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# W. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.  
"Work together with Him."

### PRAYER TOPIC.

For the Northwest Mission, the work among the Indians, and all the laborers, that this year there may be a great ingathering of souls. For the officers of our Union and Missionary Societies.

### The Greatest Need of the Indians.

BY REV. S. VAN TASSEL.

White Missionary to the Indians in Manitoba.

What is the greatest need of the Indians? Some would said to be civilized. All admit they need to be civilized, and we find that this is being done in various ways—by special efforts of the Government and Christian societies and also by their coming in contact with the white population.

Their greatest need is to be educated say others. This is a means to their civilization. And educated they are. Wherever it is possible to have schools among them they are found. The different denominations working among them, aided by the Government, are endeavoring to instruct the children. All may attend the ordinary schools, and many have the privilege of remaining for some years in the Industrial Training schools.

But few will allow that these are sufficient that nothing more is needed or that these are the most important needs to be supplied. They must be Christianized. They must be won from their heathen religion to Christian religion, and instructed in Christian doctrines. And when this is done, when an Indian gives up his old religion and confesses himself to be a Christian, many think that the great need has been supplied, and that nothing more is required. Let us see if this is so. Come with me to St. Peter's Reserve, where the greatest improvement has been made with the Indians, and where work has been carried on

the longest. We find that they are indeed civilized. They have neat log houses. Some of them are thatched, but most are shingled. Neat fences surround them, gardens and tilled land are found on every side. Most of the houses are well furnished with tables, chairs, stoves and bedsteads. Mats are on the floors and pictures on the walls. The people are neat in appearance. Nearly every one can speak good English. Many can read. All wear the European dress of the families of the South end of the reserve who are still heathen, and profess to be Christians and are church members.

Is anything more needed? We are told there is not, and there is nothing for us to do here. But as we are here on the Reserve let us look about a little and inquire into things, and see if this be true. Here is the road from Seikirk to the Reserve, and it is Saturday night. Waggon after wagon presses with its load of drunken, brawling, quarreling Indians. Many of them will be at the communion table to-morrow.

At holiday times and on special occasions, dances with drunkenness and worse sins are all over the reserve. The lives of many are ruined, and you will find gross sins quite needed?

Have a talk with these people and speak to them of these things and you will find many are carnally minded, and many of the women will be saved. They don't

spiritually blind and dead. Is anything more needed by them than what they already have?

But it may be asked, "Do not the preachers give them what they need?" Let us listen to them preach.

Why they are blind as well! They are leading the blind! They say nothing about God's way of salvation, nothing about righteousness, and the poor? are not saved, and

At the end of the road I asked him what he had to say to the people during the week he was unsaved. Sadly he said, "I don't know of that, but my prayer is that God will spare me to preach the Truth."

He believed that he was being saved. I asked him if he was. He believed that he was, but he was afraid to say so. After my conversation I became convinced that he was converted, and he was glad to be talking of it.

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mits them to go on all their lives in sin and at last buries them in "a sure and certain hope of the resurrection" is exactly what suits them. But we are thankful that this is not true of all. Already many are disgusted with their own and their fellows' sinful ways, and are longing and looking for something better. We see here at St. Peter's and north at Fairford, and from many other points the Indians are begging us to come and preach to them. Many have found "the new thing needful," and others want it. We could place a number of men at once on fields where had them and he means to do so, but we have not.

What will become of these Indians if this greatest need is not supplied? Is it the duty of the Baptists of Canada to supply it?

**P. E. Island Notes.**

CHARLOTTETOWN, Oct. 9th, 1897

Dear Mrs. Smith,—

As my postal was two late for **THE TIMES**, thought I would send you a few items of later date.

Miss McLeod, leader of Dundas Mission Band writes: "So glad and thankful that you and Mrs. Higgins visited us and organized a M. B. in connection with our S. S. It will do the older ones good as well as the children. Our first meeting was full of interest and the program in **THE TIMES** was just what we needed."

A Mission Band was organized at East Point, the 26th Sept., under the leadership of Mr. Roberts, with a membership of forty.

Charlottetown M. B. organized in connection with the S. S. First Sunday in Sept., under the leadership of Mr. Bethune. First meeting Oct. 3rd was held at the place of the S. S. After the preliminaries Mr. Archibald returned missionary. A most interesting address giving us a glimpse of child life in India.

