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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 Grand Ligne Missions For Brother and Sister Gremer, that they may be greatly encouraged, and richly blessed in their work.

## **Suggested Programme For April.**

Singing.

Prayer.

Scripture, Acts I.

Roll, Call by Secretary Let each answer to her name with a text of scripture.

Minutes of last meeting.

Prayer by several.

Reading of Tidings.

Discussion. Shall we have a Thank Offering meeting for Home Missions this month?

Singing, Closing Prayer.

## **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

Special notice is called to the review of leaflets on p. 3 by the Sec. of Bureau of Lit.

This “brief review” is given in order that our sisters may have an intelligent idea as to contents of leaflets, and so be helped to order intelligently, and in a way to meet their needs. We hope to continue these sketches each month. Ed.

## **From the Treasurer.**

We wish to call the attention of the Societies, to our estimates for Home Missions for this year, as voted at annual meeting after the objects had been fully discussed.—

W. W. M	\$600
Indian Work	200
G. L. M	400
H. M. N. B.	350
H. M. N. S. & P. E. I.	450
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	\$2000

In remitting money kindly note the different missions aided, and as far as possible, give to each in such a way that at the close of the year the different objects will have received their proper amounts. If any prefer having the Treasurer divide their money, as per estimates, kindly request

it, and she will do so. Let us remember we give to make up \$2000 this year; last year the sum was \$1600.

Mary Smith  
Treas. W. B. M. U.

Weymouth N. S. March 17th '98.

My dear sisters:—

As Tidings is not a large paper I must not take up much of your valuable space.

Let me say that we are encouraged in our work for the Master.

Very lately one precious soul was brought into the Kingdom.

A French Roman Catholic woman whom we had been visiting for over a year and who attended our meetings walking three miles on the railroad to hear the gospel) accepted Christ as her Saviour. We read and prayed with her and we found her trusting in Christ's merits. A few weeks ago it pleased God to lay her on a bed of suffering during which time she sent for Mr. Grenier he read the XIV of St. John and recited the XXIII Ps. in French. The dear woman listened and was most thankful. The priest also called, but got no satisfaction, therefore did not return.

This woman's faith was strong although she was surrounded by Catholic friends. When death came she was ready to meet her Maker.

Mr. Grenier preached her funeral sermon and her remains were buried in the Baptist Cemetery (according to her request.) A large number of Catholics attended the funeral although it was pouring rain and all seemed much impressed.

It is surprising that so many Catholics should be brave enough to come to protestant meetings when the priests so strictly forbid that during the lenton season. It seems to me that there will be a revival before long.—At a meeting last night there was over fifteen present.

We have good meetings and the light is making its way. 100

To God be all the praise.

Yours in the work.  
J. Grenier.

### Our Grande Ligne Work.

MOTTO.—THE OPEN BIBLE.

Upon these rocks the Grande Ligne Mission stands, and neither rushing rain nor tempestuous winds are able to shake it from its sure foundation

W. B. M.

FROM REPORTS OF WORKERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenier, (NOVA SCOTIA) The influence of our missionaries is gradually pervading the section where they are laboring. They have a remarkable free access to many of the families, among whom they scatter the word of truth. At some points there seems scarcely any opposition raised, but when the converts come to make a public confession of their faith it may be different. There are three regular preaching stations—Plympton, Burton Settlement, and Weymouth Falls. Prayer meetings are held at the two former places. Total average attendance, 110; total average attendance of Catholics, 20

Miss Northwood, Bible woman. No one who has had experience in Gospel work doubts the usefulness of Bible Women. We have many instances of conversions which have resulted from the distribution of tracts and Bibles followed up by faithful conversations

Miss Northwood has sold 98 New Testaments, 38 Gospels and two Bibles in the past year, besides calling at thousands of homes, having conversations with hundreds of people, and reading hundreds of chapters from the Bible. Eternity alone will reveal the results of this faithful work.

THE ROCK FOUNDATION

1. God our Father, brightest star

in the firmament of revealed truth.

2. This fact made known by Jesus Christ.

3. One Book alone authoritatively reveals Christ—the Bible.

4. Therefore—

a. To communicate this saving knowledge being our clear duty.

b. And Christ having commanded us to preach this Gospel to all men.

c. It is necessary that we give the Bible to those who can read it. *100*

d. And proclaim the truth contained in the Bible to those who cannot read it.

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At Louiseville, near Maskinonge, the Catholic Church has a life-size wax figure of the Virgin Mary, dressed as a Nun, holding the Infant Jesus. The appearance is so perfect as to have been mistaken for a live Nun. Before this image the devout kneel and pray!!! Is this not idolatry?

