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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 our missionaries going to India that they may have a prosperous journey and the presence of the Lord abiding with them as they enter upon their work. For our W. M. A. S. that they may be more consecrated than ever before.

Suggested Programme for October.

SILENT prayer.

HYMN.

SCRIPTURE, Eph. 2. Res. reading.

PRAYER.

READING, President's message.

HYMN.

MINUTES of last meeting.

QUESTIONS by President.

THE first quarter will end Oct. 31st.

Is the quarterly payment from our Society ready for Mrs. Smith?

READING. Our Home Missions from Tidings.

CLOSING prayer.

SEVERAL prayers for our work in the North West.

READING from Tidings.

MINUTES of last meeting.

HYMN.

QUESTION. How is our Mission Band progressing?

CLOSING hymn.

The Committee on Home Missions held their first meeting for this year early in September. It was decided that Mrs. MacDonald from the North Church be added to our committee.

The appropriations for Home Missions for this year were taken up. We begin this year with a balance of \$152.14 for our H. M. work.

Last year we said we would try to raise \$1600 for Home Missions but we raised more. \$1752.14 was sent to the Treasurer. So this year the committee found that at the annual meeting it had been decided to try and raise a little more.

Suggested Programme for November.

HYMN.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE, John 16 : 1—19.

HYMN.

For the North West,	\$600
For Grande Ligne,	400
For Indian Work,	200
N. S. and P. E. I.	450
New Brunswick,	350

making a total of \$2000 to be raised.

The Committee found that a number of our Societies were still giving nothing to Home Missions, and it was decided to urge them to take up this work, even if only a small sum could be sent in.

At the annual meeting it had also been decided that Tidings should have something each month on Home Missions. This work was divided among the members of the committee.

The committee then adjourned to meet early in November.

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### To My Fellow Laborers in the Mission Work.

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Dear Sisters :

"Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of louder praise." How I wish I could look into the face of every member of our W. M. A. S. What an inspiration it would be! In many, I should see an earnest purpose, born of God, to enter upon the new year's work with greater zeal and consecration than ever before. Oh that this might be said of *each one*! How the mission cause would advance if this were so.

The echoes of Convention still linger in our ears, and for the benefit of those who were not present at Sackville, let me say—Our meetings were the best

ever held. Marked by the presence of the Master. The business was connected in a more orderly manner and more of our sisters took an intelligent part in the discussions. Questions were asked as never before, which indicated thought and a desire to understand the working of the Union. Advance was manifest all along the line. It has been proved without a doubt that we have done the wise thing by holding our meetings at another time and place, near the Convention. The most prejudiced and doubting went away believing and rejoicing.

Large plans were made for the coming year and God's blessing sought upon them. Now, my sisters, what shall the result be? It is all in your hands as to the success of our work. Plans are good; but they must be carried into operation. A successful, enthusiastic Convention is grand; but a year's hard, faithful work is better. Let us have both. Begin early, work constantly, pray without ceasing, this will ensure success for the future.

More money has been raised this year by our Societies than ever before; this denotes real progress. More Societies have been formed than in any year since our organization. We have more County Secretaries and they are doing better work. Still other Counties are without an officer—a grand opportunity to work for the Master for some sisters. God help you to see the great need and offer your services. Nothing can take the place of constant faithful work done in this department.

May the Lord bless our County Secretaries and give them a double portion of His spirit.

Thirty-two life members this year, adding \$800 to our funds. It was encouraging to know that a much larger amount had been given to Home Missions this year than previously. We laid special stress upon this part of our work last year and the result is quite satisfactory. It was decided to enlarge our appropriations for Home Missions \$400. One hundred more for Indian work in the North West and \$300 for our own Home Mission work this year. This will require united, persistent effort, each one doing her part every month. The Foreign Mission appropriation was raised \$300, making \$7,300. It was also agreed that we ask God for a male missionary for India this autumn and we would provide his passage and salary. The prayer was answered before one week. The missionary called of God offered himself. Now let us do our part in providing the money to send him. The appeal in last "Tidings" conceived and sent forth in earnest, believing prayer, must bring forth grand results. Oh, that the burden of these perishing souls in India may be laid upon our hearts as never before and a revival of missionary zeal and enthusiasm will follow. God will be honored and our hearts rejoiced by hearing of multitudes coming to Christ in India.

#### MISSION BANDS.

Special attention was called to this

part of our work for the coming year. Mission Band work is the most important and most neglected department of our work.

