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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

“Workers together with Him.”

PRAYER TOPIC.

For Mr. Sandford that he may have health and great success in winning souls for Christ—For Mr and Mrs. Gullison, that they may speedily acquire the land and be greatly blessed in their work.

Suggested Program for May.

OPENING PRAYER.

HYMN.

SCRIPTURE. John 19: 1-30.

PRAYER, remembering the topic for the month.

HYMN.

READING. Tidings.

PRAYER.

TREASURER'S report for the quarter.

DISCUSSION: How may our Society increase its offerings to Home and Foreign Missions.

PRAYER. Appointment of delegates for Association.

HYMN.

Suggested Program for June.

HYMN.

PRAYER, remembering the topic.

SCRIPTURE. Psa 67.

Let the leader call attention to the two reasons given for blessing and for praise in this Psalm.

HYMN.

READING. Tidings.

SEVERAL Prayers.

APPOINTMENT of delegates to the several Association.

PRAYER.

CLOSING HYMN.

Notice.

All monies intended for Famine Fund are to be sent to T. W. Manning, Treas. F. M. B., 178, Wentworth St., St. John, and not to Mary Smith, Treas. of the W. B. M. U.

Remember, do not send American currency to the W. B. M. U. Treasurer.

All correspondence regarding “Tidings” please send to Miss Bessie Harding, Amherst.

NOTE.—Will the sister sending P. O. Order for two dollars and twenty-five cents, drawn at Shelburne, kindly in

form me too what place to credit the money.

MARY SMITH,
Treas. W. B. M. U.

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As Mrs. Gullison's letter for Tidings has not reached us we take the liberty of publishing this private one.

Mission House,  
Vizianagram,  
March 9, 1897.

My dear sister :

After two months spent in this country we are beginning to form some idea of what life in India for foreigner and native is like.

Living as we do at Vizianagram, some little distance from the town we escape a great deal of the wretchedness one living in the town would be brought in contact with, but we see sufficient to prove to us that the power of satan is having unlimited sway in this land. As we think of the darkness, more dense than the blackest night, which paganism has thrown like a great deathly pall over this land ; and as we learn to what a surprising extent, and how lovingly her sons and daughters are wedded to it, we cannot wonder that there are no more converts to christianity than there are. They hug to their bosom the serpent that poisons body and soul, and kiss with affection the rod of evil that smites them. Truly "they love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

A genuine conversion of a native to christianity is as great a miracle as

any our blessed Lord ever wrought during his incarnation. Steeped in sin as they have been for centuries without a ray of the "Light of the world," how can we look for anything else from these poor unfortunates. Indeed, from a human standpoint it seems too much to expect that they will accept Jesus and suffer the persecution which naturally follows.

As I look upon them and think of superstition and ignorance the question always arises "Would I have been any different under similar circumstances ?

Ah, we don't realize how we have been blessed by having been born in a christian land.

Neither do we realize what a great responsibility rests upon us for that very reason. I never felt this while in the home-land as I have since coming here.

Although it seems impossible from a human stand-point to bring a heathen soul to Christ, yet the power of God is being felt. Yesterday we were made to rejoice because of the good news Mr. Churchill sent us. He has been touring out at Riagnudda, where those six were baptized some time ago. He sends us the glad message that eleven more have been buried with Christ in baptism. Isn't that encouraging ? Our people at home must thank God and take courage ; better days are dawning for our beloved mission. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Miss Wright has left us to return to the home-land. She went on board the steamer at Calingapatam last Saturday.

Mr. Morse went out to see her at Bimlipatam. The poor girl had fever and was feeling too ill to go on shore.

We regret very much her departure. Every worker is needed so much here; but our prayers follow her and we hope that her health may be restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey and child and Miss Clarke went through Vizianagram on the train last night about 2 o'clock, on their way to Madras. Mr. Gullison went down to see them.

You have no doubt heard all about Mrs. Corey's illness. We are so thankful her life has been spared thus far, and sincerely hope that she will get permanent help at Madras hospital. They have had a good deal of sickness since coming to India, and if any of the missionaries need the prayers and sympathies of God's people, dear brother and sister Corey do.

Miss Clarke will go from Madras to Ootacamund. She is not at all well, but we trust that a few months spent at the hills will result in restoring her to health.

In about a fortnight we go to Chica-cole where we expect to spend the hot season. We go there in response to the urgent request of brother and sister Archibald, who thinks that she will get more benefit from her trip to the hills if we are there to give a helping hand.

Our health has been real good since

landing in this country. During the past week I have had some fever caused by vaccination. But the worst is over and I expect to regain my usual good health in a few days.

Although we are not making as rapid progress as we desire in acquiring the language, we are not discouraged. We know we will gain a working knowledge of it in time, so we persevere onward.

Mr. Sanford is quite well and has been spending a good deal of time on tour during the past month.

Remembering that we are "Workers together with him," I remain

Yours in His name,  
NETTIE GULLISON.

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#### A Message.

We have a message for you, dear sisters, and the way you consider it will decide the eternal destiny of souls for whom Christ died.

To make sure that the message has any claim upon you, please recall the words of our Divine Master, "Go ye in to all the world." Also his very last words spoken on earth, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Being fully persuaded that Christ's mission was the salvation of the whole world, and being plainly taught by His own words what is the human agency to fulfill this mission, your heart will be ready to receive the message, and you will be willing to help to the utmost of your ability.

God will not excuse any of us from doing her part. Do you say you are too busy? Christ says, "Go." Do you say, "There is plenty to do at home?" He says "To the uttermost parts of the earth." Do you say you are not interested? Do you dare tell God that you are not interested in a cause for which he gave His Son?

When one of a family is ill, how soon business and pleasure are set aside. Every effort is turned toward the comfort of the loved one. Time, strength, and money are not considered if health may be restored. Not only one, but millions of God's people are sick and dying. God has given to the Christian world the only Name whereby they must be saved; and in withholding the only remedy from those who have never heard of the Great Physician, we are actually barring the

gates of heaven to them. What is possible for us to do, let us do quickly, for at every tick of the clock a heathen soul goes out into darkness.

'Christ died! and still the mandate  
Is sounding from above  
'Go preach to every creature  
The gospel of my love.'

Send bread to all the starving,  
Nor wait for time to roll,—  
Oh, tell me! Is there hunger  
Like the hunger of the soul.

Shall' we then, O my sisters,  
Sit idly by the way?  
With lamps untrimmed and useless,  
Await the dawn of day?

No! Let us rouse to duty,  
And send o'er mount and wave  
The watchword, clear and thrilling,  
'Christ Jesus came to save.'