

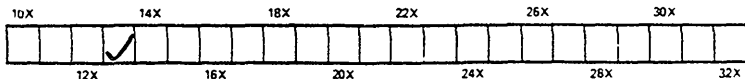
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## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

"Little Things for Christ."—1 Cor. 10. 31. Matt. 10. 42. Col. 3. 10-24.

## TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

—Mission Work in Brousa, Adabazar and Sivas.

—Hindrances to Progress in Missions.

## THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

Communications and letters from the missionaries intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, Mrs. Sanders, Mackay street, Montreal, P.Q.

### *From Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, Secretary.*

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions was held in the First Church, Ottawa, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14th and 15th.

There was a good attendance of delegates, the Montreal churches being especially well represented. Many of those who had frequently met in similar conventions, and it is always a joy to meet and greet those with whom we have been acquainted in years past; but it is always a pleasure to welcome new workers to our gatherings, and this pleasure we were permitted to enjoy at Ottawa.

Special interest attaches to Ottawa as a place of meeting, for it is here that, thirteen years ago, the Woman's Board had its beginning. Four ladies—Mrs. (Rev.) John Wood, Mrs. William M. Stephens and Mrs. Lamb—all of whom were present at this year's gathering, met in the parsonage, and by prayer and conference and with the good wishes of the members of the church, the Woman's Board was organized. It is seven years since the Board had last met in the Capital and at that meeting (June, 1892), there were thirty voting members present, and the Treasurer's report showed a total contribution of \$1,747.73, while at this meeting there were present fifty voting members, and the Treasurer reported a total

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contribution of \$2,635 47, showing an increase of fifty per cent on the attendance and of nearly sixty per cent. in the amount of money contributed.

A pleasing feature of this gathering was the presence of two missionaries—Mrs. Currie and Miss Melville—who took an active part in the meetings. Mrs. Currie led one of the prayer-hours, told us of the daily life at the Station, spoke to the children on "The Girls of Cisamba," and also addressed the evening meetings. Miss Melville was also very helpful in her talks, speaking to the children on "The Cisamba Bible" and to the general meetings on the Cisamba Prayer-Meeting and the Medical Work. We must not forget a "Young Ladies Conference," conducted jointly by Mrs. Currie and Miss Melville between two sessions of the Convention.

We had, as usual, cordial fraternal greetings from the different denominational missionary societies, and in addition we had the pleasure of greetings from the Home Missionary Society through the pastor of the church, Rev. Wm. McIntosh, and from the Foreign Missionary Society, through its Secretary, Rev. E. M. Hill, who most kindly journeyed to Ottawa for this purpose.

Special mention must be made of our prayer-hours, which we always find to be seasons of help and uplifting. Wednesday's prayer-hour was led by Mrs. Currie, who spoke on the power and possibilities of prayer. Quite a number took part both in petition and in testimony to answered prayers, the meeting concluding with a few helpful words from our President, "Unanswered Prayers—why?" Miss Dougall led our second prayer-hour, taking as a subject for our prayers the work being done among the French in Montreal. Miss Edith Cochran expressed the importance of the Memorial Library in increasing missionary knowledge, and thereby missionary interest among our auxiliaries, and a scheme was suggested by which the library might be more fully utilized, which scheme will be presented to the auxiliaries in the fall.

Many of those present expressed their continued appreciation of the LEAFLET, and offered hearty congratulations to Miss Sanders on its success. The papers on "Ceylon" were gone, and as a practical result the meeting carried the resolution to endow a cot and support a native trained nurse in the Manik Hospital, Ceylon. This is the work in which Dr. Macallum Scott, our President's daughter, is engaged. It might be well to say here that this "forward movement" will not interfere with our contributions to the African work, as the amount needed for Ceylon is already almost met by special contributions.

the kindness of the Ottawa ladies was unbounded. In addition to entertaining us in their homes, providing luncheons and a car for us, and in every way possible caring for us, they chartered an electric car and took us for a drive of two and a half hours round the city, showing us the prettiest spots in that altogether beautiful city.

We closed our Convention late on Thursday evening by singing "God Be With You till We Meet Again," and with the best desire to do more this year than ever before to make the motto of the Woman's Board the rule of our lives. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

*From Miss Maggie W. Melville.*

AMERICAN MISSION,

Care Mr. P. KAMERMAN,

Lisbon.

- BENGUELLA, West Central Africa.

CISAMBA, April 8, 1899.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—By this mail our annual reports go, and they give a much fuller account of the work than can be gathered from disconnected letters. We feel very thankful at the close of the year that the Lord has been present with us when for a time everything looked so dark and uncertain. Each step has been ordered by the Lord, and we feel that His blessing is truly with us. The perpetual fervent prayers of earnest Christian women and men of our home churches avail much.

Mr. Currie went this morning to Ciyuka, to remain until Friday, and take the Sunday services. The interest continues to be great there, and the services are well attended. In fact the school-house is proving itself to be too small. That means a good many people, for as there are no seats, excepting for the teachers, the people sit on the floor, and it reminds one of sardines in a box. The Chief, Kanjundu, has not yet returned from the Njenje, but when he does he will find his young people, and, I may say, old people, too, reading very well.