My sisters, is there a Mission Band in your church where the children are being instructed and interested in Mission work? If not, why? Surely you acknowledge its importance and the vital relation it holds to all our other work. If the children are neglected where are our missionaries and mission workers to come from? Will you not at once lend your influence, time and persistent effort to organize a Mission Band or in some other way introduce mission work among the children?

Next year at our Convention we purpose having a Mission Band meeting, at which delegates from our Bands will report, a model lesson be given, also useful hints and suggestions to Mission Band leaders. Let us every week of this year be preparing material for this meeting, that such a feast may be spread as to rejoice the hearts of all, and prove that real progress has been made in this department. Pray about this, my sisters, and do not let it pass with a few *serious thoughts*. We are making the mistake of our lives if we neglect this most important work. The Mission Band Banner was taken this year by the North River M. B., P. E. I. Miss Lenora Barton was appointed superintendent for Mission Bands in N. B.; Miss Johnstone has N. S.; Miss Davies, P. E. I.

#### LITERATURE.

Our Bureau of Literature is now un-

der the care of Miss Margaret Wood, Amherst, N. S. I hope she will be kept very busy this year. These leaflets contain just what you need in material for your W. M. A. S. meetings and Mission Bands as well as feed the missionary flame in your own hearts. Send for some at once. Do not read a long one at your meetings ; but write out an abstract or tell the story yourself; this will be far better appreciated and do you more good.

"Tidings" is a growing child, consequently its garments are again to be enlarged. The demands of our work made it necessary to provide room for more Home Mission matter and a lesson each month for Mission Bands to help leaders who have little time for preparation. Only a Suggested Programme, leaving you room for thought and originality ; but a great help and stimulus. Mrs. Parker of River Hebert is to prepare this.

I want to thank the sisters for the way they have sent material for the Column in Messenger and Visitor this year; much more than ever before, and we have good reason to believe that it is read and appreciated as never before on this account. Continue to send *short accounts* of your Societies' work with useful suggestions, new methods or plans that have proved a success and blessing. This will do you good and help others.

#### MISSIONARIES.

Miss Grey, our devoted missionary, expected to return to India this aut-

umn, but her health is in such a condition that she has asked the Board for six months more at home, believing that this will be best for her and the work in India. Miss Mabel Archibald will go this autumn. She is an educated, consecrated young lady, admirably adapted to the mission work. Let us never fail to bring our single lady missionaries, who are our special charge, daily to God in prayer. They are in a most difficult and taxing position and demand our sympathy and earnest prayer. We are all rejoiced at the prospect of Mr. Higgins' return to India this autumn. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have a sore trial to endure ; they too, should be remembered by us.

Mr. Schutt, the young man who has offered himself to the Board, is meeting with great opposition from his parents who are most unwilling he should go India. Ask that the way be made plain and easy if it can be God's will. How thankful we should be for this reinforcement! Let our gratitude be accompanied by continued effort to increase the funds, for this brings increased expense upon the Board and they will require all the help we can give.

#### CRUSADE DAY.

October 14th has been appointed Crusade Day. Let there be a general observance of this day in all our Societies this year. Great blessings have followed wherever it has been observed. United prayer in the morning in our homes, visiting all the sisters in the church in the afternoon and a public

meeting in the evening at which present the work of our Union in all its departments. Our membership could be doubled if all the sisters would enthusiastically undertake this work. So many women are waiting to be called forth. Only God can do this, but he speaks through His children. Who will be the voice of God this year to call new laborers into the vineyard? Some sisters at Sackville said that they had never before *heard* of the "Hour of united prayer" for our missionaries on Saturday evening. Let us talk more about our work, emphasize the different departments and make known the plans for future enlargement.

Never since our mission was organized has there been such encouraging reports from our missionaries. Nearly every letter speaks of conversions and hundreds of secret disciples are awaiting the opportunity to publicly acknowledge Christ. Caste people educated and consecrated are being baptized and come to us equipped for work without long years and money being spent upon their preparation for service. "Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the heathen." Only let us be faithful. God will surely do his part. Now my sisters may the voice of the Lord arouse us to earnest, systematic, consecrated effort in all departments of our mission work this year. Do you not hear the wail that comes from black heathenism, ages old vast and awful, the heart break of motherhood, the stifling cry

of distorted childhood? This is what we happy women should hear in our peaceful protected homes. It requires a call so terrible, importunate and irresistible to touch our hearts. The needs are *very great*, may we not hope for a mighty response.

