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Motto for the Year.

“Workers together with Him.”

Prayer Topic.

For Mr Sandford and Mr. and Mrs Gullison, that their hearts may be made to rejoice by seeing the heathen brought to Christ.

Suggested Programme for May.

- Prayer
- Bible reading on the word “Go”
(Let this be prepared by one of the members)
- Singing
- Prayer by several
- Reading. Tidings
- Minutes of last meeting
- Closing prayer.

Suggested Programme for June

- Opening prayer
- Singing
- Scripture. Phil 3: 1—16
- Prayer
- Reading of Tidings
- Prayer
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Business. Appointing of Delegates to our Association
- Prayer.

At this meeting let all the tithes be brought into the store house.

Notice

Aid Societies and Mission Bands in Nova Scotia.

ATTENTION!

If any of you have changed either President or Secretary since last July, please notify me, *at once*, giving name and P. O. Address of each in full as well as name of the Society.

Amy E. Johnston
Prov. Sec'y for N. S.

The following is the method adopted by the Halifax Ist Ch. W. M. A. S. for collecting their money. We print it, as it may be suggestive to other societies

Instead of appointing collectors as formerly, we had envelopes printed (sample enclosed) and placed in the pews, collection taken monthly. The Sunday on which the announcement is made of our meeting, it is also announced that collection will be taken next Sunday for the W. M. A. S. We feel quite pleased with this new movement as you are aware about \$70. has already been sent in.

All contributors to Tidings must have their manuscript in the editor's hands on or before the twentieth of each month. We are obliged to issue this month's paper without some important matter on account of it not being to hand.

Vizianagram.

March, 1898.

My Dear Sisters:—

Again the privilege comes to me of addressing a few words to you through “Tidings.” Would that I could meet you all in your monthly gathering. Then you could freely question me in regard to such subjects as are of most interest to you, and I could as freely answer. How much more satisfactory it would be! However, through letters received from members of differ-

ent Societies—I have an idea of what questions you would ask.

Perhaps the first would be, "How are all the Missionaries?" I think, generally speaking, we are enjoying better health than last year at this time. The Lord has graciously spared Mrs. Corey to us. Although she is not yet strong, her health has wonderfully improved. We cannot be thankful enough for this. Mrs. Archibald is also feeling better than she did last year. However, the condition of her health, even now, will not warrant her staying on the plains during the hot season. The others, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, are well. The time is drawing near when we must bid these veteran workers farewell. We are sorry that they must go from us. But it is best that they should. We pray that their health may be so restored after a year or two spent in the home land, that they may be enabled to return to us, and their much loved work again.

We have had a delightful cool season; better than has been experienced for years. But now there is a change. The weather is getting very warm. Soon we will be sighing for a good Nova Scotia Breeze. We hope to escape some of the intense heat this year. There is a hill, not far from Parlikimedy, which the missionaries have named "Nova Scotia." Mr. Corey and Mr. Gullison are uniting in erecting a little house there, for a shelter during a few of the hottest weeks of the season. So, if all goes well, by the time this letter reaches you, we will probably not be in need of as much of your sympathy as those who are living 4000 feet below us.

Another question a great many ask, is, "What does India look like?" Well sisters, I have not seen a great deal of the country, not even all of our own field. But what I have seen is pretty. The trees are rich in foliage, even when the ground is parched and dry, and not a green blade of grass is to be seen. The stately palm, the

wide spreading banyan, the shady mango, and many other trees, the names of which I do not know, beautify the land the whole year through. But when the rainy season comes, the country is a charming picture.

The far stretching fields with their varied shades of green; the fresh water, filling the rivers, overflowing the tanks, and flooding the paddy patches; the beautiful flowers and plants; the sharp peaked hills dotting the landscape, are so many touches of the Divine Artist, all uniting to remind us of His love, wisdom and power.

Then again this question comes to us: "How do you like the people?" We can thank the Lord for giving us some love in our hearts for them, although many are very unlovable. Sometimes I think if our feelings were analyzed it would be found that we had more pity than love. The people seem to have so little to live for. The lower classes work hard from morning until night—and if at the beginning and close of the day, they have enough food of the coarsest kind—not rice, for that would be too expensive—to satisfy the pangs of hunger, they lie down on the bare mud floors of their stived up little huts, and sleep until it is time for them to go to work again. Not even one little ray of sunshine, brightens their wretched lives. Oh the God of Grace the Saviour of Love, the Spirit of Comfort, they are woefully ignorant. And the saddest fact is they are willingly ignorant. The great majority seem satisfied with idolatry. They do not want to be disturbed from their sleep of death. Yet Christ died for them. And we believe it to be His will that the comfort of the gospel be unto them, as well as unto us. Oh how it would take away the bitterness from their cheerless lives, if they knew a real, living sympathizing God. It certainly is not God's fault that their life and death is thus hopeless. Dare we say, sisters, it is not ours.

But what are the higher classes like? There is no class of people

Notes From New Brunswick.

NEW SOCIETY.

A Missionary Aid Society was organized at Bloomfield, Kings Co., N. B. March 22nd. Miss Nelson Hayes, Pres. Miss Sophie Pickle, Sec-Treas. We hope this society will be a power for good. Their numbers are small at present. "May the little one become a thousand"

CO. SEC. WORK.

Dear Sisters, will you read the instructions to Co. Sec'y sent to each of you by the Executive Board and notice particularly the paragraph relating to County Conventions?