Charlottetown B. M. A. S. is going to observe Crusade Day.

Yours in affection,

M. C. DAVIES.

**Notes for Tidings, N. B.**

New societies:—One formed at Midgie Westmorland Co., Sept. 12th. Mission Bands organized at Point de Bute.

Co Sec. for York County, Miss Ella B. Clarke, Fredericton.

Meetings:—Successful missionary meetings were held at the N. B. Convention at Gibson, Sept. 12th and 15th.

At Chipman Oct. 11th, Crusade day. A meeting of the Aid Society at 2 p. m. and a mission Band meeting later in the afternoon, followed by a public meeting in the evening. Mrs. J. W. Manning was present and spoke at all the meetings. The presence of our President added much to the interest of the meetings.

The 21st anniversary of the Aid Society of 3rd Grand Lake Church was held in the Under Meeting House at the Range 15th inst. 8.30 p. m. The Society was organized with 21 members now the number is 42. Not only the charter members were present. The President of the W. B. U., was present and took part in the services. It was a good meeting. The Treasurer brought in a statement of monies sent to W. B. M. U. During the 21 years, they had sent \$1,100 to the Treasurers, \$250 of which was for the memberships.

Miss Lenora Barton, Mission Band Superintendent, N. B. would be glad to hear from every Band in the Province. Especially she wishes to know the names of Band Leaders, Presidents and Secretaries.

CHIPMAN, Oct. 1897.

Dear Sisters of the W. M. A. S.—

The first quarter of this Convention year is nearly over. What have we done in it, to make this a successful year?

Have we prayed more? Have our gifts been "as the Lord hath prospered?"

Do we remember the Saturday night, 9 p. m. PRAYER MEETING, each in her own closet? Have we forgotten that at that hour we have promised to pray for the workers on the Foreign field? "Let us now be weary in well doing" "Soldiers of Christ arise, and gird your armor on"

Say in the "Psalm" "Be strong, in the Lord"

Jehovah is ever our strength."

Yours in the work,  
Margaret S. Cox,  
Prov. Sec. N. B.

**Programme for Mission Band.**

Hymn, "Jesus Was My Friend, This I Know"

The Lord's Prayer (in concert.)  
Responsive Reading, John 1: 1-11.  
Minutes of previous meeting.  
Roll call. Each answering by repeating a passage of Scripture containing the word, God.

Singing, "The Light of the World is Jesus"

Review of last month's lesson and its continuation found in Tidings.

Recitations by several members of the Band. Subject, "Missions."  
Close with Prayer and singing, "Over the Ocean Wave, etc."

Leader. At what station is Mr. Morse?

Ans. Bimlipatam.

Leader. How many stations have our missionaries occupied on the Telegu field?

Ans. Six.

Leader. Name them.

Ans. Bimlipatam, Bobbili, Chicacole, Vizianagram, Parlakimedi, PalKineda.

Leader. What missionaries are at Bobbili?

Ans. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, and Miss Harrison.

Leader. Who occupy Chicacole?

Ans. Mr and Mrs. Archibald?

Leader. Who are at Vizianagram?

Ans. Mr. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Guelson, and Miss Newcombe

Leader. Who are on the PalKineda Field?

Ans. Mr. and Mrs. Grey, and Miss Clarke.

Leader. Name the missionaries who have been obliged to return home on account of ill-health and are still in the home land?

Ans. Mrs. Sanford, Miss Gray, Miss Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins.

Leader. Have we any new missionaries who intend going to India this autumn?

Ans. We have.

Leader. Name them.

Ans. Miss Archibald and Mr. Schutt.

Leader. Does Mr. Higgins return with them?

Ans. He does, but Mrs. Higgins' health will not admit of her going before, at least, another year.

Leader. What is the population of Bimlipatam?

Ans. 250,000.

Leader. What is the population of Bobbili?

Ans. 250,000.

Leader. What is the population of Chicacole?

Ans. 650,000.

Leader. What is the population of Vizianagram?

Ans. 280,000.

Leader. What is the population of Parlakimeda?

Ans. 35,000.

Leader. What is the population of PalKineda?

Ans. 230,000.