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# W. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

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LOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

“Lord what wilt thou have me to do.”

## PRAYER TOPIC.

“Pray that we may be able to send out four Missionaries this autumn. two male Missionaries and two single ladies.”

Chicacole, May 15, 1894.

MY DEAR FRIENDS :--

Mrs Martell has asked me to write something for the “Tidings” and, as I never like to refuse to do anything that will be a help in the Lord’s work, be it ever so little I will try and send you something.

About ten days ago we came in here to escape the scorching heat of Kimedi. Although the thermometer stood, only at 91° yet the heat seemed intolerable. The wind that blew from ten A. M. to six P. M. was *hot* and very enervating. It seemed to deprive us of all strength. As Chicacole is only four miles from the sea, there is usually at this time of the year a strong breeze making the heat more bearable. But every day the mercury goes up higher than on the previous day. Yesterday for several hours the breeze that

*Delivered at Chicacole*

came in through the doors and windows was hot as though from a furnace. In the mission house the thermometer was about 95°. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald kindly secured the upper story of a house for us and we find it considerably cooler than the mission house. After the rains once begin Kimedi will be cooler either than this place or Bimlipatam. The stations that are the hottest during the hot season are the coolest during the rainy and cool season. The regular time for the breaking of the monsoon is the middle of June. We hope to be back at our station before the end of June. Although not at the station we find plenty to do to keep us busy.

The Sunday before we left Kimedi a number of well educated Hindus came to the bungalow. During the conversation we told them that one lady missionary and perhaps two were coming out to Kimedi this fall. They seemed delighted at the thought and said "Oh that will be a happy day for Kimedi." They said they would be so glad to have them come and teach their wives for they needed teaching very much. There are many open doors in Kimedi for our ladies when they come. You will not disappoint us and these waiting: will you? After our ladies come here it will be a year and a half or two years before they can enter into full Gospel work on account of having to learn the language. During all that time our Kimedi women must wait, and long before the tongues of those who have come to bring light into the darkness, shall have been loosed, many, many, will have passed beyond the waiting, beyond the reach of the Gospel beyond time into eternity. To say that this is *sad* is a mild way of putting it. It is dreadful, it is *awful*.

Dear friends pray unto the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers into the harvest.

We know that the treasury at home is very low, but we also know that there is much money locked up in the purses and pockets of many of God's stewards. I hope that brighter days are in store for us.

We are hoping and praying for conversions among the people on our Kimedi field this year.

Mr. Higgins has already spent 60 days touring among the different villages and hopes to spend much of the latter part of the year out on the field. Although he was out sixty days he was only able to visit the villages on *one corner of the field*. He may possibly be able to visit those villages once more during the year, but he must go to other parts of the field. Just think many of those people hear the blessed gospel of the Son of God once or twice a year, while many : very many never hear it at all, and when they do hear it most of them are so ignorant and used to something so *utterly* different that they cannot understand. They cannot take in the thought of *one God, one Lord Jesus Christ*, and salvation through faith in him. It must be line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little until light steals into the darkness and salvation in Christ is comprehended. Hereafter I think we shall adopt the plan of visiting fewer villages and visiting them oftener. We know what the gospel of Christ has done for us and we know what it has done for these people out here. It is the same in its effects everywhere transforming, renewing enlightening and civilizing. Our native christians are longer growing into the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus because of the ignorance and superstitions to which they are heir and by which they are surrounded. *†* God does carry on in every converted heart the work that he has begun there.

May our Heavenly Father enable you at home and us out here to engage more fully, freely, unreservedly and zealously in this blessed work which he permits us to do for him Pray earnestly for us.

Yours in the Work.

EDITH C. HIGGINS.