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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

"For our Grand Ligne Mission—That there may be a special outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the school and also for Brother and Sister Grenier labouring in these Provinces."

Suggested Program for April Meeting. clothing for our poor.

PRAYER. For the manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN. "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

SCRIPTURE. Col. 1, 9-29.

PRAYER.

READING. "Tidings."

HYMN 141(Sacred Songs and Solos).

PRAYER.

READING.

DOXOLOGY.

The subject for this month hardly needs any suggestions it is so familiar.

Our sisters will note the acknowledgement from Mr. Grenier in the Messenger and Visitor of March 11th in which he thanks the members of the Berwick church for the gift of an organ, and a barrel of warm and useful

Grand Ligne is part of our Home Mission work. Let us see to it that this part of our Master's vineyard is not neglected. What a splendid offering it will be if we can only close the year with a large sum over and above what we have promised.

Two young ladies have offered themselves for the foreign field to go out next fall. "An average of nine new members in each society will do it" says a sister.

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Miss. Masse's Letter.

DEAR SISTERS;—

Very often the request comes to us to write of the work of the Grand Ligne Mission especially in connection with Feller Institute, and it is with pleasure that

I tell you in this letter something of our present work and our future hopes, knowing that if your hearts are in sympathy with us, we shall have the added blessing that your prayers and loving thoughts will bring us.

This year we have a hundred boys and girls in our school, ranging in years from thirteen to twenty-five, and in scholarship from beginners in both French and English, to those who are nearly ready to enter College. The main building is occupied by the boys, while the girls, have the large wing, but all meet together in the dining-room and at recitations.

Remembering the old saying that "Satan finds mischief still for idle hands to do," we endeavor to keep our pupils well employed. Besides the regular lessons our boys take care of their own rooms and sweep the halls and class rooms. The girls do the same in their part of the house and the dining-room work as well. All this is duly inspected by the matron and each one is taught to do his part well, so that when they leave school they will not only have a knowledge of books, but of practical work to a certain extent. In consequence of these things we expect our boys will never experience that painful helplessness as manifested on the part of some poor husbands when the wife is ill.

But alongside of this formidable (?) amount of work comes recreation. Two half holidays every week, besides a certain portion of each day when skating, snowshoeing, walking, and exercises in the gymnasium are indulged in freely.

For mental recreation we have a "Literary Society" and two school papers, besides a flourishing Temperance Society

which holds a public meeting and gives a program every month. A few good Musicals are also given every year.

But perhaps you are wondering why I mention all these little things that must necessarily be much the same in every boarding-school. It is for the reason that I would have you understand where in this school is like others and in what respects it differs. We endeavor to make this pre-eminently a religious school. We want the very atmosphere to breathe of prayer.

Every morning at nine o'clock the entire school comes together for morning worship. At night a lady teacher meets with the girls and one of the professors with the boys for evening prayer. Every Wednesday evening is devoted to the general prayer meeting led by our pastor. On Saturday evening the boys have their own special prayer service while the girls at the same time hold their weekly Christian Endeavor meeting. Besides these the pupils of course attend the regular Sunday services and Sabbath School. Then the study of the Bible is daily taken up in regular class work, not only the ordinary "Sacred History," but special classes in Bible doctrines and polemics.

There are usually from ten to fifteen Roman Catholic pupils among our number every year, and it is not often that they leave us unimpressed. In many cases they become bright christians.

One of our young women and three young men are preparing specially for missionary work. These are sent out to various fields for the summer months while they continue their studies in winter. It is an encouraging feature of our work that from this centre a christian in-

fluence is radiated in all directions through our pupils.

There have been we trust several conversions in our midst this year, but we sometimes long to see greater results, yet if we but remember that the work is the Lord's, and that we are workers together with Him, we can trust to His loving oversight that all will be well and that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

BERTHA SCOFIELD MASSE.

Feller Institute,  
March 3, 1896.

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### Notes From Nova Scotia.

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One of our sisters writes from Yarmouth. "At our last meeting, I was requested to write to Mrs. Foster, welcoming her amongst us as County Secretary, and inviting her to attend our next meeting to meet the members of our three Societies.

