

spent if they fulfil our present hopes for them. Their joy at returning to school was only equalled by that of their school-mates and teachers at having them back, and when a few weeks later they, in company with four others from among the younger girls, came to ask permission to enter the class-meeting, thus taking their places among the Christian girls, we felt that the "compensation" of our work here far outweighs all the trials and disappointments.

The girls are very happy in their new school home. The discomforts of last year already seem like a dream, and the present comfort and convenience are very fully appreciated by us all. We are especially happy in having the school ready for occupancy before our ladies from China arrived, as we would have been puzzled to know where to put them had they come last year. We have enjoyed greatly having them with us, and have all of us a much better knowledge of the work in China than we had before, while our women and girls have profited by several talks which the ladies have kindly given in the school and churches. We have just said good-bye to Dr. Killam, and miss her very much from our circle, but are glad to know that she is on her way towards home and a needed rest. She had endeared herself to us all, and the pupils with us are looking forward to seeing her again on her return to China next year. Dr. Henry and Miss Brimstin are very fortunate in having a good Chinese teacher, and are hard at work on the language. Misses Forrest and Laing, as you already know, are helping in the evangelistic work in Tokyo and Kanazawa. Miss Howie has fitted into the niche waiting for her, almost as if moulded to order, and is a great help to us in the school and musical department. I am enjoying my work among the girls exceedingly, and am trying in addition to hold on to some of the many threads that Miss Hart had to drop when she was transferred to Shizuoka in September, such as the housekeeping, sewing department, and shopping for the outside stations, and Miss Blackmore is doing the remainder, which means with her secretaryship and charge of the evangelistic work, that she is doing the work of two women most of the time, for the building is not yet completely finished and still demands time and attention.

Miss Blackmore will be quite ready for her well-earned rest when Spring comes, and we are so hoping that nothing will prevent those now at home from getting back to us then if not able to come sooner.

*Miss Churchill writes, Dec. 28th, 1900.*

As it would be impossible for our mission boys to get up another public meeting between this and my going away, they made their Christmas entertainment the occasion of tendering me a public farewell. I feel very much touched by their kindness and thought. I never expect to again meet with better pupils. I do not feel I deserve half of what they have expressed in their address. If God has made me instrumental in any way of helping them, I give Him all the glory. It has been a great privilege to me to have worked amongst them, and I desire nothing higher than to be permitted to labor in their own land and help bring the light of our glorious Gospel into some darkened soul. I thank the Board for their kind resolution in connection with my resignation. I fear it was altogether too eulogistic.

### Suggested Programme—April, 1901.

Subjects for Prayer and Study:

"Deaconess Work." "The Summer Missionary Campaign."

- I. Opening Exercises. {
  - Doxology.
  - Read Subjects for Prayer and Study.
  - Hymn.
  - Scripture Lesson.
  - Prayer.

"By division of territory, 8 walled cities, 72 market towns and 28 villages have been given to the Methodist Church of Canada to evangelize."

A divine electricity thrills us as we think of this definite allotment of territory, and in the light of our glorious Eastertide, it appeals to us with wonderful pathos and power. Christ is risen, but those dying multitudes know it not. O the pity of it!

Women of Methodism! Let us measure up to this magnificent opportunity. Let us honor the Divine trust. The women of our Chentu district need life—intellectual, moral, spiritual, eternal—"the life that is in Christ Jesus"; and God trusts us to offer it to them. Shall we fail Him? Shall we fail those poor, helpless, hopeless souls? No, a thousand times No!

It is confidently expected that work will soon be re-opened in Chentu. We need experienced, consecrated teachers and evangelistic workers. Who will go? We need money to send those who are willing to go. May our Thank-offering be generous and universal.

L. W. Ross

To be read immediately after the subjects for Prayer and Study.)

II. Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. The Watch Tower.

V. Question Drawer.\*

VI. Awakenings and Beginnings in the Nineteenth Century.  
Five Minutes' Paper. Subject, "A Student Volunteer."†

(Outline the life of Henry Martyn.)

- (a) Birth, Constitution.
- (b) Boyhood, College Life, Graduation, etc.
- (c) His life work chosen.
- (d) Departure for India—years spent there.
- (e) A year in Persia.
- (f) Failing health, Death.

VII. Hymn. Prayer.

\*See "I commend unto you Phoebe." Price, 3c. Two copies are necessary.  
†Leaflet, "Henry Martyn." Price, 5c.  
These leaflets may be ordered from Room 20 and the depots. Please enclose 2 cents for postage and wrapping.

### The Missionary Reading Course.

THOSE who followed the proceedings of the last Board meeting, held in Toronto, will have noticed a recommendation that the Seven Years' Course of Study on Missions, proposed by the Ecumenical Council, was approved. The Literature Committee has had the Course under consideration for some months, and now presents, in the story of Henry Martyn, the second of a series of Preliminary Studies on "Christian Missions in the Nineteenth Century." It is found in item number VI of the Suggested Programme of this issue. The leaflet is 5 cents per copy, and may be ordered from Room 20 and the Depots.

### Notes from Room 20 and the Depots.

The following gratifying note concerning the Flag Exercise has been received at Room 20:

OIL CITY.—"The 'Flag Exercise,' prepared and published at Room 20, has been successfully given by the Junior League of this place. The children acquitted themselves admirably, both in song and recitation, and we know of nothing that could arouse a deeper missionary spirit than this 'Exercise.' Parents and friends were not only delighted but deeply moved to see the boys and girls, so early in life, falling in line with this great missionary movement."

Send to Room 20 or the Depots for a sample copy, price 5c. The twelve Large Flags required, and as many small Union Jacks as are necessary, can be rented from Room 20 for \$1.00, and the return express charges. The flags are to be returned the day after being used, care being requested in packing them.

The "Large British Ensign" and "Large Stars and Stripes" are to be obtained from local societies.

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ORDER IN ADVANCE.—Letters are frequently received ordering leaflets by *return mail*. When one reflects that the same mail that brings such an order also brings many other orders, each of which must be opened, carefully read, and the remittances which they contain entered upon the cash book before the orders can be filled, it will be seen that it is quite impossible to comply with the request. Besides, detention in transmitting by mail is of not infrequent occurrence. All of which leads us to emphasize the desirability and necessity of *ordering in advance* to be certain of securing supplies at desired dates. Remittances should be sent by registered letter, postal order, or postal note. If nothing but stamps can be procured, please send as large denominations as possible.

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MAPS of Japan and China have been prepared in outline, which is to be heavily traced with chalk or crayon, and the points of interest added as required. The maps are on manilla paper, 34 x 46 inches, and are 5 cents each. For 5 cents additional, a small printed map of Japan will be sent to assist in locating our mission stations and the natural features of the country. For China, the public school atlas can be used in connection with the Annual Report.

OUTLINE  
MAPS.