

Suggested Programme for July Meeting.

- I. Opening Exercises. "The evil forces of every Christian nation are tremendous enemies of the missionary work."
- II. Regular Business.
- III. Hymn.
- IV. Subject for Prayer for the month: That covetous hindrances to Christianity may be removed.

A million and a quarter acres of the earth are devoted to the cultivation of tobacco. Nicotine is a virulent poison. Two drops are enough to kill a large dog, eight drops will kill a horse in four minutes.

Mr. Kelso, Vice-President of the Toronto Humane Society writes, as follows:

"The cigarette and tobacco business is completely demoralizing many lads between the ages of seven or eight and twelve years. I lay great stress upon the cigarette evil, because in order to force the sale, certain manufacturers place an immoral or highly suggestive picture in each package—always an actress or a female performer scantily dressed. Boys often buy the cigarettes for the sake of these pictures, and the smoking habit thus grows on them. I have myself seen pictures of the most degrading character that have been taken from cigarette packages. In a very short time boys started in this way become so initiated into all that is bad that sooner or later they become a public menace."

An American firm sold \$60,000 worth of these pictures in one year.

- V. Reading: "Opium Dens in Lucknow."*

"The introduction and sale of opium extends to all the cities and villages of China, the Chinese expending on it more than \$50,000,000 every year."

Miss Powar, an Indian Christian lady, of Bombay, says: "Opium is given to children only three or four days old, and hundreds of thousands of children are yearly poisoned by it."