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Motto for the Year.

"Workers together with Him."

Prayer Topic.

For our Home Mission work in these Provinces, that the labourers may be greatly encouraged and a host won to Christ.

Suggested Programme for July.

HYMN.

SCRIPTURE.

PRAYER.

MINUTES of last meeting.

HYMN.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (All money must be in hands of Treasurer of W. B. M. U. July 31st.)

READING of Tidings.

Let the President call on one sister to pray for our work in these Provinces, another for the N. W., another for G Ligne, and another for our H. M. boards (let these prayers be brief) and another for our Indian work.

CLOSE by all repeating the benediction in Num. 6: 24, 25, 26.

Suggested Programme for August.

HYMN.

PRAYER by Leader.

BIBLE Reading, which has been prepared beforehand. (A grand subject would be the different names given to Christ in the first chapter of St John's gospel.)

HYMN.

GENERAL prayers remembering the topic.

READING Tidings.

QUESTION by the Leader. Has the blank form been received from the Provincial Secretary? and if so, has it been filled out?

Good plan would be for the Society to go over this report and note the advance made during the year, or—

SINGING Prayer.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands. (July.)

HYMN. "Jesus bids us shine."

BIBLE LESSON. Isaiah 60.

THE Lord's Prayer (in concert.)

MINUTES of last meeting.

ROLL Call. Each reciting a verse containing the word "Go."

SINGING. "Blessed Assurance."

READINGS from Link and Tidings.

SINGING. "Jesus loves me."

LESSON found in Tidings.

CLOSE with prayer by Leader.

(Continued from last month's lesson.)

Leader. Where do the Telegus live?

Ans. Between Madras and Ganjam.

Leader. How many are supposed to be living there?

Ans. Eighteen millions.

Leader. Is the Telegu language the only one spoken in the Madras presidency?

Ans. No. In the south the Tamie language is spoken, and in the north the Oriyah, while on the western border, the Savaras, of whom our missionaries have been writing, live.

Leader. What is the prevailing religion?

Ans. Brahminism.

Leader. What are the sacred books of the Brahmins called?

Ans. The Vedas.

Leader. In what part do our missionaries labor?

Ans. In the north.

Leader. What date did they commence to work there?

Ans. In 1875.

Leader. What was the town first occupied by our missionaries?

Ans. Binlipatam.

Leader. What was the next station permanently occupied by them?

Ans. Chicacole.

Leader. How far is it from Bimlipitam?

Ans. About forty-two miles.

Leader. In what direction does it lie?

Ans. North east.

Leader. Where is the town of Tekkali situated?

Ans. About thirty miles to the north east of Chicacole.

Leader. Is this town now occupied as a mission station?

Ans. It is, and much good is being done there.

Chundra Lela, the Converted Fakir.

Certainly two or three thousand copies of Chundra Lela should be sold in Canada. Why not? Have not some of India's most experienced missionaries declared it to be the best missionary story published in 1898? The sixteen

BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS.

the startling revelations of priestly deceptions, the minute descriptions of India's four great temples and their gods, the sketches of the origin of the latter which prove that Hindu mythology teaches murder, suicide, adultery and every other vice common to mankind—these and other factors, although incidental to the main story, multiply the interest.

THE AUTHOR.

Mrs Ada Lee, Calcutta, India, belongs to the American M. E. Mission. In addition to the regular work, she has charge of "The Dennet Training School," where one hundred girls are now being fitted for Bible work among the women of Bengal. Rev. D. H. Lee writes:—"The new edition of Chundra Lela is about ready. In America it may be purchased from Mrs Sperry, Mount Lake Park, Maryland, U. S. A. The price is 25 and 50 cents, paper and cloth respectively; but if your Society or book agents would order in large numbers direct from the publishers through Mrs Sperry, then one quarter or more would probably be deducted.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Chundra Lela has been preaching in four different languages to her countrymen of Orissa and Northern India for thirty years and even now the burden of her seventy years does not prevent her from touring forty or fifty miles distant. One day you may find her sitting at the feet of a native princess reading the Bible to the women of the palace; another day in the bazaar preaching to the throngs that come and go. See! she looks hot and weary and ready to close her effort, when a Brahmin begins fanning her and urges her to go on. At another time you may see her come quietly into a room filled with educated native gentlemen. Soon their ridicule is changed into surprise and awe as they observe her ready knowledge of their sacred writings, her earnestness and power in revealing the emptiness of the Hindu religion, and in presenting Jesus as the only Saviour.

