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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—APRIL.

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.
Romans xii. 14.

JAPAN WORK.

FROM MISS LIZZIE HART.

TOKYO, Jan. 31st, 1893.

One of our churches in this city, which has for some years been independent, that is, has received nothing from the Missionary Society, has of course had its bright and dark days, but this year has been a very hard one. From a number of little things that I have seen and heard since the new year, I was led to think that the people were finding it hard to raise the funds needed, and that unless there was an

extra effort made there was danger of having to ask for help. About two weeks ago, in conversation with a Japanese gentleman who is well acquainted with the work, I spoke of this church, and how much I enjoyed my work in connection with it, the pastor and people were so friendly and seemed so earnest. He agreed with me regarding both pastor and people, and then told me that they were having a hard time lately to raise the minister's salary, and for some months had been able to pay only two-thirds of what was due, and in December had dropped to less than half. "But," he added, "the minister has never complained, even though he is obliged to wear his thin summer shirts yet, and both he and wife are in need of outer garments, as you can easily see."

This conversation was overheard by friends, and in a few days a parcel containing warm shirts for the minister and some money found its way to the parsonage. The following is the note of acknowledgment received :

"Dear —

"You having heard the present state of our church, sent me a good gift. I will receive it with many thanks. If I confess the truth, yesterday was a day of great need of help, and your gift came to hand unexpectedly, so I felt it was a gift from the heavenly Father, and I believe it was really so. I am very much encouraged of late because the spirit of the church members has revived, the self-supporting spirit has become stronger, and I firmly believe that we can stand with the same principle forever, so I am working daily with cheerfulness and good hope. Pray for us. May God's blessing abide upon you all for ever more.

"Yours sincerely, —"

In connection with the same church there is a Sunday School that does its best to keep independent. The teachers are nearly all young men who work hard all the week to make their living, but more interested and earnest Sabbath School workers I never met, and especially knowing the difficulties of the work here and the lack of training. But with that love for souls that comes only with a saving knowledge of the power of God, they cheerfully labor on, and as they teach they themselves are taught. I want to tell you a

little about the last teachers' meeting. After prayer, plans for improving the Sunday School, securing more pupils, keeping the children interested, and so on, were well discussed; after which the Superintendent said, "Now, what about the funds? We have only so much on hand, cards and papers are needed, and we must have more money. Two or three people have promised to give five or ten sen (cents) every month, now what can we do among ourselves?" One and another were telling what they could do, when a jinrikisha man sitting at the far end of the church, got up and came towards us, bowed, and said he was not a Christian, but he would like to help the Sabbath School, and would give five sen a month this year. The teachers were so surprised for a moment they could not believe it true, but the man said that he meant it. You would perhaps understand their amazement better did you know how much hatred there is for Christianity or anything connected with it among those who are not Christians, and furthermore that a jinrikisha man keeps himself and family on thirty sen a day, and very often has to pay five sen a day of that for the rent of his jinrikisha, not being able to keep one of his own. Before the meeting closed, papers were promised and money enough to keep up with running expenses. Before the closing prayer, the Superintendent said he could hardly express his feelings regarding the meeting, and how thankful he was that we were still independent; said he thought we ought to have a praise meeting; all agreed at once, and a few evenings later the minister and wife, the present teachers; a number who have been teachers in the past, and some of the other church members met for an hour of prayer and praise to the Giver of all good gifts. At the close all were invited to remain a short time, and another hour was spent in conversation and singing, after which we returned home feeling that it had been good to be there.

(I might just add that the jinrikisha man spoken of above is one of the two that we are keeping this year. We find it more economical to have our own, and certainly it is much pleasanter to have the same men every day. The above proves that it is doing them good. The other man has taken to carrying his bible all the time to read while waiting, or whenever he has spare time)

CHINESE WORK.

FROM MRS. MORROW.

100 Cormorant Street,
VICTORIA, B. C., *Feb. 24th, 1893.*

I have no doubt you have heard of the very severe winter we have had here in Victoria, such as it is said has not been for thirty years. We felt the cold very much while it lasted, and were thankful to the Mission Bands who sent some additional quilts here, for they were all in use.

