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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

For Misses Harrison and Newcomb, that they may acquire the language quickly and be prepared for service—For our association that the spirit of the Lord may rest upon all present and the work be done under his direction.

Suggested Programme for June.

HYMN.

PRAYER, remembering the topic.

SCRIPTURE. PSA. 67.

Let the leader call attention to the two lessons given for blessing and for praise in this Psalm.

HYMN.

READING Tidings.

SEVERAL PRAYERS.

Appointment of delegates to the several associations.

PRAYER.

CLOSING HYMN.

Suggested Programme for July.

HYMN.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE JOHN 4 : 27—42.

HYMN.

PRAYER.

Local Treasurer's report.

Question by President. Is it possible for us to send an extra offering this month?

CLOSING PRAYER. Giving the money raised by the Society to the Lord, and asking Him to bless it.

Letter for Tidings.

Vizianagram,

March 23, 1897.

To the U. M. A. S. of the Maritime Province, Greeting:

My Dear Sister:—

I have been asked to write a letter for the May number of Tidings. This is certainly not a great request, and yet there is something about the writing of a public letter which has a mountain like appearance to me. So this afternoon I want to forget the unpleasant part, and, if you will, have a little heart to heart talk as the Master may direct my thoughts.

Nearly three months have glided by

since our arrival in "Heathen India." Gradually we find ourselves becoming accustomed to sights and sounds which at first were strange and interesting, although in many cases heart-rending and most depressing. That our first experiences would be very trying you all know. And we believe that many of you have carried us in the arms of prayer to our Father and there, at the mercy-seat placed us, by faith, in his loving embrace, for protection and encouragement. From this assurance we have derived comfort, and in answer to your prayers, we believe we have been supported by that arm that never fails. By leaning hard upon God He becomes more real to us.

There are two thoughts which make us happy and strong. One is, that we are yours. To realize that we have at home, supporting us, so many enthusiastic and consecrated sisters, filled with the missionary spirit, and prayerfully holding the ropes, in order that we may work in India's mine, certainly cheers us on our way. In the fact that we are *co-laborers* in this great work of giving the gospel to the Telugus, we get great joy. And in the second place, dear sisters, we are made strong in the blessed assurance that we are God's—Why shouldn't we be strong? With the infinite resources of Heaven at our back, who need be weak? Continue to pray for us, that our faith fail not.

When you receive this letter we will be in the midst of the trying hot season. It would give us joy to know that after reading it, you would have a prayer meeting on our behalf, as well as for all the other missionaries.

All, except Mr. Archibald, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Gullison and myself, will be away to the hills trying to get a new supply of health and strength to enable them the better to carry on the work of another year.

And while you are praying for your missionaries do not forget the greatest need of the country to which you have sent them.

Poor India! She is indeed sadly afflicted. The monsters, Famine and Plague are stalking hand in hand through this country, smiting down all the sons and daughters who cross their pathway.

The attention and sympathy of the nations is turned toward India as it has not been for years past. May not these monstrous calamities prove to be blessings in disguise? With God nothing happens, though His purpose may sometimes be veiled from our vision. And while the prayers of thousands of Christians in foreign countries centre here, does it not seem to be a favorable time to put forth special effort.

How many helpers are you going to send to us next Autumn, sisters? Have any of you sons or daughter who will come? Have you a beloved pastor whom you can encourage to "come over and help us."

The seeds of Gospel truth which your missionaries have been so faithfully sowing for the past quarter of a century and more, are taking root. In some cases the blades are visible; in others, the ear; and in others the full corn in the ear. Our hearts have been cheered by the good news from Raya-

gudda, where seventeen have been baptiz d during the past few months.

Later, Mr. Gullison and myself experienced the joy of seeing a young man baptized at Bimlipatam. Mr. Morse will probably give you an account of this incident in his next letter. We have faith to believe that these are only the drops which precede a plentiful shower.

"The fields are all ripening, and far and wide

The world now is waiting the harvest-tide.

But reapers are few, and the work is great,

And much will be lost should the harvest wait.

Where are the reapers, Oh who will come
And share in the glory of the harvest home?

Oh who will help us to garner in
The sheaves of good from the field of sin?"

Our hearts go out with these words and we pray that our blessed Lord will quickly send forth more laborers in this part of His vineyard.

My letter is already too long. In conclusion let me remind you that in all our labor of love for the Christless ones of India, let us not forget that we are *Workers together with Him* who said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Yours and His,
NETTIE C. GULLISON.

Notes for Tidings.

On the evening of Easter Sunday, the 2nd Chipman Mission Band held a very successful public meeting in the Hall at that place.

The Pres., Miss Bessie King, filled the important place of chairman. The Sec'y-Treasurer's report was read by Miss Bessie Orchard, and showed that good work had been done. More than \$40 had been raised during the year.

The readings and recitations were of a high order, instructive as well as pleasing. Many facts regarding our Missions could be learned from the children. The songs too, were carefully selected, and the children reflected great credit upon the Band leader, Miss N. Crandall and Mrs. H. B. Hay who had charge of the music, and Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, who trained the children in the literary part of the work. Collection \$11.10.

The St. Stephen Mission Band has had a good year, not only financially, but in gaining Missionary information.

