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For auxiliaries, mission circles and bands; executive, supply, and literature committees; Conference and district organizers, and representatives to Annual Conferences. *John xv. 5.*

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Num. xiii. 17-19, 25-30; Luke x. 1, 2; Rev. xi. 15.*

FRENCH WORK.

ABLE-WOMAN'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JAN., '93—OUR
FRENCH MISSION WORK IN EAST END, MONTREAL.

During the month one hundred and twenty-eight calls and visits have been made, which is a slight decrease in usual number, owing to prolonged visits at the bedsides of sick ones, which have been numerous. While it seems a pretty hard task sometimes, and very painful to see poor ones laid out and helpless, yet the evident pleasure manifested by our attendance, and the request for "our prayers," is certainly

soothing and encouraging to us in our work. When we consider the training and early teaching of these persons, we are rejoiced to see the confidence shown in our prayers, being taught as they are to look upon Protestants as "a people of no faith or piety," and that "there is no salvation outside of the R. C. Church." It is evident that "our labor is not in vain." Former prejudices are fast disappearing as they come in contact with the truth. I was asked a few days ago, by a person lately converted, to go with her and read the Bible to some of her relatives, very bigoted papists. I of course went, but found them on the alert, asking "if we had come there to make them change their religion." The priest had told them "to have nothing to do with Protestants or their books, and to burn all books or tracts that were left with them, as they were bad and unfit to read." I saw it would not do to read to them just then, but I reasoned with them quietly and kindly, telling them of the importance of "searching the Scriptures" and knowing for ourselves what the will of God was concerning us, as men might deceive us. We stayed over an hour, and the time was well employed. We came away feeling that the "seed" had been sown, leaving it with the Master to "water and bring the increase."

During the month of February one hundred and thirty-two calls and visits were made, also usual reading matter distributed, many sick ones visited and provided with medicine and food. Persons out of work were directed to places, and encouraged to persevere. We were agreeably surprised on the 16th inst. by the receipt of a large bundle of clothing through Mrs. Lewis of Niagara Falls, Ont., from the Auxiliary of Niagara Falls South; also a very kind and encouraging letter from the same, with 70c. in postage stamps, for which we gave due acknowledgment and felt truly grateful, as the things sent were much needed, and they were no sooner received than they were given around. Also received, through the treasurer, Mrs. Torrance, five dollars for the poor, which was spent in the usual manner, that is, in food, medicine, and fuel for the most needy ones. We are glad to state an improvement in our sick list, and it affords us much pleasure to note the gratitude of convalescent ones for the little care and attention we have been enabled to bestow—giving all praise to Him who alone is worthy.

REPORT OF BIBLE WORK AND TEACHING IN THE WEST END.

During the month of Jan., 1893, one hundred and ten visits were made and one hundred and twenty tracts distributed. The average attendance at the day school was fifty-four. There must always be much sameness in my reports, nothing very new to say; yet, looking back a few months, we can confidently say there is an increase in the school. Most of the new pupils are French Canadians. There are several boys ten or twelve years old, quite ignorant, but willing to learn. Besides the immediate neighborhood, I visit many families at St. Henry, the Point, and other places at some distance, who are pleased with my visits and willing to accept reading matter. Of course I am careful in what I begin with. There are now many families who will enjoy reading Protestant religious papers, to whom at first I could only offer a bright card with a Scripture text for the children. I find that where I have influence with the parents, it has been by having the goodwill of the children. The Catholic children in our school are every day acquiring Protestant ideas, and I believe many of them will become Protestants in after life. Many children who five years ago came to the school at St. Gabriel, quite ignorant of English, are now in Methodist Sunday Schools, and some are Church members.

JAPAN WORK.

FROM MISS ROBERTSON.

