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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

For Mr. and Mrs Morse and all the native teachers and preachers on the Bimlipatam field. That Mr. Morse's letters may be a great blessing to the children. For Mission Bands and their leaders.

Suggested Program for February.

ness for the King, and each year should see an increase in membership and in funds.

HYMN.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE READING, Psa. 72. Let this be read by all.

HYMN.

READING. Tidings.

SEVERAL PRAYERS, that our prayer for the month may be answered.

DISCUSSION. How much more money can we raise than our Society sent in last year? and, how shall we add to our membership?

PRAYER. For guidance.

HYMN.

READING. Selected.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Let the President send word to the sisters of the discussion, that they may come prepared. We meet to do bus-

Letter For Tidings.

Dear Sisters:—

Mrs. Manning's letter received two weeks ago, reminded me that I must write you a letter for January "Tidings."

Sometimes it seems I have nothing of cheer to write you, but to-day I think I can tell you somethings which will make your hearts glad. You have already heard through Mr. Morse's letter of the baptism of another gold smith from Polepilly. His wife came with him, and was baptised one week after her husband. The next day after her baptism the two returned to their home. Mr. Morse and I felt we ought to go to

Polepilly for a few weeks, so as to be near the new converts and give them all the help and encouragement we could, but where to go was a puzzle.

It was too hot to live in tent, and the only house in which we could live, was the old one of the Rajah's where Miss Gray stayed while on tour in Polepilly more than three years ago. Since Somalingam's baptism, the agent of the Rajah's, Somalingam's eldest brother, has not been willing for us to live in the upper rooms, as he and his family are living in the lower part of the house. It seemed necessary for us to go, and we felt that if it was the Master's will, the way would be opened. A few days later, a letter came from the agent saying he was having the rooms made ready for us.

We went on the 6th of Oct., and remained seventeen days.

The young wife came quite often to see me and we had little talks together and I taught her some hymns. She has a very good voice for singing, and seemed to catch the air quite readily. We are greatly rejoiced that she has come out with her husband.

Somalingam's wife seems near the Kingdom. When first her husband was baptised, she did not care to hear about Jesus and he did not force her to listen. Now she asks him to tell her about the Saviour and when he reads to her of the sufferings of Christ, she seems greatly affected. I think I wrote you last year how shy she was and would not come to visit me in the tent except when Mr. Morse was away. That

shyness has disappeared and she comes now and salaams when we go to her home. I was much amused one Sunday when had a service on the veranda outside our rooms, and had a mat spread for her and the other women, behind where I was sitting at the organ. When she came in, she spied her husband's elder brother there, and according to Hindu custom, she must not sit down in his presence. She was much embarrassed, and only after some persuasion from me and assurance that such a thing was allowable under the present conditions, did she take her seat with the others. Then she kept her head behind my chair, but gradually as she became more interested in what Mr. Morse was saying, looked out from behind and seemed lost to everything but the sermon.

During Miss Gray's visit in Polepilly more than three years ago, she became especially interested in the wife of the eldest brother, and spent a great deal of time teaching her. She professed then to be believing in Christ, but after Somalingam was baptised she seemed to go back and we feared that we had been deceived.

She began to visit me from the first day we were in P. and assured me that what Miss Gray had taught her had not been forgotten, but that she was still believing. We had many talks together of Jesus and His love. She brought her old mother-in-law to see me, and explained to her the gospel story. I

did not believe she would dare to, for the old woman is hardened in Hinduism. The young woman and I sang hymns together and I asked her to explain some of them. She would do so saying, "Somalingam explained them to me!"

Her husband is much more inclined to Christianity than before and we are praying with great hope, that soon these two may give up themselves entirely to the Lord. Will you join with us in prayer for them?

I wanted to tell you in this letter of a pleasant visit we have just had in Bilibili, and of Mr. Churchill's school and work among the women, but I fear that my letter is already longer than it should be.

With Christian love to you all,

Believe me,

Yours in the work,

LILLIE P. MORSE.

Bimalipatam.

Nov. 7th 1896.

Notes for "Tidings," from N. B.

Hoping that notes from N. B. will find Tidings, your Secretary writes again.

Time that "hastes not, rests not" has been passing; how has our work prospered, so far? Have we all sent in our money at the proper time? quarterly? Are we doing more than we did last year? How are our monthly meetings attended?

We would do well to ask the question, "If the Master came to-day and enquired what we were doing for Him *this day*, what would our answer be?"

Ten new societies in N. B. this year' McLaughlin Road, Ludlow, Doaktown, Alma Tabernacle (St. John,) Upper Queensbury, Steeves Mountain, Hartland, Forest Glen, Lime Hill.

Re-organized: Petiteodiac, Oak Bay, Baillie, Hillsdale—Hammond, Hampton, Hatfield Point, Hopewell Cape, Caledonia, Baltimore, Benton, Union Corner, Marysville.

Surely, more money will be consecrated to the Lord, in this work, this year. Do not put off the work till the last quarter of the Convention year.

At one-missionary meeting a young woman brought a gold piece to Mr. Gullison, and said, "my husband gave me this to go to the exhibition in St. John, I would rather you should have the money. I will stay home."

At the home of one of our sisters a number of ladies met to re-organize an Aid Society. When the question was asked, "How many wish to re-organize?" They turned to the hostess and asked her opinion. The reply was, "Do not ask me, I have never been disorganized, I have worked, prayed and paid my dues, and gathered what I could, always." Bless the Lord for the faithful sisters.

For nearly five months the Prov. Sec., N. B., has been travelling through this beautiful province, encouraging

the fainting and striving to build up storm and sunshine, have cared for me
the waste places. The work has been when sick and comforted me when sad,
in weakness, but the power is God's. I thank you very much, and pray that
He can "make a road of our broken tne blessing of the Lord may be yours
works, a rainbow of our tears." The in your homes and societies. I believe
result of the labor is in His hands. you will have the blessing "Inasmuch

Dear sisters of N. B. who have made as ye did it" to "one of the least of
homes for me in my wanderings, have these."
smoothed difficulties, have taken their
horses and driven me miles through

M. S. Cox,
Prov. Sec., N. B.