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W. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

“Workers together with Him.”

PRAYER TOPIC.

For our Home Mission Work in these Maritime Provinces, that the laborers may be encouraged and the seed sown bear fruit an hundred-fold.

Suggested Programme.

HYMN.

PRAYER. Remembering the Topic for the month.

SCRIPTURE. Luke 4; 16—32.

HYMN.

PRAYER by two or three sisters.

REPORTS from delegates to the Association.

PRAYER.

REPORT from Treasurer of Aid Society.

REPORT from Secretary of Aid Society of the work of the year,

At this meeting let the Blank forms for Aid Society and Mission Bands be made out, and mailed to the Cor. or Provincial Secretary.

APPOINTMENT of delegates to the annual meeting in Berwick.

PRAYER.

DOXOLOGY.

PRESIDENTS OF W. M. A. SOCIETIES —if you have not yet paid for Tidings for this year, will you please arrange to do so at your July meeting. Remember it should be paid for by Societies, not by individuals, as its mission is to carry messages to our W. M. A. S. Meetings, and help to make them interesting and profitable sessions.

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

Notice to Aid Societies in N. S.

Will the Secretaries of our Aid So-

cieties and Mission Bands, be very careful to fill out as fully as possible the blank forms, and return at once to your County Secretary. Where there is no County Secretary, please fill out and return to the Provincial Secretary.

A. E. JOHNSTONE.
Pro. Sec. W. B. M. U.
Dartmouth, N. S.

At the last quarterly meeting, Mrs. Hall gave us an interesting account of the work done by our Home Mission during the last year, (i. e. the year which ended last July). There were forty-one labourers; 3099 preaching services; 2613 other meetings; 7475 religious visits. 5133 pages of tracts distributed; 486 baptized and 76 received by letter and experience.

The number of baptisms may seem small, but who can estimate the fruit yet to be borne by others who heard and read the printed word.

Sisters are *we* doing what we can to help these laborers? From these H. M. Fields must come our Foreign workers. Our General Missionaries have been Rev. J. A. Marple, and for five months Rev. D. G. McDonald.

Work among the French has also been revived: and Rev. W. C. Grenier and his wife, sent by the Grande Ligne Board have taken up the work. Their head quarters are at Plymton, Digby Co. Letters from Mrs. Grenier

have appeared in "Tidings" and our "Column."

Our Cor. Secretary of the Home Mission Board writes in the annual report that there is great need of the work of our general missionaries, "but as most of the work is done where but little support can be gathered, it necessarily involves considerable outlay. With the present income, it is impossible to make provision for regular pastoral work which seems to be a prime necessity for every Mission Field, and at the same time make adequate provision for evangelistic work as done by our general missionaries."

Then there is our Church Edifice department, the funds are not sufficient to carry on this work as it should be.

We all know how much more work can be accomplished in a church building of our own than in any hired hall.

Let us each in our own County work hard in the interests of our Home Missions, for surely this Home Mission is the basis of all our other work.

Notes from Nova Scotiä.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Aid Societies of Halifax and Dartmouth, Mrs. Hall spoke of the Auto-graph Quilt which the Tabernacle Aid

Society had been making. By this they hoped to procure three life memberships. Success has attended their efforts as follows :—

Mrs. Michael Mannel, Home Missions \$25.00
 Mrs. John McPhee, Foreign Missions 25.00
 Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, Foreign Missions 25.00

From the Guysboro Aid Society comes \$25.00, the bequest of Mrs. Jost, a Methodist sister. She was the widow of a Baptist.

One of our secretaries, Mrs. Nalder of Hants Co. is on furlough. During her absence in England her place is supplied by Mrs. Reer of Scotch Village. We trust Mrs. Nalder will return to us in renewed health and strength.