SHIDZUOKA, *Jan. 23rd, '93.*

I like my work here in the school very much. I find myself growing more and more into it, becoming a part of it, while it also becomes a part of me—my living. I am glad of it. If it is not vital, the work cannot be effectual. Sometimes the work in my corner seems to move so slowly I get half impatient to see results, and then I remember only the doing to the best of my ability is mine, the results are out of my keeping. So day after day I teach the Word, trusting in the promise that "it shall not return unto Him void."

We did not have any public closing at Christmas this year. The last day of school we had our own girls and all

the children from the various Sunday Schools in our charge come here for a Christmas treat. More than one hundred were gathered together in the school-rooms below. We had all the desks taken out of the rooms, and tatami (mats) brought down from the dormitories and put on the floor. I gave the management of affairs into the hands of the older girls who teach in the Sunday School, and they planned it very well. They arranged the tatami very nicely so that all had sitting room, and left spaces for small tables to be placed before them, when the "gochiso" (refreshments) came on. At first there was an appropriate Christmas exercise, after which I hoped the children might have a more comprehensive idea of the birth of the Saviour and what the celebration of His birthday means for us. Hiraiwa San told the Bible story in simple language, and from the way she held the children's attention I know they were much interested. When the programme was ended teachers and children went out to the playground for games, or stayed in the school-rooms to look at pictures, while some of us got ready the treat. The girls thought white cloths would make the tables look much better, so we looked up all that would answer for that purpose. It looked very nice, though to a foreigner's eye the table drapery might have seemed a little incongruous. When they were seated and had been served, they looked so busy and happy, one could easily see how much pleasure the little hearts were receiving. In one corner, by the stove, out of harm's way, sat the old blind woman who has been attending regularly for some time. The poor eyes closed forever to the light of this world, but gradually, I believe, opening up to the light of the life beyond; her head a little to one side, intently listening to all that was being said, and a happy look on her face, as she seemed to *feel* the gladness about her. When a familiar hymn was sung she joined in too. I remembered the words she said once to Miss Morgan: "O, Sensei, I am gradually understanding Christianity better; I understood all of Marno San's prayer on Sunday." And I prayed that she may become a true Christian and partaker of the inheritance prepared for her. How much she loses that we enjoy, and how great will be the pleasure when the sightless eyes, no longer blind, will behold the King in His glory! Her face has such a subdued, patient look.

Christmas day, as you know, came on Sunday. It was one of the happiest days I have ever spent. One of our girls and the head Japanese teacher were baptized in the little meeting place you attended while with us. No doubt you have heard of the two great fires that have laid a large part of the city in ruins, and in one of which our pretty little church, which we had only enjoyed about five or six weeks, was destroyed. We were very glad to have Mr. Cassidy's school left, and though the baptism was to have been performed in the new church, the place did not take away any of the solemnity. My heart was full of gratitude to our dear Father for the way in which He has heard and answered the prayers which have been sent up for our work. I wished Miss Morgan might have been able to see this result of her labors. Our little maid, O Maki, will soon follow, and I hope it won't be long before our other Japanese teacher comes out strongly as a disciple of Christ.

Then there was that nice visit with the friends in Azabu, when we had such merry, happy times, and threw off for a while the weight of responsibility which we cannot help feeling when in the midst of our work. Then the home-coming and settling down again to the daily round of our duties. That is just what it is for us, as well as for those at home. "The daily round and common task"—we never get beyond that, if we take life right, no matter what sphere we may be in. Some people think because we leave home and friends behind, and come so far away, there is an interest and romance about our lives which makes them exciting; but you know differently, I am glad to say, and can appreciate the difficulties we have to meet and the patience with which we must wait for the fruit of our labors. I am a little surprised sometimes at the ideas contained in some letters I have received, where people have an idea that all we have to do is to out and gather the people in by scores. They do not realize how long it takes to get their confidence even after they begin to trust us.