The first Friday in February was a bitter cold day, and Katie, one of the married girls, was the only visitor to our usual weekly afternoon prayer-meeting. While we were on our knees came a loud ring at the front door, and the stamping of many snowy feet. I went to the door, and there was a crowd composed of two or three policemen, one carrying a screaming, terrified Chinese girl; a Chinese man, an interpreter, a newspaper reporter, Tom Chue, and I know not if any more. They all came in. The girl was put by the stove. She was miserably clad, and very wretched. Sarah went to her to try to comfort her, and tell her she had come to a good place where she would be taken care of; and I got some stockings to put on her feet. But when the crowd went away and left her, she was very much frightened. She had been sold from one to another, and change to her meant from one misery to a worse; and the wicked Chinese had told her she would be so ill-treated by the English. They do that to keep their girls from running away to the Home. She was only two weeks out from China, and when she was told how the Home was kept by Christian ladies, she could not believe it. She had never heard of such a thing. She was full of wonder when she saw the comfortable little beds, and had one to herself. Next morning she said, "Good morning, mamma," in her broken English; and although very watchful and suspicious, was a good deal pacified. Sunday morning she said her first

verse, "God is love." I tried to tell her, through Sarah, that God's love sought her, and that His love in Christian hearts was striving to bring her to know Him and to help her to a better life here and heaven hereafter. Very touching was the first prayer that evening to Him whom she so dimly comprehended. To me it was a thrilling experience.

She has been here now three weeks, and I do not suppose she ever was half so happy in all her life before. She is so willing to help or do anything she can, that she is a general favorite, and she is wonderfully quick to learn. Both the last two Sundays her late owner (a woman) has waylaid us coming from church, screaming to her to come back; and last Sunday she tried to grab her, and was very abusive. Mr. Gardner says we must be escorted by policemen.

The prolonged festival of the Chinese new year is about over. I feel as if I had been living in a bit of China lately. The married girls sent those in the Home some Chinese dainties, some of them wonderful to behold, and some of them (such as the salt shrimps) most unpleasant in odor. The 16th of this month was the first and most ceremonious day of the celebration. We had about thirty callers, including the husbands of the married girls, and our English friends.

According to custom, in the centre of the school-room table was an octagonal gilded box, kept for the purpose, divided inside into compartments in which were Chinese sweetmeats, such as candied cabbage, melon seeds, cocoanuts, etc., etc. These were handed to our visitors.

But to me the great day was the next, our prayer-meeting. I had been told that perhaps some of the Christian boys might come, as this has been the custom annually. So the room was prepared for a larger number than ordinary; and when the time came we had all the married girls who could come, with most of their husbands, and several Christian young men, and Doctor Lui. But I felt from the beginning we had the presence of One higher and greater. The memory of that meeting will remain with me while life lasts, and its influence is remaining in the Home to-day. All the Chinamen but one spoke. I only know a few Chinese words to catch the keynote of what was said, but love and joy and peace and humble trust are emotions that belong to Christian

humanity of whatever color or speech. And the language of the heart expresses itself in the face and the tones of the voice. Chan Sui's countenance fairly beamed, it was radiant with joy. He is Carrie's husband. And the others also exhibited deep feeling. It was to me a small Pentecost.

INDIAN WORK.

FROM MISS CLARKE.

COQUALEETZA HOME,
CHILLIWACK, B.C., *Feb. 4th, 1893.*

Your card of Jan. 18th to hand about a week ago. I am sorry to have disappointed your expectations, and to have been denied the privilege of bringing our work before the public through the medium of the LEAFLET and *Outlook*, but I have found the time so fully occupied and the work so exhausting, that it has been all but impossible to devote a moment for this work.

We are at present battling with and enduring a terrific storm of wind, snow, and frost, which has lasted, with but little abatement, for more than a week, and is still in progress. The thermometer has gone as low as sixteen below zero, but it is somewhat warmer now. The boys watch the thermometer very closely, and have several times come to us with the intelligence that it was "up to zero." This "co'd snap" will make a very appreciable difference in the amount of our bill for fuel this year. We used to enjoy the cold in the East, but for British Columbia cold weather I have no admiration. The high winds sweeping down upon us through the mountain-gaps pierce through everything. However, we are much better off than many, and are accordingly thankful for the many good things provided us. The boys and girls appear to be thoroughly grateful for their blessings, and frequently speak of "the poor little children" without good homes, warm clothing, and wholesome food, such as they have.

