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W. B. M. U. TIDINGS

TWENTY FIVE CENTS PER YEAR.

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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For God's blessing upon our Missionaries going to India, that they may have a pleasant passage and the continual presence of the Master. For a revival of missionary zeal among our pastors and a large ingathering of souls at all our mission stations this year.

Suggested Programme for October.

OPENING PRAYER.

SINGING.

SCRIPTURE. James II.

PRAYER by two sisters.

SINGING.

READING Minutes.

READING Tidings.

BRIEF PRAYERS bearing directly on topic. Ten minutes social talk as best methods of observing Crusade Day, and arousing increased interest.

ROLL CALL. Each responding by giving a favorite Promise.

SINGING.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Suggested Programme for Nov.

SINGING.

SCRIPTURE. Psalm 90.

PRAYER by Pres.

SINGING.

READING minutes.

SOLE READING on Service.

STENCE PRAYERS by every member present.

READING Tidings.

ROLL CALLS as to results of Crusade Day and suggestions for Thanksgiving Season.

ROLL CALL.

THEOLOGY.

Close with Lord's Prayer in unison.

Notice.

W. M. B. U. workers will please pay particular attention to the change in their Treasury department. All monies from W. M. A. Societies which will include subscriptions from Tidings and pay for Annual Reports, will be sent to Mrs Mary Smith, Amherst. All monies from Mission Bands, B. Y. P. Unions, Junior Unions and Sunday Schools to Mrs Ada W. Fownes, St. Martins, N. B. Kindly see that no mistake is made in remitting.

The Treasurers will please collect from their societies this month all monies possible and forward me at once. This must be done in order to place us in a position to meet our liabilities maturing Oct. 31st.

Mary Smith,
Treas. W. B. M. A.

President's Message.

To my fellow labourers in the Mission Work.

Dear Sisters:

"Watchman tell us of the night, what the signs of promise are?" Bright as the promises of God. What has been the record of your Society for the past year, or better still, of your individual life? Do you know more of the Master in His character and work? If so, your heart will yearn with His

over a lost world, and you are better prepared for service. Have you attended all the meetings of your Society whenever possible, or has some insufficient excuse kept you away? Has there been earnest daily prayer for your missionaries and those who sit in darkness? Have you rendered to your Master gifts of time, talents, strength and money such as He requires of His faithful servants? The years' work shows that there have been many faithful ones, but also shows that some have not returned to give glory to the God who saved them.

"All the past things are past and over,
The tasks are done and the tears
are shed,

Let them go since we cannot reclaim
them

Cannot undo and cannot atone,
God in His mercy receive and forgive
them!

Only the new days are ever our own,
To-day is ours, and to-day alone."

The last year of the great "Missionary Century" is dawning upon us. The opportunities which God gives us for doing His work, slip past us like the moments—soon for us—they will all have passed. What shall distinguish this crowning year of the century in our work for the Master? Shall it be signalized by some great achievement—some mighty deed? Let it rather be marked in our calendar of years as one in which we tried to do even the smallest things faithfully for the sake of God's dear Son, for it would really seem, when properly appreciated, that the quickest way to evangelize the world would be to enlarge your own Missionary Society, by adding all those to it who are not yet interested in this great work.

If your Society grows, the Mission force grows and redeemed souls are multiplied. Let our controlling principle be, to aim at great things through smaller ones, and our motto, "Whatso-

ever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

MISSIONARIES.

Some of us went to Convention at St Martins with very heavy hearts. To know the needs of our heathen sisters, and to have young ladies pleading to be sent to India, and not have money to send them, is a sight to make angels weep.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul! He hath heard our prayers and is providing the means whereby Miss Blackadar, Miss Grey, Mrs Sanford, Mr and Mrs Churchill may this autumn go to the foreign field. This only increases our responsibility, my sisters, as over \$1000.00 will be added to the expense of our Mission by these going out, and this must be raised in addition to what has already been undertaken.

Our prayer for restored health to Mr Archibald is also being answered, as his condition is so improved as to give hope of return to India in a year or more. We should thank God and take courage. Miss D'Prazer has been greatly blessed of God in awakening an interest in our Mission work. She has brought India and its needs nearer to us than ever before, as we see what God has wrought in her, and what He is able to do for many others.

FINANCES.

Not as much money has been reported this year as last for Foreign Missions, a little more for Home Missions. I think as much has probably been raised by our Societies, and more by Mission Bands, but for various reasons the money was sent to other Treasurers and thus did not appear in our accounts. Please do not let this occur again.