Nova Scotia has just now a splendid corps of County secretaries as follows:

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| Yarmouth | Co. | Mrs. P. R. Foster, Arcadia. |
| Digby | " | Mrs. Dykeman, Digby. |
| Shelburne | " | Mrs. A. F. Brown Lockeport. |
| Queens, | " | Mrs. L. H. Burnaby, Milton. |
| Annapolis | " | Mrs. J. W. Brown Nictaux. |
| Kings | " | Mrs. R. E. Gullison, Tremont. |
| Hants | " | Mrs. John Nalder, Windsor. |
| Colchester | " | Mrs. Gunn, Belmont. |

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| Cumberland | " | West, Mrs. C. Christie |
| Cumberland | " | East, Mrs. Hatfield, Apple River. |
| Lunenburg | " | Miss A. Vienotte Mahone Bay. |

Halifax, Cape Breton, Antigonish, and Guysboro, still need workers, and we shall be very thankful if some sister is led to take up the work.

Mrs. J. W. Brown writes that she organized an Aid Society at Tremont, (Ann. Co.) with ten members. Pres. Mrs. Dr. Raymonds. The prospect is good for an increased membership.

Mrs. Foster speaks of another Society organized in Yarmouth Co.

Also at Arcadia a Mission Band of 45 members. Pres Mrs. P. R. Foster; Sec'y, Miss Wetha Shaw; V. Pres, Miss Jessie Allen; Treas., Mrs. D. Andrews; Com. of management, Mr. J. L. Trash, Master Chesley Allen, May F. Porters, Ida Brown, Addie Nicherson, Maimie Shaw, Fannie Morton.

Re-organized. Chebogue Mission Band, April 9th. 1896. Pres. Mrs. P. R. Foster; V. Pres. Miss Orpha Hundy; Sec'y, Miss A. May Holmes, Treas. Master Freeman Cook; Com. Management, Ada Hemeon, Bessie Hamilton, Amy Keeves, Charlie Perry, Joseph Cook, Winifred Robinson.

The Tabernacle Aid Society before referred to, aims this year to raise \$3. per member; we hope and think they will succeed. Last year they raised

\$2.00 per member, and this in addition to all the local Church work. The Tabernacle is not a wealthy church.

A. E. JOHNSTONE,
Prov. Sec'y, N. S.

How Women Help Christ's Kingdom.

BY DR. HERRICK JOHNSON.

I stand amazed before the revelations of the last decade of years as to how a woman may help Christ's kingdom to come. What unused and unguessed resources have been lying hid that this "woman's work for women" has called out of their secret places and sent on missionary errands around the world! It is the dawn of a new day; and there has scarcely been a brighter since the angels made the Judean air thick with melody when Jesus was born. It looks, after all, as if the strategic point in warfare for this world's supremacy were the heart of a woman. That won, the family is won; and when "up goes the family, down goes heathendom." To secure a change of levels like this, to bring about the uplifting of womanly hearts, woman, surely, has peculiar adaptations. In this business, there are paths where her feet are already shown to be the swiftest: needs, she, by all odds, is the fittest to meet; ministries it has already been her abysmal joy to share. For this business, the Marthas and Mary's the Tryphenas and Tryphosas, the Phebes and Dorcasas must be multiplied as the drops of the morning.

The world waits for such women. The field opens, the hour strikes. Women of America, "beneath the cross or never!" There only can you be crowned and wedded. First, your hearts to Christ; then, Christ born in them, and a constant dweller there,

then forth upon your mission to find room for the gift of God in the great heart of the world. You can do nothing? You can do everything; you can give, and serve, and pray. You can give self-denyingly, you can serve lovingly, you can pray conqueringly.

The best example of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of woman. It was no great gift, no great service, no great prayer. The gift was a widow's mite; the service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment; the prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. But the gift and service and prayer were in self-denial, and love, and faith; and so, in the sight of God, they were of great price. Jesus never let fall such words of royal commendation as concerning these three women. Of the poor widow he said, "She has cast in more than they all." Of Mary, with her alabaster box of ointment, he said, "She hath done what she could." And to the praying Canaanitish mother, he said, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." O ye women, whether of affluence or poverty, whether of high place or low place, whether old or young, go at the call of Christianity and do your woman's work. There are treasuries of the Lord that wait your nites; there are alabaster boxes you may break for Jesus, if not upon him. There are daughters, O how many, this wide world over, in Christendom and heathendom, with evil possessions, whom you, by faith, may bring to Christ for healing."