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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR

"Lord what wilt Thou have me to do"

**PRAYER TOPIC:**

For Mr. & Mrs Higgins and Miss Clark; also the native helpers and teachers of Kimedj, that the Holy Spirit may go before them & prepare the hearts of the people to accept the Salvation through Christ.

KIMEDI, NOVEMBER, 10TH 1894.

My Dear Sister,

Again my turn has come to write for the "Tidings" and I shall enjoy doing so if I can make my letter interesting to you.

The last time I wrote I think we were in Chicacole spending the hot season. Just as soon as the rains come and cooled the atmosphere we come home and were so glad to be back again.

Shortly after returning Mr. Higgins went on tour and was gone most of the time until the middle of

September. Since then he has been at the station and we have both been very busy. The preparation of the maps is very tedious, takes much time, and requires considerable correspondence. We have stopped work upon it now for a time until we can get the latest statistics. It is very pleasing to know that you like the idea of the maps and also of the photographic views which we hope to send you. May they be blessed of God in increasing the interest in this work.

The cool season has really begun and we have had to exchange our summer clothing for warmer clothing and require shawls and wraps to keep us warm. The punkahs were stopped about three weeks ago and we will not need them again until the middle or end of March.

We are thinking a good deal about our lady missionary these days for we hope to welcome her here in about three weeks. She and Mr. and Mrs. Corey are now somewhere between England and India and will probably land in Madras in ten or twelve days.

You will feel sorry, as do we, when you hear that Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and family leave the country in January and that Miss McNeill has been married and has gone to another mission. These breaks in our ranks are very disheartening, very discouraging and make one feel ALMOST like giving up sometimes. But we must not let them effect us thus. Our Father knows all about it, and if it were right and best, would interfere and prevent it. If he permits these things to happen we must not be discouraged but trust him more and serve him better. Will not our people at home, instead of being discouraged, rise up to the help of the Lord and send out others to take the place of those who have gone? We begin January of '95 three years behind December of '94. While three new missionaries come; three of those already on the field drop out of the ranks. Those who leave us are equipped for the

work, those who come to us have yet to learn the language. Thus we have gone back instead of forward. Dear Sisters, send us others. It seems as though we were appealing, appealing all the time. But how can we help it? We do not create the need, we only make it known to you. The Telugus are here, they are dying without Christ because they know nothing about him, the only way they will ever know of him is through you and your representatives. There are more than forty thousand Baptists in the Provinces and they have only FIFTEEN representatives among the Telugus (and two of those are on furlough.) Others have been sent but have had to return on account of ill health. Will you not send many others to fill the gaps and to occupy new centres in the darkness? We know that MANY of our people at home are doing nobly and we rejoice and are strengthened in the thought. But we also know that many are doing scarcely half that—they could, and many more are doing nothing. May the Holy Spirit quicken into new life those whose interest seems so weak, that God may be glorified and his work in this country carried on as he would have it.

The carpenter who was baptized a few months ago is doing well and giving us pleasure. But we are feeling sad over the fact of having had to dismiss from the church one of our colporteurs who was found guilty of gambling. We are praying that he may see and feel how wrong he has been and may truly repent of his sin and once more be restored to us.

Mr. Higgins is busy getting ready for tour as I write. The bandies are being packed and will soon be started on their way to Akulatampara. That is the one outstation on this field and there is a church there. Last February Mr. Higgins was there a fortnight and he hopes to be there about three weeks this time.

In about six weeks we go down to Cocanada to attend the general conference held there. We will be

gone a week during which time Christmas will occur. We will have to celebrate our Christmas on New Years. After coming back from Cocanada we will be very busy getting ready for our Telugu Association and our M. P. Conference which meet here the eleventh of January. It will be the first time that a conference has ever been held on the Kimedi field as such. Some of our missionaries will see Kimedi for the first time.

This time, in going to Cocanada, we go, not by cart nor by jinrickshaw, but BY TRAIN. The nearest station from us now is twenty-four miles, so we will have to go that distance by bullock cart and then take the train. The other missionaries will get on at the different stations as we go along. The railroad is a great blessing to us. Before very long (probably by the first of the year) it will be opened as far as Teleali and will then be somewhat nearer. I fear this letter is already too long,

In closing I would ask your earnest and continued prayers for us in this work. We wish to be faithful in all things. Yours in the work,

Edith C. Higgins