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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—MARCH.

Japan, Korea, and Isles of the Sea.

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## INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs. Redner.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., Jan. 17th, 1895.

DEAR READERS OF MONTHLY LETTER,—Since writing you last we see that the Lord has blessed us in many ways. Our sick ones of whom we spoke in last letter have been restored to health, except one little girl, twelve years of age, who has been troubled with a cough for nearly three months. To-day she went to the village with her parents to stay for a couple of weeks, to see if a change will do her any good. We are very anxious about her, for she is such a bright, cheerful child.

Our Christmas festivities passed very pleasantly and quietly; were much enjoyed, and we trust all were pro-

fited as well as pleased. On Christmas eve the entertainment for "Home" boys and girls was held in our large dining-room. Many friends and parents of the children were present, also our missionaries. The parents appear to appreciate the privileges their children are enjoying. One man, in speaking of the work in the "Home," said he could plainly see that the coming generation would be a new people entirely, as their children were receiving so many Christian advantages, and being trained in a new way so much better than they (the parents) had been.

Then followed good, earnest addresses from our pastor, Mr. Crosby and Dr. Bolton.

The Christmas tree occupied its usual place in the room, and added not a little to the children's pleasure. We feel that it is a blessed privilege to work among the children in this way.

Christmas morning we had service in the church as usual, after which all our girls, except five, went home with their parents or friends, returning in time for evening service. The day of quiet and rest was much appreciated by those of us who had no homes that we could visit, but I think in spirit we were with our loved ones a good part of the day.

New Year's eve we attended Watch-night service in the church. This service seems to make a good impression on the people. The singing and music were enjoyed by all, as much pains had been taken in preparing for the coming of the New Year. After service we went with the older girls to see the illuminations. They enjoyed it very much.

Our Sunday School, we believe, is doing a good work. Mr. Richards, of the Boys Home, is superintendent. We take all our girls. Two of them teach, and they enjoy the work, and are very anxious to study the new lesson for the coming Sabbath. We are hoping to influence many besides our own girls and boys through this means.

We also have a teachers' Bible class in our house during the week, which is very helpful to all.

Lucy Ryan, one of our girls, was married this week. She is very young; we regret that she could not have remained with us for another year at least, but she became restless and went to her parents three weeks before she was married.

## CHINESE WORK.

Interest of Empress Dowager of China in Christianity—  
Chinese New Year.

FROM MISS WICKETT.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 25th, 1895.

When last writing, I told you that we hoped to be given a free pass, so that I might begin systematic Bible-teaching among the Chinese women of Vancouver and New Westminster. Captain Irving very kindly gave me the pass, so that since last fall I have made four visits in these new fields. Just a few days ago he sent me another pass, so that I may use it as often as possible during this whole year. Though I know your great desire is that the Gospel should be given to all of the women whom I can reach, I should like to be authorized by the Women's Missionary Society Board to go regularly every four or six weeks, when convenient. Last year several of the families whom I visited in our Chinatown have returned to Canton. So that, leaving, as I have done, Friday mornings at 2 a.m., and returning the following Monday night, I feel a good work has been begun, without neglecting any other duty. It was rather amusing to hear some of the women's reasons why I should live in New Westminster. Of course they were thinking of being benefited by learning to read and knit the quicker; but I trust some day they will be just as anxious to learn of the great riches our Redeemer has in store for every earnest seeker. Until one has worked for some time among them one can never know what a great work of faith and patience a missionary here undertakes. For, indeed, they are such a sceptical race. But though changes may be slow, we realize the glorious fact, God's Word will not return unto Him void.

We were greatly gladdened lately by hearing that the Christian Chinese women had presented the Empress Dowager of China with a most elegantly bound copy of the New Testament. In evident appreciation of this gift, the missionaries who labor among the Chinese there were the recipients of beautiful silk handkerchiefs,

and the Emperor immediately ordered to be bought a copy of the Old Testament, and all books in Chinese relating to the Holy Scriptures. Ought we not, as a Society, to remember this royal household in prayer, that great good may follow their reading of God's Word? The Chinese seem to think their king infallible; so that if he became a Christian what a revolution would take place!

