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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

MARCH.

For Japan. That divine direction may be given to the rulers at this crisis; that Christianity may be permanently established, and our educational and evangelistic work greatly prospered and extended. *Jeremiah xxxiii. 3; Matthew xxviii. 18.*

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS.—*Psalm xlvi; Ephesians iii. 14-21.*

INDIAN WORK.

PORT SIMPSON, Dec. 29th, 1892.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—Again the time has come for a quarterly letter. We have seen wonderful things here the last few months—such a turning unto the Lord as we have

long been praying for. It is such a blessed change to see some of the hardened sinners, who have been leaders in iniquity, now so ready to lead in the right way, and persuade others also to come to the fountain and have their sins washed away.

In the Home the blessed work goes on ; the girls are striving to put their religion into practice in their daily lives.

Our Christmas was a very pleasant one. We had the Christmas tree Saturday afternoon, and a short programme. The girls sang and recited several short pieces ; then the presents were distributed, to the satisfaction of all present. We were almost afraid the first of the week our tree would have to be put off. Twenty-six children took the mumps and were sick at the same time ; but though three of the faces were badly swollen, all but one managed to get up for the afternoon. None were very seriously ill, and now all have quite recovered, and we hope all will be able to attend the New Year services.

A few weeks before Christmas, one of our older girls was married to one of our village boys. They have settled in a nice little home here in the village. We expect shortly after New Year's to have another wedding from the Home. During the quarter we have received five new pupils, and after New Year's expect to take in four others, which will bring our number up to forty.

We find our house so comfortable these stormy winter days, and are so thankful for the change from what it was in the old house. Very sincerely,

S. L. HART.

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### FROM THE CHINESE HOME.

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I have now been alone in the Home more than two weeks, and have been getting along happily ; as I try to have the usual school as well as the other work, I find it is as much as

I can do ; still I can manage, and Miss Morrow will relieve me occasionally, but she has been in deep trouble owing to the sudden death of her sister in Los Angeles. The married girls attend the prayer meetings very well, and some of them always come to Sunday School in the Home. As I have had to give up the outside class to stay with those inside, I cannot get out to see after them very much. I enjoy the Bible talks exceedingly. Yesterday afternoon I had Rose (the last comer in) beside me for a talk. She was teaching me the Chinese of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me," and I was finding out how much she understood. When we came to the words, "Let his little child come in," she sprang up and going to the door threw it wide open. "Does Jesus say to you, come in, Rose?" I said. "Yes, yesee," she said brightly, and I do hope the light is really dawning upon her and beginning to influence her.

The girls in the Home send grateful love to their kind friend.

MARY E. MORROW.

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## JAPAN WORK.

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KOFU, *Dec. 21st, 1892.*

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN, — Christmas will soon be here. In the school, the girls' examinations, and preparations for home-going, a certain air of mystery and extra business that pervades the building, indicate that. In the church, Sunday School, too, we have been hard at work preparing the children for their part in the Christmas entertainment. Saturday evening, the 24th inst., we have our Christmas tree, when all will receive a present of some description. Each one is handed a slip of paper with a number written on it that entitles the owner to an article on the tree bearing the same number. The Sunday School carries out a programme, and Christmas day, with its joyous festivity, is to our Christians a great day of the year. It is hardly past before they begin to look eagerly forward to the next.

We have had a busy term's work. Shinkai Matsuze San, whom we had expected to have as a worker this term, has

been prevented by her husband's return to this neighborhood. He presents a good face, but Mr. Shinkai feels doubtful about him, and intends keeping him on trial for a time. In the meantime, he does not wish his sister to meet him, so they keep her carefully at home. Matsuze San was only thirteen when married. Her husband was a relative. His family needed her, and so her friends married her off. And now young as she is, only twenty-three or twenty-four, she is living separated from her husband on account of his evil ways. She has two little ones, her mother-in-law taking charge of one.

Naito San, our only Bible-woman, was laid aside by sickness for nearly two months. But the sickness was a benefit to her spiritually. She is developing into a fine worker. She is becoming more in earnest, and is gaining in spiritual power.

