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W. B. M. U. TIDINGS

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR

"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded."

PRAYER TOPIC:

Mr. and Mrs. Morse, that our God will supply their need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. For the officers of our Aid Societies that their zeal may be increased.

Miss Gray in writing a private letter Nov 22 Says;—

"I firmly believe that you all have been praying for this town, and hoping, that a change would soon take place. And you will be pleased to hear, that a change has taken place. For the past three months the Municipal affairs have been in a very unsettled state. Mr. Annuthron has been chairman during the past nine years, three terms, and this year, his last term ended in August, I think; He set up again, and expected to be elected, but he was not, and this is a great blow to him. Mr Griffin (Eurasian) the Steamer Agent was appointed at the meeting on Wed. and we hope, that hereafter the people will have liberty to do as they wish in religious matters.

It has been a time of much anxiety to us all. Mr Morse is one of the members, and all the Europeans ex-

cept one, voted for Mr Griffin. The former chairman and two others have resigned. There will be some changes in the offices too. What seems a strange thing to us is that the four who have always been most opposed to our work, have been silenced. Nothing has ever happened to poor Mr A. equal to this, and he feels it keenly. And so many of the native people were against him too! Surely the Lord has brought this about. I believe Mr A. will be converted, and this trouble may be the means used.

We are hoping, that some, who are converted, will come out soon. A quiet work of grace has been going on in the town during the past year, which is very encouraging to us, but of which we cannot write much, at present.

I am sending you this letter to ask you to pray for this town. ; God has heard our prayers, and has done great things, whereof we are glad, and we believe He will do greater things yet. I shall write you when.

Letter from the Treasurer

OF THE W. B. M. U.

Dear Sisters:—

As we are at the close of the second quarter of another year, I feel it my duty to report officially, through our most direct means the little messenger 'Tidings'. Just on commencing let me say how gratifying it is to receive the kindly expressions regarding the little leaflet, as to its help in the monthly meetings. May it each year grow to be a greater power for good, thus fulfilling the desires of the promoters. I wish it were possible for the sisters to sit with me at my desk this morning, and count up the amounts due in five days to our different missions, and contrast the monies on hand. That bank book (which always tells the truth) says eleven hundred and fifty dollars in favor of Foreign

missions. Can that be made to fill an installment of sixteen hundred and seventy-five dollars? It also gives three hundred and sixty six for Home Missions, and that requires seven hundred and fifty. Now, this is one of the most difficult problems I have ever tried to solve and so I am placing the matter thus plainly before you. Will you not try individually to decipher it? And I believe it will be found that what I alone fail in answering, can be readily deciphered by the combined sisterhood.

Some one has written, "If you want a project to fail simply leave it alone; if you want it to grow let every one do a little. This will answer our present position exactly. These amounts needed are small when divided, they are large or seem so to me, as I sit and ponder over the situation. If the motto is true 'Honor to whom Honor is due; may it not be equally true, burden on whom burden is due therefore this statement to you regarding the state of the finances, that you may have the opportunity of sharing with me the present difficulty.

For some time I have felt like talking with you regarding our suggestions at last Annual Meeting respecting Home Missions. After much thought and discussion, it was decided by a unanimous vote to recommend to the Societies that they appoint a H. M. Treasurer (See Annual Report p64) to work in the interest of that object. also, that part of our monthly meetings be given to the consideration of home news and work, as we cannot succeed until we have an intelligent idea of the work and its needs. The one dollar per year may seem too large sum for some Societies, and I know among these sisters, we have many of our most selfsacrificing workers, and who are doing, and will continue to do all in their power! But I as readily believe that with the majority of us, if we saw and understood the pressing need of the work, we could and would give the whole dollar to it. It may seem a high basis but we all know life is ennobled by working toward high standards and examples, indeed short of this we never achieve success. Our sisters of the Upper Provinces working on this same line as map-

ped out for us Viz;—Having their two Treasurers and dividing their monthly meetings giving Foreign and Home each a part of the time, succeeded in raising last year between four and five thousand dollars, and they have no richer harvest fields than we. From their success may we not take courage?

MARY SMITH,
TREAS W. B. M. U.