If Chundra Lela, with her white cloth drawn over her head, and Bible and spectacles in hand, should sit on the floor before you this afternoon, in answer to your enquiries, she would probably speak to the following effect:—"I was the daughter of a wealthy Brahmin in high position under the king of Nepal. I was married at seven years of age with great pomp and magnificence—two years later I became the most despised of all creatures,

A CHILD WIDOW.

During the next four years my father taught me to read. I learned from the sacred writings, that the sin which caused my widowhood would be pardoned if I visited the four great shrines situated at the four cardinal points of India. I spent seven years making these pilgrimages—gave cows to the priests, feasts to the Brahmins, performed all the penances, and ever carried with me the image of Ram. Did I find deliverance from sin—the peace for which I craved? Oh no! my heart grew heavier and heavier.

When twenty-eight years of age I decided to spend three years in

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BODILY TORTURE

With my hair besmeared with cow-dung and my body covered with ashes, with a large string of beads around my neck and a small cloth about my loins, with my face painted red and white according to the hideous manner of the fakirs, with a pair of iron pincers in my hand with which to perform the sacrificial work before the idols—thus equipped I sat during six hot months of the year on the deerskin all day in the burning sun with

FIVE FIRES

built around me. At night I stood on one foot with the other drawn up against it, my hands pressed together before the idol and from twelve at night until daylight I implored the god to reveal himself to me. Thus as a fakir I went from shrine to shrine and was worshipped by rich and poor. In the cold season instead of standing on one foot I spent the night sitting in a pond with water up to my neck, counting my beads from dark until daylight. The string contains 108 beads and with each bead, I called on the name of a god. In one night I would repeat the names of the gods

108,000 times!

Oh, no one knows how long those nights were or how I suffered before morning! Day and night I called upon Ram but with no response. "All this I endured just to find God" See! her countenance becomes illuminated as she says, "At last I found God, my Father and Jesus, my Saviour. One night I was out on the sea in a great storm. The waves dashed over the vessels. We Hindus began to cry,

"OH RAM RAM SAVE US!"

The captain came on deck, and seeing the confusion, pointed to heaven and said, "Hush, hush! He who lives there will care for us." This was the first time I had heard of God other than the idols I worshipped. Some time after this I was providentially brought in contact with the missionaries and I learned that Jesus had born all my sins in His own body on the tree. Oh, blessed truth the burden rolled away—Jesus suffered and die for me! He gave me the peace for which I had so long and earnestly sought."

Mrs. Lee closes the book with these words:—"Hear Chundra Lela

say: "All this I suffered to find God?" What have we done to make Him known?" And my dear friends, do we not hear Jesus, our Redeemer, say:

"I've born, I've born it all for thee."

What hast thou born for me?"

MABEL E. ARCHIBALD.

Notes from Nova Scotia.

Should anyone look for "notes" these busy days? Mrs Archibald, our faithful Sec'y for Lunenburg County would answer in the affirmative, for a card from her, reports two new Aid Societies formed. One at Laconia, and one at Lapland (sections of the Bridgewater Church). The former with nine members and the latter with eleven.

Also from our Sec'y for Cape Breton comes the cheering word of two new Mission Bands. One at Gabarous with fourteen members, Mrs Daniel McGilvary and Mrs Ruth Hardy being the leaders. One at Sydney the "Light Bearers."