It is five weeks since Mr. Currie's last visit, but as last Sunday was the day for the Communion service here, he went to-day again. At the Communion service one young lad was baptized and received into Church fellowship. He is quite young, and very brilliant, but has a good, true heart, full of affection for his fellows and for his teachers. He is not exactly lame, but rather flat footed, so cannot move with lightning speed. But he made a remark which the church members thought was sufficient testimony. He said, "I am lame in my feet, but I do not want to be lame in my heart also." Will you not make him,

Kamuku, a special object of prayer, that though unable to and preach, he may be a great blessing to his fellow men in service of Christ. Two infants were also baptized, Ma child of Yoba and Munga, and Viola, child of Sayose and Nayose. How good it is to see these young Christian parents bringing their little ones to give them back to the Lord for service. May they grow up as our Saviour did, "Well strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God upon him." The attendance of church members was small, ten of them are at present absent, either they have gone to Njenje or to the coast, but in either place they are doing Master's work, for they teach and preach His words.

In writing of the little ones, it reminded me that there are few to add to the Cradle Roll. They are as follows:—

August 15, 1898.—Tito, son of Cinolo and Ngeve.

October 20, 1898.—Jennie, daughter of Cinyangua and Jomba.

January 9, 1899.—John, son to Muenekanye and Nacemb.

March 15, 1899.—Viola, daughter to Sayose and Nayose.

These make seventeen little ones now with us. And merry they are. You can fancy how soon half a dozen of them coming into the house and taking possession of the pile of picture books in our dining room turn everything upside down. But I love their merry laugh and their admiration of the pictures. How they lisp their little words, it is so sweet. And little trouble of gathering up the books, etc., they leave nothing compared with their enjoyment. Such a crowd of babies makes it a live time during girls' school.

Just now the thunder is rolling away to the south and the clouds are to the south-east, so I expect we soon will have a storm. It seems so strange to look in that direction, but of course, we are in the Southern Hemisphere, and we may expect a storm of that kind to come from the opposite direction to that in America. I will be sorry and yet glad when the rains come over; sorry because the grass will soon turn brown and the leaves lose their freshness, but glad, for one tires of rain every day. You are not sure for an hour ahead, nor yet how long the rain will last.

### *Dr. A. Y. Massey, B.A.*

BY T. B. H.

We are pleased to introduce to our readers Dr. A. Y. Massey, B.A., who is under appointment for our work at Cisarua, Africa. Though not brought up in Congregational connection, he is in the fullest sympathy and fellowship with our method and mission. From early life he has been surrounded by a

sonary atmosphere in his home near Belleville, Ont. His father, a member of the Methodist Church, has been an active worker in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and imparted her interest in the spread of the Gospel to her children.

Dr. Massey graduated from Toronto University with the degree of B. A., receiving honors in the Department of Natural Science. In 1894 he attended the Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit, and through the reading of "Murdered Millions,"

Dr. Dowkount, determined on a medical course in order, as he says, "to go out to help my fellowmen, if the way was so opened to me." Consequently he entered Trinity Medical College, Toronto, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1898 with the degree of M. D., C. M. Since then he has served in connection with the Mission to the Deep Sea Fishers on the coast of Labrador, and is at present house surgeon in the Huntsville Hospital, Ontario.

Dr. Massey is just the type of man for our work in Africa. He is 29 years of age, thoroughly equipped in his profession, of robust physique, standing over 5 feet 9, and in perfect health; a lover of outdoor life, and withal an earnest, devoted Christian. At the age of 10 he joined the Methodist Church, of which he has since been an active member, and is now a local preacher.

Dr. Massey expects to be present at the Union meetings in Brantford, when he will have an opportunity of meeting the representatives of our churches. The Executive of our Foreign Missionary Society would be pleased to hear from any of our people who desire to share in furnishing the Doctor's outfit. Communications may be sent to the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Hill, 5 Crescent Street, Montreal.—*The Canadian Congregationalist.*

### *Mr. Robert G. Moffatt,*

OUR MECHANICAL MISSIONARY, BY T. B. H.

Mr. Moffatt has been appointed by our Canadian Foreign Missionary Society to take charge of the Industrial Department of our work at Cisamba. We are assured that he will be a great addition to our missionary force, and supply a much felt need at our station. His history and training have been along lines which practically qualify him for this particular department of service. Brought up on a farm in Huron Co., Ont., he soon became familiar with all the variety of activities of such a life. From boyhood he has had his share of hard work, following the plough when only 11 years of age. When 16 he was apprenticed by his father to a blacksmith, from whom he learned the trade, and afterwards started a business of his own. Later he had experience in wagon making and foundry work.

During a brief residence in the North-West he was converted to Christ, and at once set to work to win others for his Lord. This led him to desire a fuller education, that he might the better preach the Gospel, which had become so precious to him; consequently he entered Oberlin College, where he has been pursuing the classical course, until he heard of our desire to send a mechanical missionary to Africa. It has been Mr. Moffatt's desire for some years that he might find just such an opening; our field offers to him, where he could not only teach the Gospel in words, but also in acts.

Since his appointment Mr. Moffatt has been studying carpentering, building and brick making, all of which will be of great value to him in his new sphere. He has a natural gift for mechanics and learns readily.

Both Dr. Massey and Mr. Moffatt intend taking wives in Africa, but by decision of the Executive they go out alone this summer, their ladies following next year.

We are looking forward to a very important missionary day at our Union meetings, when Mrs. Currie, Miss Melville, Rev. F. W. Woodside, of the American Board. Dr. Massey and Mr. Moffatt all expect to be present and say parting words before starting for the field about the middle of July. Let our friends be much in prayer for a great blessing on this, as on the sessions of the Union.—*The Canadian Congregationalist*.

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