

EPHAPHAN APPEAL. — In the Epiphany Appeal, read in all our churches from Port Arthur to Halifax, there occurs this kindly reference to the work of our Association in Japan: "The missionaries of the C.C.M.A., four in number, with three lady missionaries and nine native assistants, of whom we desire to make loving mention, and who were in the field somewhat earlier than those of the Board, are working energetically at Nagoya, Gifu and Toyohashi, and points adjacent in the south-west corner of Bishop Awdry's diocese. A few months since the Bishop of Nova Scotia visited the whole field assigned to Canadians, and was brought into personal contact with Messrs. Waller, Robinson and Lea. He speaks of Nagano and Nagoya as both of them 'strong centres from which much effort is exerted over a widely extended country. Rev. Arthur Lea,' he adds, 'is doing admirable work at Gifu and the neighbourhood. He has gained great facility in speaking Japanese, delivers sermons, addresses promiscuous gatherings in the streets and converses fluently in that language. The attention of the people at all times is remarkable. I only hope that his enthusiasm and that of his wife may not make them imprudent in overtaxing their physical and spiritual strength.' While commending the necessity of an expectant patience which will carry us through years of waiting without giving way to discouragement, the Bishop speaks most warmly of the present fruits of missions, and the indirect influence which Christianity is exerting in Japan."

PERSONAL.—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stringer, with their two children, spent a few days in Toronto lately, on their way home from Herschel Island. On Sunday, Jan. 12th, Mr. Stringer preached in St. Paul's church on behalf of the Canadian C. M. S. The appointment of Rev. S. H. Mallinson to St. Luke's church, Montreal, will bring a new missionary impulse into Montreal Church Life. Mr. Godsall, of Pincher Creek, a liberal supporter of the Piegan Indian Mission, paid the Canadian C. M. S. a visit. Rev. A. Lea, of Gifu, has sent us a photograph of himself and family, five happy-looking children.

MONTREAL.—We wish again to draw attention to the faithful work being done by the two C. M. S. missionaries from Montreal. On page 10 of this issue will be found an extract from Mr. Borup's annual letter. He reminds us in his many-sided industrial ability of the noble pioneer missionary, Alexander Mackay. The new site of Mr. Borup's Industrial Mission is on the shore of the Victoria Lake, about three hours' walk from Menigo, near the spot where Mackay once had a boat house. Dr. Minnie Gomery writes from Islamabad, Kashmir, to say that the work of building the new hospital there is going on apace. She and Miss Neve are just at present living in two of the wards, which are not yet finished, but are rough and bare. She says, "While here I am to look after the work gener-

ally, plastering, flooring, etc., and see any women and children who may come. If we find we have only a few patients at first, we shall go out into the villages several days in the week. It is a joy to feel that the long-expected hospital is so nearly a reality, though it will not be ready to open till April."

GLEANERS' UNION FOR PRAYER AND WORK

Once again may we call the attention of all our readers and particularly of secretaries of branches to the fact that a Programme Committee was formed at the last annual conference. The Committee will be delighted to hear from any who would wish to receive suggestions for programmes for meetings, and those desiring to receive such suggestions should address Miss Hoyles, The Canadian C. M. S. Office, Confederation Life Building.

Elmvale Branch and Orr Lake Gleaners.—We have not had our meetings every month, although we have had some very good meetings, which I know were very helpful to us. We are sorry not to have them regularly. If we could only get more of our members to attend the Gleaners' Conference I am sure it would be a great help. We sometimes read extracts from "The Gleaner," which we find helpful. At the next meeting after the letter from our own missionary, Mr. White, appeared in "The Gleaner," I read it to our members, and decided to write to him, but did not do so until October. We need more interest among our members in the Lord's work, and more earnest prayer and effort.

Collingwood Branch.—Although our Branch is not large, we have our meetings regularly every month, even in the summer months. Prayer forms a very important part in our meetings. We generally commence with the Gleaners' prayer and the Missionary Collect for the day. One of the members gives a short Bible reading, and different members read short missionary papers. This month one will take up the Northwest Missions. We have arranged for papers for the next six months. We have had three new members join during the year, and two from Toronto have been transferred here. We do indeed need to be roused up to more interest in the Lord's work, looking for and hastening His coming.

Orillia Branch.—We do not hold regular G. U. meetings, as the W. A. was started several years before the G. U. was formed, and as we do not wish to multiply meetings, we unite the two devotional meetings, and meet on the first Wednesday in each month. We have hymns, prayer and a Bible reading from one of the members, and missionary papers either prepared, or, if the members whose turn it is feel too diffident to give a paper, extracts are read from missionary papers on special subjects.