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# W. B. M. U. TIDINGS.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

Thanksgiving for what the Lord has enabled us to do during the past year. That a rich blessing may follow the annual meeting of the W. B. M. U. and the Convention; and that we may be enabled to do greater things the coming year. That the appeal from our missionaries may touch the hearts and purses of our people that these missionaries and the means to send them to India may be given us this year.

## Suggested Programme for September.

HYMN.

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE.

HYMN.

MINUTES of last meeting.

REPORT from delegates to annual meeting.

EARNEST prayer for subjects mentioned in Prayer Topic.

DISCUSSION. How best shall we plan our work, Home and Foreign, for the coming year?

DOXOLOGY.

IF no delegates are present, have the report of annual meeting read from column in M. and V.

## To the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces.

We, the undersigned members of the Maritime Mission Staff, having had the

privilege of laboring personally among the Telugus of this idolatrous land, and having seen with our own eyes something of the length and breadth of the region for whose evangelization we are responsible, and something of the unspeakable darkness and death of the nearly two millions of the children of men who at present have no other means of learning of their Saviour except through the efforts of our little band. We—all with one accord feel pressed in spirit to make an appeal in the name of the Lord to the churches of the living God in the Maritime Provinces, that they would join with us in earnest and persevering prayer to the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest:

We have noted with thankfulness the generous sympathy called forth by the terrible famine which now prevails

in so many parts of India. We have the privilege of distributing the tangible fruits of your sympathy to the needy, and we thank our God that you have enabled us to proffer to these hungry ones the proof of your love.

This famine is for the bread that perisheth, a more widespread and awful famine for the bread of life prevails, and the vast majority of the population are mere gaunt skeletons perishing for lack of knowledge. The sight of a group of famine victims is a faint picture of the miserable and perilous spiritual condition of these people. They are in the grip of an eternal death whose breath chills even the cheek of the christian who walks among them, and their dying souls haunt his heart immeasurably more than their dying bodies.

Every day in our own mission field about one hundred and fifty funeral dirges are heard, whilst one hundred and fifty processions pass to the burning ground, each bearing the mortal remains of one whose soul has gone out into everlasting darkness. Daily one hundred and fifty souls go down to the bottomless pit because they do not know the way of life and have no means of receiving that knowledge except through the efforts of the little handful of laborers (six families and three single ladies) who represent the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces.

In order that the mind may conceive how utterly inadequate is our present

force to meet the need, let us draw a few comparisons. Suppose Halifax or St. John to have a population of 50,000 if there were but one denomination working in each city, and only one man in that denomination to preach the Gospel there, we would think the religious interests of that city very sorely neglected indeed. If then these cities were four times as large as they are, each having a population of 200,000, with only one ordained minister of the gospel in each, the proportion would be the same as it now is on the Bimlipatam field under the care of Bro. Morse, or the Bobbili field in the charge of Bro. Churchill. The Bobbili Missionary has already spent a second term of ten and a half years in India and probably will be obliged to lay down the work for a season inside another year. If five and a half cities like St. John or Halifax were placed side by side, or eighteen the size of Charlottetown, or twenty-eight as large as Fredericton or Yarmouth, with but one ordained preacher to break unto its people the bread of life, the supply would be the same as that we now find on the Vizianagram field under the care of Bro. Sanford. Again if St. John or Halifax had each six times its present population, or Charlottetown twenty times; or if Fredericton or Yarmouth were thirty times as large as it now is with only one pastor in each, the proportion would be the same as it is now on the Parlakimedi

field under the care of Bro. Corey. Lastly if our two largest cities already mentioned had each seventeen times its actual number of inhabitants, or Charlottetown fifty-six times; or if Fredericton or Yarmouth had each eighty-five times its existing population with only one ordained evangelist to preach to the whole 875,000, the great city would be as well manned as the Chicacole, Palkondi, Tikkali and Somapet fields now under the care of Bro. Archibald, the health of whose wife is in such a condition that we know not how soon this vast and populous district may be left without a missionary.

In view of the possibility that in the near future the Bobbili and Chicacole fields may be deprived of their present missionaries, for at least a time, we have but slight hope that the services of Brother Gullison will be available for opening up a new station.

With all this inexpressible and inconceivable destitution spread abroad daily before our eyes, we dare not represent the urgent and instant needs to be less than thirty-one additional families, and a corresponding number of single ladies, making one mission family to every 50,000 Telugus.

Relying upon the promise of our Lord recorded in Matthew 18 : 19, we are all pleading in agreed prayer with God to send this very autumn three families chosen and sent forth by H. 1- self, and to give us three new mission

houses—a family and a mission house for Palkonda field with its 212,000 souls, a family and a mission house for the Tekkali field with its 216,000 inhabitants, and a family and a mission house for the Somapet field with its population of 200,000.

We ask our brothers and sisters in Christ at home to join us in this prayer.

H. Y. Corey,  
 Clara L. Corey,  
 L. D. Morse,  
 Lillie P. Morse,  
 Maude M. E. Harrison,  
 Ida M. Newcombe,  
 Martha Clark,  
 C. H. Archibald,  
 I. C. Archibald,  
 R. Sandford,  
 R. E. Gullison,  
 Nettie C. Gullison,  
 G. Churchill,  
 M. F. Churchill.

Weymouth, N. S.  
 Aug. 2nd, 1897

Dear Mrs. Manning:—

I beg to express my regrets at not being able to be present at your W. B. M. U. Meeting. We have found it necessary to buy a horse and carriage for our work and the expense has been quite heavy, that is why we cannot go to the Convention.

Our work is going on quietly—since we have moved down to Weymouth we are more in the centre of the

French people. Our meetings are well attended, catholics in attendance each time. We are well received in the homes and we are hopeful for the salvation of souls.

I hope the sisters will remember me and my difficult work, I ask their prayers and co-operation.

May the Lord bless your meeting together, is my earnest prayer.

Your sister in the work.

MRS. GRENIER.

P. S.

I am just reminded of an incident

which took place and will, I know, please the dear sisters. It is this:

A few weeks ago we were invited to tea in a catholic family. As we stood round the table, the lady asked Mr. Grenier to ask the blessing, after which all sat down.

We have sung hymns and talked freely about the things of God, but I must say I was more than surprised when the dear woman made the request. I thanked God for it and it has really done me good and helped me.