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W. B. M. U. TIDINGS

TWENTY FIVE CENTS PER YEAR.

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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For Chicacole and its missionaries, school and native helpers that those who have long heard the gospel message may come out boldly and confess Christ,

Suggested Programme For March.

SINGING.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE, Isaiah 49:1-12.

MINUTES of last meeting.

ANY business.

HYMN.

SEVERAL prayers.

Let the President call for facts concerning Chicacole and its workers. This must be arranged for beforehand.

CLOSING Prayer.

Suggested Programme for April.

Prayer.

Singing.

Scripture, Mark 15:16-38, and also Luke 25:46-53.

Prayer.

Minutes of last meeting.

Reading, Tidings.

Report of Treasurer for Home Missions
Let someone be prepared to give a short history of the Grande Ligne Mission.

Closing prayer for Mr and Mrs Grenier

Letter For Tidings.

Dear Friends:—

How do you do this morning? If you are as cold as I am, you would not go to the fire, though the mercury stands at 65° in the house. This

cold snap came on three days ago, and is the only real cool weather we have had thus far this season. A few days ago we almost wanted the punkah. About a month ago, a shock of earthquake awakened us in the middle of the night, with its awesome thunder. I know of no noise to which it can be compared, but it strikes terror. And what will it be when He comes to shake mightily the earth? The shock was slight, but there is scarcely time to think.

We are fairly well here, though I have been having an unusually bad time with my head lately. The worst for a year, and I would be happy not to have another for another year. Mr. Gullison is having a long pull with fever which we all regret; but are thankful it is no worse. Mr. Hardie went to Bobbili some time ago, to assist in the care of him. It looks as if some of them would not get to Conference, which begins next week at Vizianagram.

From a secular point of view, we have had a good school year. Only two of the pupils failed to pass the examinations and that was because of irregular attendance. Ethel's work with the small children received large praise, and there is no doubt her adaptability for this department. I have taught daily Bible lessons, and we are much interested in the teacher as we hope the Lord will convert him.

Three large boys have passed out to take up some active work. Jagganai-kulu will have charge of the Reading Room. Rapiah, a Saura boy who has been here for some time from the Tekkali field has returned to that place, and Mr Higgins will probably put him to work. Abraham is Miss Clark's boy, and she will not let him get lazy, if she can help it. Balaram is at his sewing and doing fairly well. Earns his living.

Do you remember that I wrote you about the Reading Room, and asked for papers illustrated or otherwise? Since then, barring those from Miss Wright I think I have received three packages, small ones. Friends, do you pray, that this room may be a blessing to the many, who hear the Gospel there?

Why should not a Band or S. S. subscribe for some good periodical. Say the Youth's companion, and have it sent directly from the office to me, for this purpose? How many wealthy people there are who could do this, and be happier for the benefit conferred on others. We need religious and other instructive reading, and some illustrated papers or magazines. And oh, my dear friends, we do want you to pray, that this year may see some souls converted on this field. Ethel has started a S. S. among some of the very lowest caste children, and she has another on Mondays among children of the Sudra caste. Miss Archibald has joined her in the first, and Miss Clark has a class of women in the second. Will you take all these things to your hearts, and pray for a blessing?

Yours in the Work.
C. H. Archibald.

Notes From Nova Scotia.

At the annual meeting of the Dartmouth Church, held in January 1899; the report of the Sec'y-Treas. of the Aid Society shewed that the amount

raised by the society in membership fees was \$25.30.

For Home Missions	\$20.82
" Foreign Missions	24.55
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	Total \$45.37

This was raised during the church year which ended December 31st, 1898.

"The society organized last Autumn at Mira, C. B., is prospering."

Such a nice, cheery letter has just been received from our County Secretary for Lunenburg. In the short time since her appointment, Mrs Archibald has written twice to every Society. She notifies them before each District meeting. She also says that the Society at Chester-Basin has been reorganized by a young sister, who after the District meeting in Sept. determined to go home and revive the Society. She went from house to house, and talked personally with all the sisters, and so awakened their interest that they took courage to start anew. The result is a membership of seventeen.

The Co. Sec'y for C. B. writes that the Mission Band at Glace Bay gave a very successful Christmas Concert on Dec. 26th., and one was also held in the Holmeville Church on the same evening. The Society in Sydney, is growing under the leadership of Mrs A. R. Crawley.

A Society with a membership of 20 has been organized at Hebron, Yar. Co. Mrs J G Locke of Lockeport, has been appointed Secretary for that County. Our sister will have a warm welcome.

Queens, Digby, Kings, and Cumberland Counties are still without Secretaries. Mrs Christie is merely holding the fort in Cum Co. until someone is found to take up the work. We are hoping for a favourable answer with regard to Digby Co, but it has not come yet. Family cares have made it impossible for Mrs Bishop to continue the work in Kings Co

These Counties are large, and really should have two Secretaries in each. We would be thankful beyond words for one!

There must be some sisters who are willing to take up this work, if so, we will be glad to hear from them. In the meantime the Prov. Sec'y will do all in her power to help forward the work. Remember the address Dartmouth, N. S.

And now dear fellow-workers while we deplore the want of these special workers, let us remember there is all the more need of added faithfulness on our part.