I told you about our starting evening meetings in the womens' houses. They are a success. Most of our meetings have been held at Mrs. Sizuka's, with occasional meetings elsewhere. The meeting at Mrs. Sizuka's has been well attended, and some apparently are becoming interested in the truth. Again, the husband of one of our Christian women has started going to church through the influence of the work done in her home, and so we are encouraged to continue. We have started two Sunday Schools, besides the church Sunday School, and after New Year's expect to get four more going. The attendance so far has been gratifying. Last Sunday we had fifty-one present at one at the other, twenty-six. Most of them are held in the homes of our Christians, rent free. Beside the seed-planting in the hearts of the children, and perhaps through them in their homes, they are helpful to the Christians in whose homes they are held, strengthening their faith and increasing their interest. They do good, too, in that they furnish work for the older Christian students of our school. Teachers and pupils, Bible-women and pastor's wife will all be engaged in the work.

One of the greatest difficulties in our work here is the way in which our Christians keep the Sabbath. Some will close their stores on the Sabbath, but if people come to buy they will sell. One of our church officials, who sells both

tobacco and Bibles, was known to sell tobacco on the Sabbath, even while a class-meeting was being held in his house. Another man, when I asked him to open his house for a Sunday School, acknowledged a difficulty in acceding to the request, namely, his own observance of the Sabbath, but his business was that of a pawn-broker, and it was very much like that of telegraphy—a case of necessity! I might multiply instances, and with non-Christians it is equally a stumbling-block. One man and his wife, for whom we have labored long, are very near the kingdom of God, but the necessity of observing the Sabbath keeps them out. We might number numerically many more converts than we do, were it not for the law of the Sabbath.

I have written to you frequently about Mr. and Mrs. Fukui. Mr. Fukui was obliged to go to Tokyo lately on law business. But when he goes off alone like that, he is apt to spend a good deal of money and grow careless religiously. So his wife made up her mind she would go with him to help take care of him; and although he thought it was not at all necessary, she was bound “to stick to him, even until death,” and so she accompanied him to the metropolis. This incident shows her power and her strong faith, and it would do you good, could you visit them as I have done—first, when the home was without Christ, and then since He has entered in. Christ's presence has made a wonderful difference in the atmosphere of that home.

Every Friday evening we have a largely attended meeting out in the country. One old woman who attends was sick not long since, and according to a common custom, took a charm with five black spots printed upon it, and, pinching out one of the spots, swallowed it in water, as a remedy for her sickness. You see there is plenty of room yet in Japan for the Gospel!

Yours sincerely,

E. A. PRESTON.

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## Suggested Programme for April Meeting.

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- I. Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
  - II. Short Prayer.
  - III. Scripture Readings: Ezek. xxxiii. 1-9; Prov. xxiv. 11, 12; Matt. x. 1, 5-8; John xiv. 21-23.
  - IV. The subject for prayer for the month to be read by the President: "For the Indian work, the schools and homes, teachers, helpers and children; that those taught may become good and useful citizens. For Dr. Bolton's medical work on the Pacific Coast."
  - V. Five Prayers—half-minute each—for Port Simpson Home, Coqualeetza Home, McDougall Orphanage, Dr. Bolton's Hospital work, Indian work of the General Society.
  - VI. Minutes of last Meeting.
  - VII. Treasurer's Report.
  - VIII. Despatches from the field—from March Letter—read by Corresponding Secretary.
  - IX. Hymn—"Lo, the Fields are White for Harvest."
  - X. Paper (five minutes): Our Indians—number, location, condition, customs, needs, etc.<sup>1</sup>
  - XI. Solo—"Tell it Again."
  - XII. Paper (five minutes): What our Church is doing to meet their spiritual wants.<sup>2</sup>
  - XIII. Reading or Recitation—Selected, "That I Might Live."<sup>3</sup>
  - XIV. Closing Prayer and Benediction.
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1. Programme on "Our Indians"—One Hundred Questions and Answers, Metlakahtla. Price, 5 cents each. Monthly Letter for April, 1891.

2. Eleventh Annual Report of the W. M. S. Price 5 cents. Monthly Letter for March, 1892. Report of General Society.

3. "That I Might Live"—To be found in "Our Indians." All of the above, except the Monthly Letter for March, 1892, April, 1891, and the Report of the General Society, can be obtained from Room 20, Wesley Buildings.