All monies from W M A S are to be sent to Mrs Mary Smith, Amherst N S. All monies from Mission Bands, Junior Union Bands, Sabbath Schools to Mrs A W Fownes, St Martins, N B. We did not feel warranted under the

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circumstances, to increase the appropriations for the coming year, so they remain \$7,500 for Foreign Missions, \$2000 for Home Missions. There were more life members than ever before, and we hope the coming year may bring a still larger number. It was voted that ten cents be collected from every one possible, to aid the Home Mission Board of the Northwest to support Mr Burgdorf, a missionary to the Galicians. This is to be in addition to the usual offering for Home Missions. We would recommend the holding of at least three public missionary meetings during the year, both for the education they give on the subject of missions and the addition to our funds by the collection.

MISSION BANDS.

We praise God that there seems to be an awakening among our people to the importance of this work for the children and young people. Miss Etta Yuell, Wolfville, N S, has been appointed Superintendent of Band work and will prepare the Mission Band lessons for the coming year. These are to be accompanied by articles from our missionaries on scenes of life and customs in India which we hope may prove of great service to the Band leaders and of interest to the children. Will not our sisters of the W. M. A. S. feel it their duty and privilege to encourage and develop this work among the children. It is the only hope for our future growth and with God's blessing is a most fruitful and encouraging part of our work.

CRUSADE DAY.

October 5th has been appointed as Crusade Day." There are still half our women who are church members not connected with our Missionary Societies. Let this day be generally observed this year and accompanied by earnest prayer may our membership

be greatly increased and many others become actively engaged in this great mission work. If the day appointed is not convenient select some other time. At eleven o'clock united, special prayer in our homes, visiting in the afternoon and a public missionary meeting in the evening accompanied with Thank offering services. The work of the Union for the past year should be brought before the people as found in the Annual Report. Now my sisters, the months are before us full of blessed opportunity to be used or abused. May the Lord "stir up our spirits" as He did His servants of old that we may weep over our past neglect and with renewed enthusiasm and diligence give ourselves to the building of this spiritual temple. The work is great and difficult, but the promises of God are greater. "I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts," therefore we are to put discouragement far from us and "be strong and work."

The present is as full of God as the past and the revelation of God's presence made of old has a transitory manifestation of a perpetual reality. We need this lesson, for we are ever tempted to think to-day more void of God than the days of old and that our work is more difficult than any that has preceded it. We think that Heaven touches the Earth far ahead and far behind, but that where we stand is farthest from the blue above. Let us realize that today is full of God and He is with us as he was with the fathers and in greater measure for the Comforter is come and abides with us forever. Therefore whatever threatens we need not fear. The greater glory is filling the spiritual temple and the promise "I will shake all nations," is being fulfilled. The future will surpass the past for "Through the ages an increasing purpose runs."

May God make us true and faithful

laborers together with Him in saving
a lost world and so dear fellow-workers
a busy, hope-full, faith-full, love-full
year to you all.

Yours in the work for Christ,
S. L. Manning

St. John.

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**Go or Give.**  
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Who will go among the heathen
Wondrous words of life to teach
That the Saviour's love so precious
May be known and shared by each
Who in darkness now are sitting
Far beyond our power to reach?

Who will give to send the Gospel
To the dweller o'er the sea?
Though from home we may not wander
By our offering glad and free
In the world's song of redemption
Our's a glorious part may be.

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I add a few proverbs from the poet's  
"Jacala Prudentium", which may be  
translated "Javelins of Wisdom":

He that stays does the business.

Alms never make us poor.

I wept when I was born and every  
day shows why.

Every path has a puddle in it.

By suppers more are killed than  
Galen ever cured.

There would be no great ones if there  
were no little ones.

Would you know what money is  
worth? Try to borrow some.

The dog gnaws the bone because he  
cannot swallow it.

You must strike in measure when  
there are many to strike on one anvil.

One foot is better than two crutches.

He that doth what he should not  
shall feel what he would not.

You must lose a fly in order to catch  
a trout.

The tongue is not steel, and yet it  
cuts.

He that knows nothing doubts nothing.

He that will enter into paradise  
must have a good key.

The singing man keeps his shop in his  
throat. The dainties of the great are  
the tears of the poor.

He that steals an egg will steal an  
ox.

God gives his wrath by weight, but  
without weight his mercy.