The Master has set before us many open doors, let us individually enter in. Let the work be done by each for "Jesus only," and may He grant unto us one and all that power in prayer and in work, which can come only from himself.

Yrs. in His name and service

Amy E. Johnston

Prov. Sec'y. for N. S.

Home Missions.

The third meeting of the W. M. B. U. Board of Home Missions was held with our Convenor, Mrs W. E. Hall, on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 16th at half past three. We were very glad to find our sister so much better in health. She has had a long and severe trial, and we trust she may be spared many years to engage in the work in which she is most interested. Some of us remember it was she who first agitated giving \$1.00 for Home Missions as well as Foreign; and although we have not reached this ideal in all the Societies, nevertheless, many are awaking to the fact that unless we nourish and feed the Home Fields, there will by and by be no helpers to send to the Foreign.

We received from our Maritime Treasurer the financial statement for the 2nd. quarter. It was decided to print it in "Tidings," as so many of

our sisters do not see the "Messenger and Visitor." The year is half gone dear sisters, and we have only raised something over \$600.00. There is still \$1400 due in order to comply with our pledge of \$2,000. We trust you will give this your most urgent consideration, so that we will not have to encounter a deficit again next year. We ask you to carefully read Mrs Smith's statement accompanying this report. It will form sufficient material for one monthly meeting, should you fall short of a programme.

M. E. Hume

Sec'y of H. M. Com.

	F. M.	H. M.	Total.
Rec'd N. S. W. M. A. S.,	\$707 91	\$227 41	\$935 32
" " Mission Bands,	181 13	18 89	200 02
" " Sunday Schools,	29 90	17 50	47 40
" " Y. P. Society,	1 50		1 50
" " Junior Union,	12 80		12 80
" N. B. W. M. A. S.,	342 80	63 29	406 09
" " Mission Bands,	52 50	4 56	57 06
" " Sun Jay Schools,	26 00	1 54	27 54
" P. E. Island W.M.A.S.	137 65	42 74	180 39
" " Mission Bands,	21 24	6 00	27 24
" " Sunday Schools,	6 00		6 00
" British Columbia,	40 00		40 00
" Miss Corning, Boston,	4 00		4 00
			\$2,006 36

Pd. J. W. Manning, Treas.	\$1800 00
" F. M. U.	
" H. E. Sharp, Treas.	220 50
" N. W. M.,	
" H. E. Sharp, Treas.	73 50
" Indian work,	
" Joseph Richards, Treas.	146 00
" G. L. M.,	
" J. S. Titus, Treas. N. B.	16 00
" Convention,	
" E. M. Sipprell, Treas.	16 00
" H. M. Committee,	
" A. Cohoon, Treas. N. S.	137 00
" and P. E. I.,	
" Printing Mission Band,	3 50
" L. M. Certificates,	6 25
" Printing Tidings,	
" Drafts, discounts, postage	6 00
	\$2,424 75

MRS. MARY SMITH, Treas W. B. M. U. Amherst, February 4th.

Mission Band Programme For March.

Singing, "Jesus Loves me."

Bible Lesson, which the Leader of Bands will prepare before the regular meeting, giving steps to several of the older members, which are marked the following passages to prove the command of aiding both Home and Foreign Missions.

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| Slips | Home Missions | Foreign Mission | Ans.—It is built on rising ground with a high hill at the West, the sea forms the boundary of the South and East. |
| (1) | Luke 24:47 | Zech 9:10 | |
| (2) | Acts 10:36, 37 | Matt 24:14 | |
| (3) | Matt 13:54 | Psaln 96:3, 10 | |
| (4) | Luke 4:44 | Luke 24:46, 48 | Leader—What is the nearest railway station? |
| (5) | Mark 3:14 | Acts 1:8 | |
| (6) | Matt 10:5, 7 | Rev 14:6 | Ans.—Vizianagram—16 miles distant. |
| (7) | Matt 11:1 | Matt 28:18, 20 | Leader—When was Bimlipatam first occupied as a Mission station? |
| (8) | Luke 10:1, 2 | Mark 16:15, 16 | Ans.—In 1875. |
| Lord's Prayer (in concert) | | | Leader—Who was the first missionary to remain permanently? |
| Singing, "Come to the Saviour" | | | Ans.—Mr. Sanford. |
| Roll Call. Each member answering by repeating a verse containing the word "Come" | | | Leader—What missionary first established a Girls Boarding School in Bimli? |
| Minutes of last meeting | | | |
| Exercise on Bimlipatam. | | | |
| Leader—Which is our most Southern Mission Station? | | | Ans. Mrs. Churchill |
| Ans.—Bimlipatam. | | | Leader—Name the young ladies who have gone from our shores and laboured in Bimli at different times. |
| Leader—Where is it situated? | | | |
| Ans.—On the Bay of Bengal. | | | Ans.—Miss Hammond [Mrs. Archibald] Miss Wright, Miss Gray, and Miss Newcomb. |
| Leader—What is the population? | | | Leader—What missionaries occupy Bimlipatam at present? |
| Ans.—10,000. | | | Ans.—Mr. and Mrs. Morse and Miss Newcombe. |
| Leader—What Castes are represented in this population? | | | |
| Ans.—Nearly all the Castes among the Hindoos | | | |
| Leader—Describe the appearance of the town. | | | Close with prayer by Leader. |