I am happy to say every girl but one, and she came to hidzuoka but was taken sick at her guardian's, will be here next week, I expect, returned after the holidays. As the change in principalship usually brings a change in the attendance, I thought there might be a little falling off. As there was none, it is a good sign that their interest in obtain-

ing an education is stronger than their prejudices. I hope it will continue so, and that the girls here at present will continue till they graduate; as the longer they are under our training the better they will be fitted for the responsibilities of their future lives. We have several applications for new pupils, most of whom need help.

A fortnight ago we entertained sixteen of the oldest ladies of the church. We had a simple foreign tea for them, and they enjoyed it very much. I never enjoyed a party more.

When I returned from Karuizawa last summer, I visited some friends from home, whose ship lay out in Yokohama harbor. The lady whom I visited collected sixteen yen which she gave me to use in my work. Shortly after I came home I was speaking to Mr. Kobayashi about the silk factory, and he told me he had great hope for the work there, that the manager had expended money enough to buy hymn-books for all the girls. It came to me, here is an excellent opportunity for using that special money, and the more I thought of it the more I concluded those girls needed the Gospel in their own hands; so when I spoke to Mr. K. about it, he agreed that it would be a very good thing, so I sent for the Testaments, and got very pretty and good ones for a very low price. I hoped to be able to give them to the girls myself, but word came that the only way I could dispose of them was to give them to the company, and the girls could receive them from the manager. It did not make much difference whose hands distributed them, the main thing was to get them into the hands of the girls; so they were sent over, and Mr. Kiribayashi, the manager, said he would use them night and morning. He is anxious to have a suitable teacher and hold a night-school among the girls. Their education is very low. One hundred girls!—what an opportunity it presents.

SUPPLY COMMITTEE REPORT.

NEWFOUNDLAND ORPHANAGE, ST. JOHN'S.

I beg, in the name of the committee, to tender you, and through you Miss Butler, thanks for your kind contribution of \$17.00 from Dereham and Ebenezer Auxiliaries. It will be paid forthwith into Mr. Watson's hands.

You speak of not having had much information lately with respect to the Orphanage. As Mr. Walker had resigned just before the meeting of Conference, and as no definite appointment had been made, no report was prepared for the Conference as was usual. The Conference meeting in Grand Bank, nothing could be done at the time, and we had hardly got home before the "fire" came, and ever since we have lived in confusion. What is done outside St. John's by way of support is very little. The burden of everything comes upon St. John's, great poverty prevailing throughout the outposts. The subscriptions were incomplete at the time of the fire, and as the lists were then lost, it was impracticable to furnish a report for the year past.

Before the fire we were wont to have regular monthly meetings, but since then we have had to meet as best we could. Things have been greatly disorganized, and though the Orphanage has not exactly suffered, yet we have been unable to proceed so systematically as formerly. We have more on our hands, and those upon whom the responsibility rests have been distracted by their own losses. After much difficulty, we at last succeeded in procuring a suitable site for the erection of a proper building, which we have never had. The General Conference will meet next week to consider plans, etc., and we *must* proceed with the work of building next summer.

There are now twenty-five orphans in the institution, which is as many as we have accommodation for. The buildings we propose to erect will have accommodation for about sixty. We hope in course of time to make the institution in part self-sustaining, and to carry it on without assistance from abroad. Meanwhile we are much indebted to the Woman's Missionary Society for the grants that are annually made. Without them we would have fared badly, but as soon as possible we want to do this work ourselves.

Yours very truly,

A. D. MORTON.

REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

Why our Society did not Disband, is the title of a leaflet that should have wide-spread distribution. It would almost answer in place of a pocket Bible, so much scripture

is condensed in these few pages. If there is an Auxiliary in any of our branches that is growing so luke-warm as to think of disbanding, let this leaflet be read at their next meeting. The society here referred to had flourished, but as is the case too often, they relied on the leader, and when she moved away they lost interest, and after a time a special meeting was called for the purpose of disbanding. Our heroine had to ride a couple of miles in the cold and rain, and while the president was opening the meeting, she fell asleep, and in a dream she saw the Lord Jesus on the platform. He reproached them for their neglect, and as each from the little woman with the large family and aged parents to care for, to the one with costly furs and sparkling jewels, gave her excuse, He answered them with His own indisputable word. Alas! some of us are making these same excuses, which to ourselves seem quite reasonable, but when weighed in the balance will be found wanting. Price, 2 cents.

