

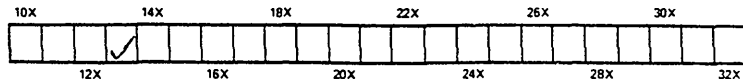
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et patience have her perfect work."—Jas. 1:4; Ps. 37:7; Ps. 27:14; 1:1.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

ay—Missionary Treasuries.

me—Land yet to be possessed.

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Editorial Paragraphs.

ne Treasurer's accounts for 1897-98 will close on May 20th.
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tion in the Twelfth Annual Report. Do not forget the
isses Melville salaries," "Galene" and "Home Missions."
esignated sums, including fees (the General Fund) is used,
ost needed for Home Missions, Foreign Missions (salaries,
enses of Mission Station and "Galene") other pledges,
he Congregationalist," etc.), and incidental expenses of the
rd. Sums specified "for the support of "Galene" to pay
Canadian scholarship in Miss Macallum's school, Smyrna,
key; "for Foreign Missions" to pay the salaries of the
ses Melville; "for Home Missions" to pay the pledge of
to "The Canada Congregational Missionary Society";
the Memorial Hospital" to erect a new building at
mba in memory of the late Ella F. M. Williams.

Monthly Leaflet," 4th Volume, 1,695 subscriptions (all
nning with February) received up to date. The "news of
churches" will be found in the columns of our denomina-
al newspaper, "The Congregationalist." It was distinctly
erstood and stated when the M. L. was first started that it
solely intended for a medium of communication between
C.C.W.B.M. and its auxiliaries and to print the letters
the missionaries, the Treasurer's acknowledgments, the

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list of books in the library and "Leaflets for sale" by Superintendent of Literature. One page of these two last (permanent type) ought to be printed each month, but the printers have treated us with great courtesy and generosity by inserting when possible, all the manuscript. Our thanks are due not only to the auxiliaries, but to many of the churches where there are no auxiliaries for their appreciation of our little monthly messenger. We knew that a small leaflet, the price within reach of all, would be widespread and its influence felt, arousing many more to take an interest in missionary work. We feel that the news from our "Canadian Mission Station" has not alone helped the C.C.W.B.M. but also the C.C.F.M. With more knowledge there is more liberality. The type is small in the M.L. and very closely printed, so that they contain a great deal of reading matter.

Will the Branch Treasurers send a post-card with the full Christian name and address to each auxiliary of their respective branches so that express and post-office money orders may be correctly drawn?

The Treasurer of the Toronto Branch writes: "The money in hand will be enough for the kindergarten supplies." Total amount received, \$34.61.

Notice.—C.C.W.B.M. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Paris, Ontario, on Thursday and Friday, June 2nd and 3rd. Every effort is being made by the executive to prepare a good programme. We hope the auxiliaries will respond by praying for the success of the meeting and by sending delegations, so that we may have a large and enthusiastic gathering. Fuller particulars will be given soon by letter to each auxiliary.

MARY L. FREELAND,
Sec. C.C.W.B.M.

From Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, Jan. 20, 1885

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—The boys are sitting around the dining-room table working at some problems in arithmetic. Two of the eight lads (in training as evangelists) are away at the villages preaching. It is only on Wednesdays that I have them all together. Asleep on a wicker lounge in one corner is Calungila, wife of Lumbo. She has bronchitis, and as heavy doses are needed, I have kept her here since morning. In the kitchen, behind the stove is Sinnikili, a little half-breed nephew of the chief, Kanjundee. He is also sick—feverish but not seriously. Mr. Currie has been hard at work lately man-

by supplies of various tinctures and extracts. For the past
it weeks he and Miss Melville have rarely left the Dispensary
rin after 9 o'clock a.m. The chief, Kanjundee, or Hosi, is also
ert of my pupils. He has been quite ill with bronchitis. He
ue a remarkably "straight eye." In his village everything is
e th to a straight line, and so, although he can only write very
on le as yet, every letter is well formed. His little daughter,
in o attends the kindergarten, inherits her father's accuracy.
felt e is a most painstaking little damsel; sews so very neatly,
w though she has only recently come, has outstripped all the
ate le girls of her age in reading. Two girls are waiting to sell
s and sweet potatoes. The former are always acceptable,
YP we do not care much for the latter at this season, but glad
on them in the dry season. Just now we have all the vegetables
can eat. Strawberries have been a great treat, but the
ent heavy rains have spoiled them. I wish we could send
some of our pineapples; they are delicious. There is a new
on by at the station—Maria. The parents are Kangombe and
ma angelo. The old grandmother is so proud of the child. She
T the first woman who attempted to answer a question in Sun-
y-school, which she attends most regularly. When I first
lected a class of old women it was scarcely any use to
7. them a question or to repeat a text in concert. They would
y giggle or looked scared, but now they like to be asked, and
ns at Sunday were rather aggrieved because the superintendent
re ed to call for the Golden Text. It is our custom for
ns superintendent to ask some individual classes for the
nt and then to ask the whole school to repeat it in concert.
en it is that the old women like to join in. O pray for them;
s so much harder for them to become Christians than for the
ng girls; their superstitions seem part of their very life.