As you probably know Chinese New Year is now being celebrated amidst great volleys of fire crackers. Every Chinese person, rich and poor, enjoy now their annual holiday—visiting and receiving their friends—and as I go from home to home I feel very grateful to God for the warm welcome I receive everywhere. When thinking of the rather doubtful looks I received at first, about twenty two months ago, I become full of hope, now that I am received as an intimate friend. In this great work of seed sowing we need your most earnest prayers that the blind may receive sight.

## JAPAN—TOKYO SCHOOL.

**Encouraging Results of the King's Daughters Work—  
Graduating Class of Nine—Efficient Native  
Helpers—Request for Prayer.**

*(Report for Term ending December 31st, 1894.)*

During the year we have had a regular attendance of sixty-two, and just before the closing examinations two new students entered. In addition to this, eight, who are not pupils in the school, have attended the daily Bible lessons.

One pupil received baptism; eighteen teach in Sunday School, teaching more than two hundred children every Sunday. We have twenty-four regular attendants at our Sunday-School Normal Class. The work in the class is very heavy, and has not reached a satisfactory state. Between the leader and many of the members of the class there is no means of communication except through an interpreter, and the leader can have only an outsider's knowledge of the needs, mental and moral condition, and environment of the Sunday School pupils to be taught.

Everyone's time and thoughts have been so filled with the war that, except for one evening, we have not been able to obtain speakers for our usual monthly lectures.

Our Wednesday meeting continues to prosper. Our little girls have taken their Sunday evenings for reading the Old Testament, led by one of the senior girls, not old enough in Christian experience to teach a regular Sunday School class.

The King's Daughters Society work as usual. Their school has now fifty on the roll, with an average attendance of forty-three. There is a most marked improvement in the order and cleanliness of the pupils. Our girls intend keeping this school open all day in the future, the Toyo Eiwa Jo Gakko providing a teacher for the morning.

Nine of our students graduated at Christmas, all earnest Christians and actively ambitious for the spread of Christ's kingdom. Such a large class of the leading Christian girls going out from us seems to leave us with only the "little ones" in the Christian life. Added to this, we are giving up to evangelistic work two of our strongest workers—Ito san, for six years matron, and for three years president of our King's Daughters Society, our helper and adviser in many difficulties; and Yoshida san, who for five years has been the secretary of our society, and ever since her graduation, teacher of one of the daily Bible lessons. We rejoice that the school has been instrumental in training two such devoted and efficient workers, and give them up gladly to the wider sphere of usefulness.

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### SUPPLY COMMITTEE WORK.

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A card from Mrs. Raley, Kit-a-maat, acknowledges the receipt of several boxes and bales of goods. She had not had time to open them, as the *Glad Tidings* had just come in with them and their mail, the first for seven weeks. The Home is doing well.

Miss Spence, nurse at Fort Simpson hospital, writes asking for night-shirts and towels, of which they are in great need. They rejoice in the fact that one of the patients for the first time took part in the family worship.

## Suggested Programme for April Meeting.

- I. Opening exercises :
- II. Regular Business.
- III. Hymn.
- IV. Subjects for Prayer for the month :  
 For French-Canadian Missions and Papal Countries.  
 Rom. xii. 21.

*Extract from a letter regarding the French Work in Quebec :*

"Time will not permit me to give the errors of the Church of Rome, but supposing they had only the one error of believing that after death they are going to burn in the fires of purgatory, would you not do all in your power to give them the blessed hope we have of falling asleep in Jesus to rise victorious at the resurrection day; to make known to them that we cannot earn heaven, that it is the gift of God."

*Rev. M. Amaron, son of one of the first missionaries who came out to Canada, writes :*

"It is the experience of all those engaged in French evangelistic work that the greatest obstacle to their work is indifference to the claims of saving religion, unbelief which amounts to practical heathenism.

"There are three means of meeting this liberal tendency among the French.

"In the first place, it is necessary to spread the Gospel.

"The workers among the French should be evangelists rather than pastors.

"In the second place, French Protestant educational institutions must be improved. In connection with the larger central mission schools there should be a higher department of education to prepare young men and women for college.

"Finally, the press must be called to aid in the work."

Fifty dollars will support a pupil at the French Methodist Institute for one year.

- V. Notes of Alarm :

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