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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Workers together with Him."

PRAYER TOPIC.

For our missionaries elect, that the words they have spoken may greatly increase the interest in missions, that they may have a prosperous journey, and the presence of the Lord abiding with them as they enter upon their life work

August Tidings was unavoidably late in being printed, on account of non arrival of copy.

Notice.

All "copy" for Tidings should be in the editor's hands by the twentieth of the preceding month.

All subscriptions for Tidings may be sent to the Treasurer, (Mrs. Smith, Amherst.) Enclosed with remittance from W. M. A. S.

To my Fellow Laborers in the Mission Work.

Dear Sisters.

The most successful year of our history in the W. B. M. U. has just closed. The reports from all departments are encouraging. More money

has been raised by our W. M. A. S., more earnest and united prayer has been offered, a greater spirit of consecration to the work than ever before. With grateful hearts let us humble ourselves before God, and with renewed energy and courage undertake the work of the coming year.

Sisters in Christ! Do you not hear the Master's call to this work as never before? Are not we women to whom christianity has brought all we have of happiness in this life—the love, care, tenderness, purity, education, refinement, influence, the ability and opportunity to work in the home, in the church and in the social circle, exalted to heaven in point of privilege? All this here, and a blessed hope of Heaven

Heaven hereafter. Will not gratitude prompt us to do all in our power to bring these rich blessings to our heathen sisters? Does not the love of Christ constrain us to quickly give the news of salvation to the perishing ones of India? Help, oh, help these girls and women whose lives are so empty, hated, despised, neglected, degraded and abused. From infancy they lead a helpless, hopeless, suffering life, ending in a death of darkness and despair. If we cannot go personally with the message of life will we not give more abundantly of our time, thought, strength, money and prayers this year than ever before? Shall we not give our best to Him who gave Himself for us? Shall we not train our children from babyhood to love this mission work and teach their infant lips to pray for those who have no love to make them happy and good? Let each sister be actively engaged in this mission work, just where the Lord has placed us and use us for Him just what He has given us that the Master may say of us when the journey is ended "She hath done what she could." The motto of last year "We are laborers together with God" has so impressed and inspired our sisters that we purpose continuing it another year. As we grasp the great truth it contains we will feel our weakness fleeing before His great strength, our darkness disappearing before His great light, our purpose emerging into His great

over ruling ambition, the salvation of the whole world.

Missionaries.

We rejoice that the Master has heard our cry for more laborers and given us two young ladies and one mission family. These we believe to be thoroughly consecrated and well fitted for the mission work. Many who have heard their earnest words will lovingly and constantly remember their frequent request for our prayers. Let us follow them every day as they cross the great ocean and enter upon their life work. Shall we not ask for greater reinforcement another year, that the vacant places may be supplied and new stations opened up? Some of our pioneers are growing old in the service, a foreign climate and the constant strain of over work will render it necessary for them soon to commit the work they love to other hands. Oh, that the Master would touch the hearts of our young men and thrust them into the service. Men are needed just now on our mission field.

Crusade Day.

Great blessing has come to our Societies during the past few years through Crusade Day. Wherever it has been observed a great impetus has been given to the work. One day out of the year should be thus consecrated to the enlarging of this mission work. The 15th of October has been chosen for this year. Let all engage in special prayer in our homes in the morning,

visiting in the afternoon those who do not attend the meetings from sickness, or other causes, and soliciting new members. A public missionary meeting in the evening at which the needs of our mission work shall be brought before the people and stirring appeals made for more importunate praying and self-sacrificing service.

Literature.

We fear our sisters are not availing themselves of the opportunity as they should to procure mission literature. The Bureau is well supplied and Miss Myra Black, Amherst, will send you what you wish. If you have not already obtained a catalogue send for one at once and select the leaflets most adapted to your needs, read some of these at your meetings and distribute them among your members. Take up a collection at one of your meetings and thus get your first supply.

The mission books too are waiting to be read. They can be kept two months and in this time a number could have an opportunity of reading them. If any sister can add to this library we shall be grateful, either by contributing useful books or money. This is a most important part of our work, where there is knowledge there will be interest. The Tidings has proved a welcome visitor. How much it has added to the interest of our meetings very many can testify. Always have the prayer topic read at the beginning of the meeting, this will

give definiteness to the prayers. These topics correspond with the letter to be read in Tidings and prepare the hearts to receive the message. Then together we will daily remember this prayer topic through the month, expecting that God will greatly bless those for whom we pray, and we shall not be disappointed for He has said, "according to your faith be it unto you."

Mission Bands.

This work weighs heavily upon my heart, because its great importance does not seem to be realized by our sisters.

Are the children of your church and congregation being instructed and interested in mission work? If not, where are our missionaries and mission workers to come from? But a small number of Bands are reported, some of these are doing a grand work.

With maps and mission pictures now to be obtained the work seems made quite easy. Shall we not have double the number of Bands organized this year?

It was decided at our annual meeting to encourage the Bands to contribute towards Mr. Morse's salary, rather than to some special individual. Let us teach the children to give from love to Jesus and from gratitude for His great gift to them. They surely need no reater inspiration than the knowledge of the ignorance, degradation and wretchedness of these sin-blinded ones who sit in great darkness and

cannot know of the Light of the world except as we send to them the blessed Gospel.