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## REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

The North American Indian.—This Leaflet is prepared in the form of questions and answers suitable for Mission Circles, Bands, and Auxiliaries. It contains valuable information concerning various tribes of Indians—their physical and mental qualities, religions, and customs. Also their relation to the American Government "Indian Rights Association," etc.; the results of Christian effort among them, and advance in civilization. It has special reference to the Indians of the United States. A chapter is devoted to the mission work of the Presbyterian Church among them, which is replete with facts, and is a condensed history of great value. This Leaflet would be exceedingly interesting and helpful for programmes. Price, 5 cents.

Not for the Heathen, merely, but for Christ.—"For Christ" is the inspiration to every noble purpose—the motive of every true action. It is often said that in this age the multiplication of organizations, with their varied machinery, requires so much effort that we are prone

to forget where the real power is—and that in doing so there is danger of losing sight of the only motive that can make service acceptable to God. We cannot emphasize too strongly that love to Christ must be the supreme motive, and a vital union with Him is the essential characteristic of sincere service. This little Leaflet will be a blessed reminder of this fact. Price, 1 cent.

**Sister Phœbe's Salvage Corps**—The lesson of this little history consists in showing how love to Christ begets love for the suffering, and a desire to convey to them messages of comfort. It presents a beautiful example of sacrifice of home comforts for the purpose of direct service for the Master; and may be useful in stimulating many of God's children who need not labor for themselves to see their privilege and opportunity to labor for others. God expects great things of those upon whom He has bestowed much. This Leaflet is very suitable for an Auxiliary or for distribution. Price, 2 cents.

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## Report of Supply Committee.

A letter from St. John's, Newfoundland, acknowledging the receipt of a box of bedding and clothing from Bath, states that the articles have been given to needy cases, and tenders sincerest thanks to the contributing friends for the nice, warm quilts and articles of clothing which have given comfort at this inclement season of the year to those who received them.

The following letter was received from Alderville, written by an Indian and signed by a number of others: "We, the undersigned, Indians of Alderville Indian Reserve, who have been the recipients of your kind bounty so liberally sent to us to make our homes comfortable and happy at this festive season, beg leave to take this method of thanking you and the other kind lady givers for the same. We would also like to include our thanks to our pastor and his good wife, daughter and sons, for their untiring efforts to make our Sunday School instructive and valuable to all our children and young people." Another Indian writes: "I am very much pleased and do truly say very much obliged for



the present received from the hands of Rev. J. Lawrence, which he received from the ladies for us—the greatest we ever had since Father Case first came amongst us in the year 1825. Your reward will be great from our Lord Jesus Christ, when He shall say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

Alderville received cases from Grimsby, Teeterville, Delta and Wicklow Auxiliaries.

Lambeth and Mallorytown sent cases to Cape Croker; the missionary there desires us to convey his thanks to the friends who so kindly contributed to the filling of these boxes. He says, "The articles were all useful, and some valuable and tasteful. God bless and repay the senders. Their gifts were highly acceptable and much prized. I appointed a board of five deaconesses, all intelligent Indian women, and the second chief of the band, and committed to them the sacred trust of distribution."

Rev. J. Semmens acknowledges the receipt of cases from Sarnia and Norwich, and also one other which went to him without any accompanying letter to explain whence it had started. These cases will be sent to the far north as soon as navigation opens.

A letter from Miss Beatty, Eeren's River, says: "I am busy getting ready for our Christmas tree. The box from Cobourg was filled with some very nice and some very useful things for the children. How good of the friends to remember us so nicely in our work."

The following is part of a letter received from one of the missionaries engaged this winter in the work among the lumbermen in the woods in the Nipissing District: "I visited a family who lived in a small log hut about 12 x 20 feet, and 6 feet in height, covered over with scoops (scoops are logs split in two pieces, then they are hollowed out with an axe, and placed in such a position that will carry off the rain very well). In this place lived an aged man and his wife, a grown-up daughter who was married, but whose husband had deserted her. Here she was at her father's with two small children, and herself sorely afflicted with paralysis; the one half of her body (the right side) in a helpless condition—unable even to help herself or her children, and her parents unable to help themselves sufficiently. I carried a

bag of clothing with me, giving it to them, some for her and her children. She wept for joy, wanting to know if the articles of clothing were really for her. I could not help but think if many of the ladies of our land knew of the expression of thankfulness that this person manifested upon receiving some clothing cast off by others, they would give more than that which was cast off.

