starving brought to it. He came on to the veranse boys can read in the second book have put them into the school, ving and believing that the Lord something for them to do on this bili field sometime.

must now stop writing, for I fear letter is already too long. With ing remembrances to you all, I am crisister in the work of rescuing the eshing.

MISSIONARY CREED. (In concert.)

le believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, the three, one God.

We beieve that there is but one way given under heaven and among men winereby we must be saved.

We believe it is our duty to tell was cholera throse dwelling in superstition and cot and con- dat kness of this one way of salvation that God has provided through death of His Son.

We therefore engage to send bread of life by the hands of colp curs and missionaries to those even in our own land, bow down l the works of their own hands.

We further engage to do all i power for the spread of the gost the earth, that Christ's Kingdom ay come."

Responsive Reading, Matt. 2. Minutes of previous meeting.

Rell Call. Each answering b peating a verse containing the Jesus.

Singing. "The Gospel Bells ringing.

Christmas Lesson, Found in Tid The Lord's Prayer (in concert.) Dear Girls and Boys of our Mis Bands:

Let me wish you a very Christmas and a happy New May the new year upon which have nearly entered be the bright be to all people." and best in all your lives.

I trust that it will be a year in wh

many shall give your young hearts to the Savior, and work more faithfully and on earth peace, good will toward ie for Him than you have ever yet done.

And while you may receive many gifts from deer friends at this happy to season, do not forget the Great Giver, and remember that the little heathen our girls and boys do not even know of our any distinguished visitors? iovous Christmas.

Yours Sincerely, Mrs. J. M. Parker.

BAND LESSON.

Leader-Where was Jesus born? Ans. -In a manger in Bethlehem.

Leader-Who were watching their flocks near the place where Jesus was born?

Ans.—Shepherds.

Leader-Who appeared to the Shepherds?

Ans.-An Angel.

Leader -What did the Angel say to them?

Ans.—"Fear not, for behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall

h sing at the birth of Christ?

Ans. - "Glory to God in the highest, men."

Leader-Did the Shepherds visit the Babe in the Manger?

Ans.—They did.

Leader-Did the intant Jesus have

Ans .-- Yes, Wise men from the East. Leader-What was their first act on seeing Jesus?

Ans. -They fell down and worshipped him.

Leader-In what way did they honorhim?

Ans.—By presenting to him gifts.

Leader-What were the gitts?

Ans.-Gold, frankincense and myrrh Leader-What does this lesson teach us?

Ans .- That we should worship God. and freely give to him of our substance

Leader-How can we give our gold and silver to him?

ans .- By supporting the gospel at Leader-What song did the angels home and sending out missionaries to teach the heathen.