In how many counties in N. B. has there been a County Convention either in connection with quarterly meetings or otherwise? In how many counties will there be a Convention of Aid Societies during May? In June the Association meetings will begin.

Aid Societies

Dear Sisters, how many of your Societies, will either send a delegate, or failing that, a letter, not the regular report, but a letter telling of your work, to the different Association gatherings in N. B. this summer? Send your letter to the Prov. Sec. She will see that it is read, only send it before the Association not late enough to come in a day or two after.

Last year at the Eastern Association we had reports from 23 Aids. Can we not do as well in the other Associations this year?

As the spring revives the earth will we not awake to greater diligence. To each of us the master says, "Go work to day in vineyard."

M. S. C.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands

Singing "Jesus bids us shine"
23rd Psalm (in concert)

Roll Call, each answering by repeating a verse containing the word Sing.

Minutes of previous meeting
Singing "Jesus loves me."

the face of the earth as conceited as the Brahmins. They seem to say with each step they take "We are the people." Our munchis are Brahmins. They come to the Mission House to teach us in the morning. After they take leave they go to the tank and bathe. Then putting on different clothing, they are prepared to enter their homes. The clothes they wore at the Mission House are put away where no one need touch them. And why do they do this? Simply because they think by coming in contact with us they are defiled. One day I made some cookies. Thinking Mr. Gullism would like to sample them, I put a few on a plate and took them to his study. Wishing to be polite, I offered them to the munchi. He magned and said, "I cannot touch them. I asked why. He answered. "On your cook made them, and we don't eat anything made by outcast people." I informed him that my cook had nothing to do with them, and that I made them myself. But" says he "I cannot eat them, and upon my inquiry as to the reason, he politely informed me that though my cook had not made these, he had made other things that I had eaten, and therefore it would defile him as much to eat what I had made as it as it would if the cook had made it. Dont you pity your poor unclean missionaries, sisters? Ah! The Brahmins are a haughty proud lot. But their pride must have a fall. The day is coming, when Brahminism, the mighty bulwark of Hinduism must come to the ground. My Munchi told me, not long ago, that government positions are now given to christians in preference to Brahmins, even though the Brahmins are better educated. A cheer for the progress of christianity sisters.

Now I think this is a good place to close my letter. If I have written too much please write and let me know. We would be glad to get letters from you all. Praying Heavens richest blessing upon you as you labour together with Him, I remain

Yours and His
Nettie B. Gullism.

Questions. What goddess is mentioned in the 19th, chapter of Acts, what people worshipped her, and what was their prayer?

What heathen god is mentioned in 1 Samuel 5th, chapter, and what happened to him?

What does our God say concerning idols, and how they are made? Read Isaiah 44, chapter, verses 9—16.

What is said about idols in Psalm 115?

Ask one of the older pupils to prepare a short paper on the idols of India for next meeting.

Close with prayer by leader.

My Dear Mrs Smith.

I enclose you herewith a P. O. order for \$6.50 to be appropriated to Foreign Mission work.

The history of this monecy is as follows:—

5[¢] Some time ago I gave each member of my S. S. class \$5 to see what they could make out of it in a year, for the cause of missions. Shortly after doing this the class disbanded, but four of the members kept up an interest in their work. One of the girls brought 5[¢] me \$3.50 as the result of her \$5 gotten as follows:—

She purchased tissue paper and made it up into several small articles, which she sold, and used the proceeds for the purchase of material to make table mats. These were disposed of to purchase more material for other articles, and so on till by the end of the year she had gotten the \$3.50 to send you. She had hoped to have had \$5 but owing to adverse circumstances was prevented from realizing that amount.

5[¢] Another of the girls who is very delicate, and had the care of a sick mother and very slender means brought me \$1 as the result of her \$5. I think some of the amount was realized by raising for sale summer savoury and small garden produce.

Another one who is now out at service as a domestic, and who was prevented by ill health from completing her work sent me \$1 from her earnings.

The other dollar is my own and was partly secured by selling things out of my garden.

Rev. L. O. F. Côté, Pastor. Our vigorous and enthusiastic brother has made himself felt this year in the city of Sorel. Catholics both fear and respect him. He believes the field is becoming white for the harvest. The poor disciples are experiencing the difficulty which has faced us so often, of procuring work. More than forty converts have been baptized in Sorel, but a membership of only twenty-four now remain, the others having emigrated. Romanists attend the services at all times, more especially in winter. On the 21st of March last, when five converts were baptized, more than 200 Romanists witnessed the ordinance with respect, and were very attentive. On several occasions Mr. Cote has gone forth to do evangelistic work. He spent nearly five weeks in Rockland and East Templeton, the result of which was a number of conversions and baptisms, besides a general stirring up of interest among the converted and unconverted. During his absence the Rev. N. Gregoire ministered to the people in Sorel. The little band raised \$30 towards painting the building and fencing the lot in front of church. There is an average attendance at church of about 25, with 20 scholars in the Sabbath school. Hundreds of Romanists have been conversed with during the year, and a large number of tracts, New Testaments, Bibles and portions of Scripture distributed.

In summing up the results of this year's work, we cannot but be encouraged. All our fields and churches have more than kept their own, with increasing congregations, and forty persons have been baptized, quite a number having received the ordinance at Grande Ligne while pupils of the Institute. Gospel light and words of truth are thus constantly radiating while we see only a part of the results.

On behalf of the board,

THEODORE LAFLEUR, Secy.