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Are not Romanists religious? Doubtless. So were the men of Athens. Too religious, said Paul, and not enough Christian. Therefore he preached—as we must preach—remission of sins through Jesus Christ. Their zeal is mistaken for righteousness, and their devotion for spirituality. They are to be pitied and prayed for, lovingly reasoned with and entreated.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.**

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Ontario show their deep interest in our work through their little paper and in their splendid contributions. They contribute six scholarships to the Feller Institute, \$600 to the work in Quebec, and \$100 to the Coaticook school. We are also deeply indebted to the Woman's Home Mission Society East, to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces, and to the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Michigan for their valued financial help and deep sympathy in our work. *100*

**Synopsis Of Leaflets.**

In the catalogue, enclosed in this copy of Tidings, you will see the names of many mission stations not supported by the Maritime Board. Our knowledge, however, need not be in proportion to our financial strength and we need for our own sakes to know more of general missions, for the churches that are the most spiritual and do the best work in themselves, are those whose outside interests are the broadest. One is not interested in what one knows nothing of, and a number of our best workers have thought that a few words about the leaflets in our own "Bureau" might lead to them being more widely read and thus awaken a greater interest in the work. *100*

In a short leaflet entitled "How to manage a Missionary Society," we learn that a knowledge of missions is of the first importance. Each member should know something of the topic under consideration, and be able to speak intelligently of the growth or development of the mission, the social or religious life or present needs of the people. In the leaflet spoken of above and another called "How to Grow" mention is made of the "Literary Bureau" in connection with our societies and of the help they may be in bringing before those interested this knowledge so necessary to success. *100*

In a "Hindu Widow's True History" the widow tells in her own words how she first heard the sweet story she could hardly understand, and longed until her death for a further knowledge of the Christ who could love even a widow.

"The Nellore Girls' School," which is under the American Baptist Mission Board, was first taught by Dr. Day the founder of the Telegu Mission. This little sketch gives an interesting account of the methods of the school and the work done there. *100*

Not long ago an educated and well-read man said to a friend, "I have

never been able to find on the map that place called Zenana, and I hear it spoken of so often." No one who has read "Women's Rights in India," and the Zenana Leaflets can plead such a lack of geographical knowledge. One sometimes hears the question, is Zenana work necessary? I think it is answered by this prayer. "O, Father of the world, hast Thou created us or has some other god made us. Dost Thou care only for men? We are like the animals, we can work, then we can die."

"The Races of Burmah," the "Ka-en," "Shan," "Burman" and "Baptist Mission" are short sketches stating clearly the differences between the various races and missions of Burmah.

"Mah Ongee" must have been a wonderful woman. She lived among the heathen who sneer at and hate the christians, but she was always ready to confess her faith in their despised religion. She said "Never be ashamed to talk of the Lord Jesus. Never mind if folks mock and deride you and whatever they call you don't mind it."

The Lord has done more for Canadian Baptists than he did for "Mah Ongee" and we are in no danger of persecution, yet some of us are ashamed to testify for Him.

Amherst, N. S. Margaret Wood.  
Sec. Bureau of Literature.

### Feller Institute.

Rev. G. N. Masse, Principle. We rejoice as we look back over the year that the Lord of the harvest has not left us without tokens of approbation; but pleasure makes way to regret as we relize how weak our efforts have been. The work of our hands has been like the few small loaves the lad brought to the Lord, which, with his blessing, proved sufficient to satisfy the hungry crowd. To him be all the glory!

### Suggested Programme For Mission Bands.

Singing, "Rescue the Perishing."  
The Lord's Prayer (in concert.)  
Bible Lesson, Exodus 20:3-17.  
Roll call, each answering by repeating a verse containing the word idols.  
Minutes of previous meeting.  
Singing, "Throw out the Life Line."  
Lesson, The Grande Ligne Mission.  
Question, what will each member of the Band do to raise at least one dollar for Grande Ligne?  
Close with Prayer.

Leader—Can you tell me anything concerning the Grande Ligne mission?

Ans.—The Grande Ligne mission was founded by Madame Feller.

Leader—Who was Madame Feller?

Ans.—A lady from Switzerland, noted for her piety.

Leader—In what province is the Grande Ligne Mission?

Ans.—In the province of Quebec.

Leader—What date was the Mission first established?

Ans.—In 1835 Madame Feller commenced her work in a log school-house.

Leader—Among what class of people did she labor?

Ans.—The French.

Leader—What is the religion of the French people?

Ans.—Roman Catholic.

Leader—What is the great aim of the Grande Ligne Mission?

Ans.—To give the open Bible to Romanists in order that they may be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader—To whom do Romanists particularly pray?

Ans.—To the Virgin Mary.

Leader—Through what do they expect to obtain Salvation?

Ans.—Through Penances, Sacraments, Saints and Priests.

Leader—Do Romanists worship idols?

Ans.—Yes. They worship images of the Virgin Mary, and various images of Saints.