1st.—Kumba and Salusuva have just been in to ask how
3. g the eclipse of the sun, which is due to-morrow, will last.
me others want the phenomenon explained. So the lamp
ves as the sun and a couple of little girls' heads as earth and
18. on. The little damsels want to know if they can go to their
1d ds. However, I cannot give them the hour; it was only by
im remark in one of last month's papers that we knew an eclipse
as likely to be seen in Africa. I often wish we had a school
e be for the older boys who are in training for evangelistic
er rk; they are so eager for knowledge. The recurring thought
has en looking at the older people is always: "Why have they
I never heard it before? One of the evangelists was saying last
b ight that an old man who is a very constant attendant on
r ndays said to him, "When we listen to these words that
18 ana preaches our hearts like them and want to obey them, but

when we go home to the village we hear other words—words we have known all our lives till now we are old. If only we had heard these new words when we were young!"

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, Feb. 14th, 1898

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—Your letter of October 29th was received by last mail, and we were pleased to have it. We were, indeed, sorry to learn that Dr. Ross would be unable to come out on account of his wife's health. Under the circumstances we are on the horns of a dilemma. We know not what to do. If we go on and build, the man whom the churches intend to send out to carry on the medical work may graciously tell us when he arrives that we have just been wasting our time building in a location he does not care for and after a plan he does not like. While if we do not build much valuable time will be lost, and our progress will be checked for the next five years. We have reached a period in our station history when we ought to shape our plans for the next ten years, and our expected associate ought to be here to share the responsibility and help with the wisdom of his counsel. Some say we ought not to plan so much ahead. The Lord may come long before the end of ten years. Very good. If He does come He will not be angry with us for planning to do all we can in the meantime to extend His kingdom on earth.

*Extracts from Miss Maggie W. Melville's
Letter to Mrs. Freeland.*

CISAMBA, Jan. 20, 1898

We need sheets, pillowcases, towels, wash rags, sponge jackets for women and day and night shirts for men made of cotton and flannelette. Two small comforters are better than one large one. A native, when sick, will have no objection to exchange his dirty cloth for a clean sheet and a clean blanket to cover him. A fevered brow is as hot in Africa as in America, so a clean, cool pillowcase would be appreciated. I would not make the cases too large, the pillows are small. The other day the chief of Ciyuka came over, and after talking for some time he asked what would a man do if his wives would not obey him? If a man accepted the Gospel and his wives would not obey, what should be done? If a man wanted to accept, and only to keep one wife, what would he do if the others would not leave him? He has a number of wives and the matter seems to trouble him. We do pray that he may soon accept the truth of the reality. Three weeks ago we held the communion service which

lad, Kangombe, was baptized. His wife was received some
 ago. A little girl came into their home two weeks ago, and
 she, too, will be baptized, so the whole family are counted
 among His.

From Miss Helen J. Melville.

CISAMBA STATION, Feb. 22nd, 1898.

MY DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—We are as usual all well. Our
 health of late has been so good, we do thank the Father for this
 blessing.

There was a small caravan came in this morning. Some loads
 are still behind, will be in later in the day. We were glad to see
 them, as we were needing the food they bring. Our flour was
 reduced to a cupful.

We have had disease among our chickens. Of our flock
 about 70 we have some dozen left; the most of them are sick.
 It seems next to impossible to rear chickens in this country.

I must tell you about an event that has given us a good deal
 of amusement. One of our boys, the nephew of a large chief,
 went to the coast, for which he received two eight-yard pieces of
 cloth, as he carried meal for one of the men. He is a boy
 about fourteen. When he was paid he took one-eighth to his
 uncle and asked him to buy him a pig and keep it at the village
 as he could not take care of it here. The uncle took the cloth
 and gave him a pig. The boy returned to the station. A few

weeks afterwards the chief thought he would send one of his own
 children, a girl of about twelve, to school. He sent her one day
 when her mother was away. When her mother returned and
 found the child was gone she was very angry, said she would go
 and bring her home. He said go, but, of course, she would not
 when the chief had sent the girl. The mother thought that the
 boy had given this cloth to the chief so as to marry the girl.
 This is what had made her so angry, as the boy was a relative,
 and relatives should not marry. Also it was not right for the
 chief to marry the girl to anyone without consulting with the
 girl's mother. All this she did not tell the chief. Some time
 afterwards the chief was here and was going home, the girl
 wanted to go to visit her mother, and the boy to visit his
 mother and try and bring a sister of his, neither of them having
 any idea of what tales her mother had told. When they
 arrived they were greeted as he and his bride. They could not
 understand what it meant. Girl-like, she wept. The chief
 called for an explanation, and the whole thing was cleared up.
 The mother said she was quite willing that the girl should go to
 school. What made her angry was that she thought the chief

had married her daughter without asking her about it, and that to a relative. They both returned to school with the little sister.

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