Wanted, women, tender, true;  
 Women's work none else can do.  
 Women sit in darkness yonder,  
 While we hesitate and wonder;  
 Women cursed with bands that tighten,  
 Bands of caste which naught can  
 lighten.

Sister! give a helping hand;  
 Take God's peace to sin-cursed land.  
 Hear ye not the echo ring?  
 Women wanted for the King!

Am I wanted, blessed Lord?  
 Have I heard aright the word?  
 I, who am so weak and poor,  
 Naught can bring of earthly store;  
 Empty vessel though I be,  
 Canst thou make me meet for Thee?  
 Use me as Thou wilt, my Savior,  
 In Thy presence grant me favor,  
 Help me now my life to bring  
 For the service of the King!"

Yours in the Master's work,  
 S. J. MANNING.

St. John, Sept. 16th, 1897.

Notes of Mission Work in N. S. and  
 P. E. I. during 1896.

3114 sermons have been preached.  
 249 meetings have been held besides  
 the preaching services. 6675 religious  
 visits have been paid. 2,600 tracts

distributed, 419 have been baptized, and 50 received by letter and experience.

A new church has been organized at St. Peter's Bay, P. E. I., and meeting houses completed and opened in Ann., Hants, Guys. and Cumberland Counties.

Bro. Wallace has retired from his work as one of our general missionaries, and Rev. A. F. Baker and J. A. Marple are now the general missionaries of our Board.

The need for money to continue this work is very great. Let the members of our Union be true to the trust imposed in them, and while giving thanks for work of last year ask that we may be still more faithful during the coming months.

No Home Mission notes have reached us from N. B. We hope they will yet turn up.

Sec'y of H. M. Committee.

Dear Mission Bands of the W. B. M. U.

At our Convention held in Sackville a few weeks since, it was decided that I should prepare a programme each month, to be used in the Mission Bands.

I trust that you may find something in this first attempt that may be helpful and interesting.

Kindly assist me by letting me know what you want, and if what I suggest does not suit you.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. J. M. PARKER

River Hebert, Cum. Co., N. S.

## Suggested Programme For October Meeting

FOR MISSION BANDS.

HYMN, "I am so glad that Our Father in Heaven."

The Lord's Prayer, (in concert.)

Responsive Reading, Psalm 23rd.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Roll call. Each answering by repeating a passage of Scripture containing the word Shepherd.

Singing, "Jesus bids us Shine."

Lesson found in Tidings, using the map.

Let the leader ask each member to come to the next meeting prepared to answer this question:

How can I help my Mission band this year?

Close with prayer and singing, Rescue the Perishing.

MISSIONARY LESSON FOR BANDS OF W. B.

M. U. FOR OCTOBER.

Leader—Where is India or Hindostan?

Ans.—South west of Asia.

Leader—What is the length and breadth of India?

Ans.—It is 1900 miles long and 1000 miles wide.

Leader—Compare its size with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick?

Ans.—It is eight-five times larger than Nova Scotia and sixty times larger than New Brunswick.

Leader—How is the year divided?

Ans.—Into three seasons. The hot, from March to June; the rainy from

June to October; the temperate during the remainder of the year.

Leader—What is the population of India?

Ans.—252,000,000.

Leader—What is the principal religion?

Ans.—Brahminism.

Leader—Describe the religion of Brahma?

Ans.—It is cruel and superstitious, teaching the necessity of worshipping imaginary gods, and the river Ganges.

Leader—What can be done to lead them to live better and purer lives?

Ans.—Send them the Gospel message

Leader—Have we any special interest in India?

Ans.—Yes, we have sent Missionaries there to tell the heathen about Jesus.

Leader—In what part are our missionaries?

Ans.—In the Telegu country.

Leader—Can you locate the Telegu field on the map?

Ans.—It lies on the western shore of the Bay of Bengal.

Leader—What is its length?

Ans.—It is six hundred miles in length, and from 300 to 400 miles inland.

Leader—What is the Telegu population?

Ans.—18,000,000

Leader—When was our mission first established?

Ans.—In 1875.

Leader—To how many of the Telegus have the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces promised to send the gospel?

Ans.—2,000,000.

Leader—How are our missionaries supported on the Telegu Field?

Ans.—By contributing from our Churches, Aid Societies and Mission Bands.

Leader—Whom do we Mission Band boys and girls call "Our Missionary?"

Ans.—Mr. Morse.

Leader—Why.

Ans.—Because we send our money for his support, and pray in an especial manner that he may lead many of the Telegu children to Jesus.