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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For our Convention that wisdom may be given to guide in all the affairs and such plans be made as shall glorify God and extend His Kingdom in the earth

Suggested Programme for August.

HYMN

PRAYER by Leader

BIBLE READING—which has been prepared before hand. (A grand subject would be the different names given to Christ in the first chapter of John's gospel.)

HYMN

SEVERAL prayers remembering the topics

READING—Tidings.

QUESTION by the Leader. Has the blank form been received from the Provincial Secretary? and if so, has it been filled out?

A good plan would be for the Society to go over this report, and note the advance made during the year, or

CLOSING PRAYER.

The book, entitled "Chundra Lela the Converted Fakir" discussed by Miss Mabel Archibald in last number of Tidings is now to be found in the Bureau of Literature and will gladly be forwarded to anyone on receipt of three (3) cents to cover postage.

Letter For Tidings.

Dear Sisters

When the thermometer is ranging sound in the winters I think you will agree with me that it is almost too

much to expect a letter especially when I remember that the last one I wrote never reached you. It left in time but Mrs Smith wrote me that it was delayed en route, so did not reach Amherst in time for Feb. Tidings so was left out in the cold. This one is starting off hot enough so I hope it will make good passage and not share the fate of its predecessor.

The days and weeks are passing very quickly and we hope that ere long the monsoon will be here. How we long for it. The lives of so many people depend on the rains or rather the crops that follow. We in Chicacole have very much to be thankful for not the least being our ability to stay on the plains and continue our work uninterrupted throughout this trying season.

As I was looking over my diary this morning I thought perhaps you would like to know how I spent our hottest month. So I am going to try and show you the Chicacole work as I see it. Every morning soon after six I go out and stay until the sun drives me home. Herrimah has been my daily companion and together we have tried to make the religion of Jesus Christ real to these people.

They seem willing to believe the facts and say yes we know this is the true way, but to make a personal application to their own lives is what they do not seem ready to do; When

the conversation gets too personal they generally remember something they forgot to do or that it is time they were at their cooking. They are afraid of the truth. I have a very good illustration of this in Arsaville. I had a little school among the children, but when Mr Archibald tried to buy land and settle a preacher among them to preach and teach they made a great time and so far have prevented his getting any land. My children have been scattered but after the scare subsides a little I expect them back again. I have two nice little Sunday Schools, one on Sunday morning and the other in the evening. The children are getting along very very nicely, they can sing several hymns and answer quite a few Bible questions. While I am teaching, the big folks stand around and show quite an interest in the lessons.

The Bible Class that I have had since the first of the year among the Sudra women has not been so well attended lately as the people are so busy going to weddings. They give great dinners and feast for ten days after each wedding. We went to one wedding and stayed all night to see the whole performance. I wish I had space here to tell of their fantastic dress, torchlight procession, the arrival of the bridegroom on a white horse, the wedding ceremony, etc etc. I will tell you one thing that will be a surprise viz. Until the ceremony was more than half over the bride and groom had never in their lives seen each others face or exchanged words. He was about twenty-five and she ten years old. The bride was so loaded down with jewelry that she complained of the weight. Many of the women present had anywhere between two and six hundred dollars worth of jewelry on. Such a waste of money but to have lots of jewels is their greatest ambition. Some in my class seem very much interested and I enjoy the hour a week spent with them very much indeed.

Two of my Bible women who are

here at the station have not been able to do any work for some time. One has a little boy a month old and the other a little girl born on the Queen's birthday. Herrimah and I have visited fourteen villages besides the town work during May and I see by my diary that I have made seventy-eight visits during the month. We have found some especially interesting cases and we do pray that those who seem so near the kingdom may have the courage to come out. I will tell you of one woman that I want you to pray especially for. She has said for quite a while that she is believing and since my last talk with her I feel convinced that she is converted. I have invited her many times to church and she would like to go but her husband objects. Last week he said if any of the other women went she might go so Sunday morning when I called there she was all ready but I could not get another woman to go so she had to stay home.

Her husband always makes it a point to get away when he sees me coming so I have never been able to meet him. When she could not go to meeting we sat down and had a little meeting together. I read to her about Christ's baptism and pointed out to her that if we wished to be His children we must follow his example. I then prayed with her asking the Lord to show her his will and help her to do it, after praying I asked her to pray, and in a few short sentences she told the Lord that she was a great sinner but that she believe He had died to save her, and that she felt He had forgiven her.

It will be hard for this woman to leave her home and friends but we feel that they cannot be christians and remain in heathenism so we urge their coming out. Sisters will you pray that the Holy Spirit may so work in her that she may have the strength to give up all and follow Christ. I must give you one item of good news before I close we have had the pleasure of welcoming our Lady Apothecary, Mrs Huffton to Chicacole.

Already she has been called to several cases in the town.

In a very few days she hopes to be settled and ready for full work.

Wishing you every blessing in your work. I am yours very sincerely
Martha Clark

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Notes From N. B.

Again, notes from N. B. are in order. The Associations are in the past. The work accomplished is a matter of history.

Many of our societies have been stimulated by a visit from Mrs Churchill, whose visit to N. B. has been productive of much good. Many of our people do not seem to know the needs of the work, so we must give 'line upon line, precept upon precept.'

At East Florenceville, Mrs Churchill organized a new Aid Society, Mrs A D Hartley, Pres., Miss Maud Hartley, Sec'y.

At Sussex at the close of the Association meetings Mrs Churchill organized an Aidd Society, Mrs. C. T. White Pres, Mrs Mel. Scott, Sec'y.