As soon as our Associational meetings are over, the blank forms will be sent to the Secretaries of all Aid Societies and Mission Bands. If any Secretaries have been changed since last July, please let me know at once. Your doing this will save both time and postage.

Let not one Society or Board fail to send in these blank forms fully filled out, that we may have a correct list of our membership, etc.. see where we stand and are better prepared to help each other in the future.

AMY E. JOHNSTON,

Prov. Sec'y for N. S.
Dartmouth, N. S.

Picture Cards for the Telugu Children

"Now please tell me what I can do for you. You know I am your friend and wish to serve you. Would picture scrap books be acceptable and of any use to you in your work among the children?" It is because I have received letters from the home land

containing such cheering remarks as the above that I have courage to tabulate the following needs :

1. *The Large Lesson Picture Rolls* (urgently needed) particularly on the Life of Christ, but others very acceptable.

2. *Small Picture Scrap Books*. If each child in Mission Band would contribute a card one could be easily made.

3. *Picture Cards*—Advertisement cards, if not soiled or torn, serve the purpose. But the kind preferred are "*The Little Lesson Picture Cards*" published by Harris, Jones & Co., Providence, R. I., for use in Sunday Schools. They are of uniform size—no small matter to a teacher distributing to a large class of children with a keen sense of justice. Another point in their favor is that they are light in weight requiring but little postage. If any one has none and would like to help this method of sowing the seed please buy from the publisher and forward. Another item. We paste paper on the back of each card upon which to print a text in Telugu. Now all who will do that much for us will lighten our labors and besides have the pleasure of helping in this work for the children.

From ten to fifteen regular weekly children's meetings or Sunday Schools have been organized in Chicacole. Miss Ethel Powlesland gives special attention to this work and seems admirably adapted for the same. If you could see these naked, topknotted, neglected children dancing to meet us, if you could behold their eager faces and hear their hearty (not melodious) singing, if you could get a glimpse of the many grown up hearers which these schools attract, and if you could see the charm a picture card has for one and all, you would be specially interested in the evangelization of the children and do all in your power to bring about the same.

Do not be afraid of sending too many Cards, Scrap books and Lesson Rolls, for the surplus will be passed on to the other missionaries. Send—for the joy they will give, for the message they will bear, and for the souls they will save, and believe me to be

Yours with abounding love in
Jesus,

Mabel E. Archibald.

Home Mission Clippings for July Tidings.

The report of the Cor. Sec'y of the W. B. Home Miss. So. of Ont. West. gives a most satisfactory account of the work done by them during the past year. The Treasury shows receipts to the amount of \$4,815.91, so that after paying everything they are left with a balance of \$3 92. Mission Bands and Circles, everywhere, showed increase in contributions and membership. During the summer vacation, about 80 students from West. Master Hall were engaged wholly in Christian work. Four hundred conversions were reported, and 250 baptisms. To this most encouraging dept' they give \$1,000.00 annually.

The sisters of this part of the Province have only been engaged for fifteen years in the Home Mission work, but feeling keenly the need, and having it laid on their hearts, to do something to meet it, they arose in the strength of the Master and have gone steadily forward conquering and to conquer.

The school at Grande Ligne has been doing a good work during the year. Quite a number have professed conversion. The Conticook school was, at one time, in danger of losing thro' ill health, their faithful helper, Miss Stobo.

One month only remains in which to enlarge our contributions to Home Mission Work. Let all our sisters who read *Tidings* ask themselves at once whether all has been done that can be done, towards helping this important cause. We trust no Society throughout the Provinces will return a blank for Home Missions this year. Through the length and breadth of Palestine, let us watch our dear Saviour travelling footsore and weary to give the glad tidings to His brothers and sisters in the Home Land. Surely he will demand no less from us. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, the field is white—the laborers few—the money scarce—shall the harvest be great or small? Thrust ye in the sickle, for if Bible truths be purely and simply taught to those who are already seeking and searching, then shall there be an abundant ingathering, and God Himself shall receive the glory due unto His Name