Finances.

Over \$1200 more has been raised for Foreign Missions this year than last and about \$80 more for Home Missions.

While we are very grateful and greatly encouraged by this increase, do not let us be satisfied and think we are doing all we can. \$500 of this was a legacy and there were other smaller amounts also left us, so we cannot count upon this amount for next year. We have increased our appropriations \$500 this year, pledging ourselves to raise \$7000 for Foreign Missions and \$1600 for Home Missions. This will require united effort on the part of all our Societies, each one doing all they can and beginning *now*, early in the year.

My sisters, let us praise God that He has opened our eyes to see, and our hearts to feel something of the needs and importance of this Mission work. May we move forward at the command of the Master in the conquest of the whole world for Christ, helping to answer our oft-repeated prayer "Thy kingdom come." We know but little of the Missionaries' heavy responsibility for one or two hundred thousand souls. Can we refuse to comply with their modest request for one man to every fifty thousand? A doubling of missionary benevolence would soon do it. We know but little in this christian land of the tremendous struggle against ignorance and sin which the Telugu christian encounters, snatched from the terrible mine and filth of heathen-

ism. Can we deny them the pastors and teachers they need to help them in the straight and narrow way? Can we look into the pure sweet faces of our own little children and not do all we can to rescue and relieve the sin oppressed children of India? Their cries come up as a great wail. Let us if possible save them from the sad fate of their parents.

We cannot bear the missionaries' hardships and difficulties on the foreign field, but we may share and lighten them by self-sacrifice in giving. We may be co-partners with them and our blessed Lord in the salvation of these Telugus by contributing of our money, time and strength as the Lord has prospered us. To refuse to do *all* we can means to disobey a command of the Lord and rob our own souls of a great blessing. Oh, the fearful responsibility of not doing!

The nations call from far and near,
Bring help, bring help, or else we die;
And yet we turn a deafened ear,
Nor heed their mournful piteous cry.

Open our hearts, O Lord we pray,
Of Thy free gifts, freely to give.
Impress this lesson day by day,
Not only for ourselves we live.

Thousands are daily, sadly dying,
Who do not know their Savior Lord;
Thousands, thousands sadly living,
Who ne'er have heard his precious word.

Arouse, O Lord our dormant powers,
Infuse new, earnest, truer life;
Let us not waste our precious hours.
But gird us for the noble strife.

Yours in the Master's work,
S. J. Manning.
St. John.

Items to be remembered.

Gathered from our Annual Meeting.

The year had been one of increased interest. The monthly meetings had been more largely attended; new members had been brought in, and more money had been raised. Beginning the year with a balance of \$949.65, we had closed with \$9976.00.

Strict attention was paid to all the business sessions. Note books abounded. Delegates must have gone home with new enthusiasm.

Miss Grey did not think it wise for our Mission Bands to take special objects to work for. Children often came to the Schools, and either left suddenly or were disappointing; this would have a tendency to discourage those at home. It was thought that the wiser plan would be to encourage the Bands to raise Mr. Morse's salary.

Several legacies had been left the Union during the year. Mrs. Rebecca Eaton of Canning, \$100. Mrs. Jost of Guysboro \$25, and Mrs. Dr. Higgins of Wolfville, \$500.

New Brunswick had gained financially and spiritually.

There are 80 Aid Societies with a membership of 1,500. 250 "Links" are taken. Six Aid Societies had been organized, and four re-organized. There were twenty Mission Bands.

Some one said "Where the subscription to the "Link" is large, we find increased interest."

P. E. I. had 15 Societies.

Band Work had more attention than usual. Mrs. Foster's paper would do an immense deal of good.

Mr. Higgins told that one out of every five born, is born in India. One in every five who dies, dies in India.

There are 290 millions of people in India, and 137 different nationalities.

We average about 666 villages to each field.

It is estimated that six die on our fields every hour.

Miss Black told us that 1440 leaflets had been sent out. 452 had been given. 807 Mite Boxes had been given, and eleven maps sold.

It was noted that members had not been availing themselves of the Lending Library as they might have done.

If only eleven maps were sold, some Societies and Bands must be without them. They should hurry and buy.

Mrs. Grenier enlisted sympathy for the people among whom she works who have no open Bible, and whose god is their priest.

A new departure was the meeting for County Secretaries, when each gave a short account of the methods of work of her County. At this session it was resolved that in future the Provincial Secretaries would send out the blank forms and have them returned direct. The County Secretary

making up her report from her work done during the year. In order that County Secretaries have statistics the forms would be sent them later.

When the vote was taken that the Union meet at a separate time and place from the convention, no less than 40 voted in favor of the separation. Time will show if the action was a wise one, and in the meantime the Brethren will have more room.

Some one suggested that it was a good plan for the President to supply each member with a programme of the monthly meeting.

Our Missionaries need books

Those by authors such as Dr. A. J. Gordan, Meyer, and Andrew Murray are helpful and inspiring. (Only two cents per oz. to send one of these, and Christmas is nearing.)

Mr. La Flamme thought the time was not far distant when there would be a grand turning to Christ on our foreign fields.

Miss Black has the Bureau of Missionary Literature.

The Home Mission Committee is Miss Johnstone, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Allison Smith, Miss Hume, and Mrs. Dumaresy