Blank forms have been sent to every Aid Sociey and Mission Band. Will the secretaries see that they are filled out and sent to me at Chipman, by August 10th.

Again, we must ask the societies and Bands to send money only to our own treasurer for Home and Foreign Missions, leaving the dividing for Home Missions to be done by the Treasurer, pro rata, as the Union ordered last year at Truro.

The year will have closed ere you read these lines, our new year will have begun. Let us do daily work this year beginning with the first day.

Another favor, I would be glad if every society would send me a list of the principal officers whenever new ones are elected. It is so hard to keep up communication with societies when the secretary's name is unknown. Now let the work begin.

M. S. Cox

Prov. Sec., N. S.

Notes From P. E. I.

Work among our societies is slowly but surely advancing. We realize it is but the dawn of spiritual awakenings. We seek the Master's words of commendation. "Women great is your faith, be it unto you as you will.

Our last notes were from some of our societies in the west, we now wish

to say a few words of several of our societies in the east with whom we have come in personal contact of late.

At Hazelbrook and Alexandra we find two well equipped, well sustained societies. They are earnest workers in this noble cause of "women's work for women." Their devotional services as well as their social hours spent together are highly prized by all and in them both they are working for the Master. Both of these societies have under their care a Mission Band with Mrs J C Spurr as Supt (or Leader.) We were just amazed and delighted with the work done by those children in the short time of their existence as bands and our hearts were cheered with the eagerness and earnestness of the little faces as they answered the questions and repeated their verses of Scripture, or recited some touching little poem, but we were not surprised that such was so when we knew the leader. We realized fully what a work among the children could be accomplished with a consecrated energetic Supt. such as theirs. She with her hand in the "Hand of the Father" is willing to do His bidding and to work for the extension of His Kingdom and for "His honor and His glory. Would that many more such lives (busy lives) would come forth to lead the youth in our province in this "Mission Band work."

At Montague the Society is very small, but we spent a pleasant season together and as we talked over the work and our responsibility our hearts burned within us that we might be willing (in the absence of strength and numbers) to do our individual parts with more wholehearted determination and persistence, and stronger faith, remembering the words, "As thou wilt be it unto thee." It was truly a time of refreshing and we separated with the full assurance that it was good to be there and to have waited upon the Lord.

We were pleased with the opportunity of meeting with Mrs C. W. Turner and to have her co-operation in our work. They are very few, yet with Mrs Turner's assistance and the consecrated zeal of their faithful sec-

retary, Mrs Robertson, and God over all, we are encouraged for great possibilities to be attained in the near future by this society. Our pastors could do so much if they only would toward encouraging and helping to up-build a weak society. Let us pray that they all see their duty and do what they can towards its advancement.

About 25 women came together to meet us at Charlottetown. We were pleased to meet so many and enjoyed the hour spent together in prayer and praise, but the question kept itself before us "Why are there not more interested enough to come out to see, and to hear and to pray?" At Charlottetown they are strong in numbers, (but after we except the always faithful few) we fear about the strength of interest. We pray that God will lead them and us into clearer paths where we can behold and know our personal responsibility in this work of sending the light into the darkened lives of our unfortunate sisters. We were pleased to meet at Alexandra and Charlottetown our sisters Mrs Samuel Wood and Mrs Desbrisay who have for many years served these societies as their Presidents and to hear from these sisters such strong words of faith and trust in His promises.

Might mention that Mrs A F Brown of North River was with me on this tour and her words of quiet encouragement was most heartily received by the sisters.

There are a number of other societies of whom you have not heard but they are quietly moving on and doing what they can, but it is with them as with all of us, not all we can do, we all have room to "move our fences further out."

In June it was our privilege to visit several societies and to become somewhat acquainted with their methods of work.

At Bedeque we met in their annual meeting at the home of Mrs Caleb Taylor (Freetown.) Were much pleased with the large number in attendance. We are glad to report that the sisters of Freetown have organized a Mission Band and we hope for grand results.

At Summerside though fewer in

numbers, (that is not so many sisters actively engaged in our W M A Society) yet the few who are within the circle seem interested workers; We pray that the sisters of that society may see the importance of a Mission Band planted and growing under their direct control.

At Long Creek the afternoon and evening of June 16th were spent profitably we trust.

A Mission Band was organized with Mrs W E Stretch as the Supt. (or Leader) and nine names enrolled as members. Surely with such a Band of bright helpers and with such an interested Leader strong and lasting work must be done for the Master. Shall we not all make special prayer earnest prayer for these new bands.

At Clyde River (Mrs A F Brown the pastor's wife) has organized a Band and we look for growth there.

Sisters let us lay hold of this Mission education among the youth of our land, let us exert all our "God given" powers for the extension of this work. Need hardly mentioned the pleasure we derived by the presence of our Pres (Mrs Manning) at our Associational gathering at Tyron, for you all know how eagerly we have awaited this visit. Her words spoken to us have their influence we hope throughout our individual societies. The representation from our societies was grand but let us swell this more each year

From twenty two societies, seventeen were personally represented, and from many societies two or more delegates or members present. May the All Father give strength to His workers and increase of labor.

Prov. Sec'y

Suggested Programme For Mission Bands, August.

SINGING. "To the Work."

BIBLE LESSON. Psalm 23rd.

MINUTES of last meeting; and let the Secretary have a brief report of the years work.

ROLL CALL Each answering by repeating a verse from the Bible containing the word "Forward."

OUR MISSIONARY CREED (In concert.)

SINGING "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

A short review of the lessons studied during the past year.

Close with prayer by Leader.