“About two weeks ago I visited a home, carrying with me a bundle of clothing. The wife, and mother of a number of small children, told me of her husband drinking; then I thought, “Well, what can you expect in a drunkard’s home, but just what I see here, half-clad, half-starved children, and a heart-broken wife.” She wept for joy on receiving the clothes. I visited a home where the wife, and mother of two small boys, lay sick, I thought on her death-bed. On making inquiries, I learned that about all she had was potatoes and salt pork—hard fare for a sick woman; and no doctor within twenty-five miles. Learning what was wrong, I went away, procured medicine, food and clothing and sent them. She got better. Her husband was sick at the same time. I visited the poor abode of a family who were once in better circumstances, but who, by some misfortune (not drink), were reduced very low. Giving the mother some clothing, she reached out her hand, grasping mine, with tears in her eyes, saying, ‘Inasmuch,’ etc. I thought surely the Lord Jesus knew all about those things, and this work of helping others is blessed indeed. Another, the case of a woman left with seven small children, whose husband was found dead out in the field one cold winter’s day by herself. He had been in the woods chopping, and on his way home fell, and walked no more. She is struggling in the backwoods; kind friends send her food and clothing. The God of the widow careth for her. These are cases of those who are striving in their helplessness and weakness to gain the blessed portal, where there shall be no poverty or pangs of hunger felt. I will give another account of a family where the husband drinks every cent he can get. The wife, and mother of five small children, is not striving to serve God. They are in very destitute circumstances. Some days ago I carried a bag of clothing to them. I do not think I will forget the sight soon—the woman with a

sick child in her arms, the rest of the children with haggard, pinched faces, which told the tale of wanting enough to eat; and only half-clad little boys and girls, without shoes or anything else to cover their feet in this cold country, this cold winter, is enough to touch and melt the heart. Some might say drink' is the cause. True enough, but they are Christ's little ones, and He says, 'Inasmuch,' etc. May God bless you and the kind Christian ladies engaged in this work."

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### To be Remembered.

1. That, by order of the General Board, all orders and money for Reports and Monthly Letters are henceforth to be sent to Miss Annie L. Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

2. That, when ordering Monthly Letters, it is necessary to give the name of the Corresponding Secretary to whom they were sent last year, as well as the Corresponding Secretary for the present year.

3. That orders for the Monthly Letter for April should be sent before the fifteenth of March. If not, they will be too late for that month. It is very desirable that this rule be always followed when ordering the Monthly Letter.

4. That Monthly Letters not paid for by the fifteenth of April will be discontinued, except the two copies allowed by the Board of Managers. If corresponding secretaries do not receive the usual number of Monthly Letters for May, they will please see whether or not the subscription price, 5 cents, has been sent to Miss Ogden.

5. That subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden, at the following rates per year: *The Missionary Review of the World* (und denominational), \$1.50; *The Gospel in All Lands*, published by the Methodist Episcopal Church, 80 cents; *The Heathen Woman's Friend*, the organ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 50

cents; *The Message on Deaconess Work, Home and Foreign Missions*, has been enlarged and improved, and will henceforth be 50 cents a year. *The African News*, 75 cents a year; with miniature picture frame of ivory, \$1.00 a year. Please allow at least four weeks before you look for the magazine, as all orders have to be sent to the States and the papers mailed to subscribers from there.

6. That with all orders for miscellaneous leaflets stamps should be enclosed for postage. One cent for every four ounces.

### Free Leaflets.

Constitution for Auxiliary and Mission Band.

Duties of Auxiliary Officers.

Origin and Work of W. M. S., Methodist Church, Canada.

Prayer Card.

Ten Reasons Why I Should Belong to a W. M. S.

Helps Over Hard Places, for Mission Band Workers.

Mrs. Fickett's Missionary Box.

What Thomas Henry and I Learned at the Board Meeting in London.

Scattered Helpers (Leaflets and Cards).

Christian Giving (one copy only).

*Orders for free leaflets should be accompanied by postage, one cent for every four ounces.*

Pasteboard Mite-Boxes, free—postage and wrapping, 3 cents each.

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Mission Band Life Membership Certificates, free—postage and wrapping, 3 cents each, or 6 for 12 cents.

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W. M. S. BOOKS, comprising Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer's books—three in set, \$1.75. To be ordered from the Book Room. The sets cannot be broken.