We will do all in our power to aid her in the work.

"At the beginning of the year, our Society appointed a committee to visit every woman in the church and get as many new members as possible, and also to collect the subscriptions quarterly. So far we have about twenty new names and hope to get at least ten more."

The above is from the Secy of the Temple Aid Society.

For the encouragement of weak and discouraged workers we quote the following from a private letter to shew that what one woman has done, when filled with the spirit of Missions—which is the Spirit of Christ—other women filled with the same spirit may do. "The men ers

of the Aid Society had become discouraged but I said if I could get two others to meet with me, we had a Society and that we must forever give up talking of it as an uncertain thing." That sounds like the christian soldier. The first meeting came, and only *two* were present. When the next month came, *seven* ladies were present; at the next *ten* came, and at the next twelve. Soon a public meeting is to be held.

There is so much news from N. S. this month that our sisters must look in April "Link" for the rest.

WANTED.

A County Secretary for Annapolis N. S.

Who will apply? Miss Bancroft who did grand work was obliged to resign. We had hoped Mrs. Eaton would take her place, but while she is doing what in her lies, she finds that ill health, prevents her really taking the work.

Apply at once to

A. E. Johnstone  
Prov. Secy. N. S.

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March 5th, 1896.

My Dear Sisters :—

You will be pleased to hear that we are getting along nicely in our Aid Society in Digby.

Yesterday we had our regular monthly meeting, which was very interesting, from the fact that we had one new member; also that we presented one of our members, Mrs. Gates, (widow of the late Rev. L. B. Gates,) with a certificate of life membership in our loved W. B. M. U. After the meeting the members remained at the parsonage (where our meetings are

always held) and we had tea, and a pleasant time together until the church bell called us to the regular weekly prayer meeting.

On Jan. 18th we organized a Junior Aid Society with fifteen members. Three others have been added since. The members of this Society are most hopeful. They are anxious to support a girl in Mrs. Churchill's school. I have written Mrs. Churchill asking for a girl we can call our very own.

Our County is doing good work this year. Westport, Freeport, Smith's Cove and Digby have held Twenty-fifth Anniversary meetings. St. Mary's Bay or Barton intend having such a meeting in the near future, also to organize a Mission Band. Mrs. Crabbe is taking hold of the work well.

Yours in the work,  
EDITH S. DYKEMAN

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Plymton, N. S.
Feb. 12th, 1896.

Dear Fellow Workers :—

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and I feel most happy to write you a short account of our work.

As you know, we began work at the beginning of May 1895. The mission had been given up for several years, and we first had to begin all over again. We found the people ready to receive us and our work has been to visit them as much as possible and to have them come and see us. We have been holding meetings every Sunday afternoon in the Chapel, which is situated at a distance of about $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles back on what is called the "French Road," which latter derives its name from the fact that there are French people living all along that road.

We have a nice little chapel but no organ yet—still we are happy at the prospect of having one in a few weeks. The Lord has inclined the hearts of some of His people to remember us and we are most grateful.

Our meetings are well attended, always a few Catholics and they are most attentive. A few families have the word of God and gladly read it. The word is making its way into the hearts and we feel encouraged, we know the the Lord is mighty to save.

The women are more liberal here than the men, so that helps me in my special work.

We have spent evenings in catholic homes and we were always asked to sing our hymns. The French are very fond of music.

Mr. Grenier preaches in English and we sing both in English and in French.

The people are very polite and cordial, and appreciate anything you do for them. Many do not know how to read, but whenever we find out some who can read we give them tracts. The priest has his eyes wide open and tries to hinder us, but we pay no heed—the Gospel must do its work.

Not a great while ago the priest ordered all who had Bibles to burn them and a good number obeyed orders, but a few who were a little wiser, never told the priest that they had any and in this way they have the book still in their possession unawares to their spiritual adviser. I have seen the bible in some of the homes and the women anxious to have me read to them.

The Lord help these poor people, they are to be pitied. May we prove profitable servants in the vineyard.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I remain,

Yours in the work,
Jemima Grenier.