Why we Should Keep up Our Auxiliaries.—We believe the majority of the membership of our Woman's Missionary Society are women upon whom the entire care of the home depends. The constant round of daily duties seems to absorb all their time. Now while we believe a woman should be a very queen—loving, kind, and gracious—in her home, is it right for her to allow these things to monopolize body and soul? We think the answer given to the little woman in the dream, when she asked, "Am I not serving Thee in caring for my family?" will fit in here. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." "Take heed lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with cares of this life, and that day come upon you unawares." And this is why we should keep up our Auxiliaries, in order to keep in touch with something that may awaken an interest in things outside of ourselves. We can snatch a few moments for a bit of missionary literature; and as the writer says, "When petty economies rasp her, and she irons out the old bonnet strings, or patches Charlie's jacket with a sigh, she can think of the beautifully-clad creatures of the Zenonas, shut up to a life of inanition, jewellery, and sweetmeats, and be thankful for her own liberty, even with plain clothes and few pleasures." If one goes to the meetings with such thoughts, she cannot fail to find them interesting. Let us do our part in this great work. Price 1 cent.

Suggested Programme for June Meeting.

Opening exercises to be arranged by the President.

Subjects of prayer for June—

(a) "The Conversion of the Jews."

Short paper on one of the following subjects: "The present condition and outlook of the Jewish nation," "The Jewish religion (before Christ, at the present time, wherein different from Christians)," "The duty of the Church to the Jews" (Rom. i. 16; ii. 10; xi. 12, 15, 23, 30, 31; xv. 27).

Hymn—"Lord, if at thy command, the word of life we sow."

(b) For the success of the Wesleyan and McAll Missions in France.

Paper (5 minutes), "Beginning and development of the Wesleyan Mission."¹

Solo.

Paper (5 minutes), "The McAll Mission" (when, where and by whom begun, methods of work, etc.).²

Short prayer for these missions.

(c) That we may not lose interest in our work during summer vacation (for auxiliaries that take holidays).

Let the President previously distribute two or more of each of the following questions, and call for verbal answers at the meeting: "Why is there danger of losing interest in our work during vacation?"

"How shall we avoid losing interest in our work during vacation?" "How can we not only maintain, but increase our own interest, and awaken the interest of others in our work during vacation?"

Read, in concert, Gal. iv. 18; vi. 9; 1 Cor. xv. 58; Luke ix. 52; John ix. 4; xvii. 18.

Silent prayer and benediction

¹ For Wesleyan Mission in France, see Monthly Letters, June, 1891 and 1892. These cannot be had at Room 20.

² The McAll Mission, or, Twelve Questions answered. Price, 1 cent.

HOME READINGS.

"Restoring Palestine to the Jews." *Missionary Review*, Sept., 1891, page 693.

"The Jews." *Missionary Review*, Dec., 1891, page 946.

"The Gospel among the Jews." *Missionary Review*, Dec., 1892, page 903.

"The Jewish Question." *Missionary Review*, Dec., 1892, page 903.

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"Jewish Missionary Societies and Their Work." *Christian Guardian*, Feb. 15th, 1893.

"The Reading of the Word." *Christian Guardian*, Feb. 8, 1893.

"The Gospel Afloat." *Missionary Review*, Jan., 1892, page 24.

"Twentieth Anniversary of the McAll Mission in France." *Missionary Review*, July, 1892, page 509.

"How to Increase Interest in Missions." *Outlook*, Feb., 1893.

To be Remembered.

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