It is a grand work training children! The results, eternity will tell.

Will every Band Leader in N. B. write to me, giving any facts of interest relating to the work?

Sisters of the Aid Societies: This is our last quarter in this Convention year. If we have not done as well as we should during the year, will we not try very hard "to redeem the time" this quarter?

The blank forms for returns from Aid Societies and Mission Bands will be in the hands of the Secretaries before the first of July. Do not forget to fill them up and return them to me before the last of July.

If you have not appointed delegates for the various Associations at the May meeting, be sure to appoint them in June.

Let us have *live* meetings at our Associations this year!

Will the Societies of Carleton, York, Victoria, Queens, Sunbury, and Northumberland Counties, remember that the Western N. B. Ass. meets at Range (2nd Grand Lake) on Friday, 24th June. Let us have a good representation.

Work while it is day, the night cometh.

Yours in the work,
(Mrs.) S. M. Cox,
Prov. Sec.,
Chipman, N.B.

Letter For Tidings.

My Dear Sisters:

Tonight it seems hard to realize that I am in India—that land of the scorching sun. All around our cottage are growing the familiar geraniums, fuschias callas, roses and pansies; on the winding roads I am constantly meeting Europeans or Americans, who wear warm clothes and wraps as you do at home in the last of May; in the evening we gather around an open fire and enjoy it.

You have no doubt surmised where I am—in Octacamund at an elevation of about seven and a half thousand feet. Now do not suppose that your new missionaries are not well. Indeed we are; but Miss Newcomb and I were advised by some of the missionaries to come up here for the first hot season, when we could be of little use on the plains, so as to save up our home energy for next year when we hope to be able to commence work.

We are working daily at the language, and enjoy it in this delightful atmosphere. We have a good munshi and two others of our own Telugus with us, so we shall have opportunities for Telugu conversation. In nearly every letter that I receive from the homeland, I am asked to tell about the famine and plague in our part of India, so I thought this would interest you most at present.

We your missionaries—are not in the famine stricken district. True, it has been felt by our people, yet I have not heard of one death as the result of the famine from among the Telugus.

Last December just after the failure of the "latter rains," which has caused the famine, the price of rice went up about fifty percent; but since then there has been no change in the price. The number of beggars does not seem to increase, and I do not remember of seeing any really emaciated people. On some of our fields and down to the south of us, I have heard that some people have only one meal a day; but yet I know of one town where the government established a sort of kitchen to feed the needy with a coarse but healthful food, and it was so poorly patronized that the official considered it hardly worth while to keep it open.

Bear in mind, please, that this that I have written refers only to the Telugu country where your missionaries are stationed.

During the last of March the greater portion of the Telugu land was refreshed by unusually heavy rains. While this would have no direct effect upon the rice crop, it filled up the tanks in

many places, and started the grass growing, and consequently the lives of many cattle will be saved ; and cheered the heart of man.

The land where the horrors of the famine are being experienced is to the north-west of us, and I suppose that the most eloquent cannot describe the pangs of the famine there.

The plague too has not appeared among us. It has not spread to the east, but has been confined to Bombay and other cities of western India.

The number of deaths in Bombay from the plague is about ten thousand (10,000). Often one hundred were laid low by this destroyer in one day. Then began an exodus from the city; and it was not an uncommon occurrence for the guards to find the dead victims in the trains—they had sought escape, but were overtaken. As a result of this exodus the plague was scattered ; and now it is doing terrible work in other cities while it is diminishing in Bombay.

The disease manifests itself in the swelling of the glands of the neck, under the arms, etc. ; the suffering is intense ; blood sometimes runs from the eyes, nose, ears, and mouth ; and the glands seem to literally turn to pus. Death follows in about twenty-four hours. A victim rarely recovers.

These two great calamities in India this year have stirred many hearts and a heart would indeed be inhuman that could remain untouched ; yet your representatives see a famine and disease infinitely more deplorable than these. If I could only picture to you the famine of righteousness and the disease of sin as they are, I know you would respond still more nobly.

Send us more to scatter the Bread of Life, and more who may tell of the Great Physician. Pray for this people and your representatives.

One of your missionaries,
Maude N. E. Harrison.

Kelso Cottage, Octacamund,
April 14 '97.

STATISTICAL SHEET.

To accompany the Telugu Mission Map of the Maritime Provinces.

STATIONS.	MISSION STAFF.		DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	NATIVE ASSISTANTS				Station opened.	Population of Town.	Population of Field.	Number of Villages.	No. of Churches.	Location of Churches.	Baptized during the year.	Present membership.	Amount contributed by Native Churches.
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Bimlipatam	{ Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morse Miss A. C. Gray*	1891 1884	3	0	1	0	4	1875	10,000	250,000	275	1	Bimli	1	22	Not reported
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Parlakimedi	{ Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Corey Miss M. Clark Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Higgins*	1894 1894 1889	5	1	1	2	9	1892	17,000	350,000	1,000	2	{ Akulatampara* Parlakimidi	2	25	27 00
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* On furlough † Mrs. Archibald went out as Miss Hammond in 1878. Mrs. Sanford is in Wolfville. Miss H. H. Wright at home
 †Self-supporting. *Largely self-supporting.