The Christmas holidays proved a season of genuine enjoy-

ment to all. We found the children very helpful and ready to be pleased. By the kindness of friends who sent the various boxes and packages during the year, we were able to have a very pretty Christmas tree. We are also glad to say that we believe the true spirit of the Christ-child was in our midst, bringing sunshine and happiness.

Altogether, we are enjoying a season of prosperity in the school, though very naturally feeling somewhat disappointed at not being established in permanen' quarters with a larger number of pupils.

The severity of the winter has been such as to prevent anything being done toward the new building, save drawing lumber for the outhouses, which the contractor intends putting up first, to serve as workshops.

We have taken as our motto for the year, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The children pray daily for the Lord's blessing upon the new Home. Let us hope that many are joining them in petitioning the Almighty Father for the success of the large undertaking proposed. We have faith that the project, by the blessing of God, will result in much good to the race we seek to benefit.

LATER.—The storm still continues, though the cold is very much less, and people are beginning to dig their way into the outer world once again. If the kind friends could see how snug and warm our children have been able to sleep, tucked away in the nice warm blankets and quilts furnished by their liberality, I am sure they would be very glad. There has been a band of thankful little hearts in our Home this frigid weather, and those same blankets and quilts, not to mention the stockings, socks, mittens, and caps, as well as coats, scarfs, and jackets, have gone a long way towards making them so.

Suggested Programme for May Meeting.

- I. Hymn—To be selected.
- II. Prayer—“For Auxiliaries, Mission Circles, and Bands; executive, supply, and literature committees; Conference and district organizers, and representatives to Annual Conferences.”
- III. Scripture Readings by five members—Num. xiii. 17-19, 25-30; Luke x. 1, 2; Rev. xi. 15.
- IV. Business.
- V. Responsive exercise on monthly study.
- (a) *President*—What is an Auxiliary?
Answer (by one member) - Art. vii. page 203 of Eleventh Annual Report.
- (b) *Pres.*—How many Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society?
Ans. (by members in concert)—501.
- (c) *Pres.*—How many members?
Ans.—11,557.
- (d) *Pres.*—How do these figures compare with last year?
Ans.—Increase in Auxiliaries, 65; increase in membership, 1,711.
- (e) *Pres.*—Give number of Mission Circles and Bands, with total number of members.
Ans.—221 Circles and Bands, containing 6,590 members.
- (f) *Pres.*—What is a Branch?
Ans.—(Read by one member, from page 203, Eleventh Annual Report.)
- (g) *Pres.*—What is the Board of Managers?
Ans.—(By one member, from page 201, Eleventh Annual Report.)
- (h) *Pres.*—What was total amount received by the General Treasurer last year?
Ans. (members in concert)—\$35,789.90.

(i) *Pres.*—How many missionaries are supported by the Woman's Missionary Society?

Ans.—26; 23 of whom are in active service, 3 at home on furlough, 1 a physician in China, and 1 a nurse in Dr. Bolton's Hospital at Port Simpson, B.C.

(j) *Pres.*—Where are the missionaries located?

Ans.—16 in Japan, 2 in China, 1 in Chinese Home, Victoria, 4 at Port Simpson, 3 at Chilliwack.

(k) *Pres.*—What progress has been made in our missions?

Ans.—Let the different fields be taken by individuals, and some fact given concerning the progress of the work in each. See Eleventh Annual Report.

VI. Hymn—to be selected.

VII. Benediction.

REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

Hearers and Doers.—This is a very touching account of a meeting held on a stormy evening, and some of its results. The programme was laid aside, and the pastor's wife read the first chapter of James. One of those present, to whom had been given a "blessed baby," which proved to be only a loan, braved unkind remarks, and in a year had earned a noble thank-offering for the loan. At the meeting, when the offerings were presented, in her mite-box was a cheque for five hundred dollars—"to carry the story of our Father's love to hearts that know *only* the love of a dear by by;" and another box containing a slip of paper with the words, "Here Lord I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do," and with it the appointment of the owner to India. A leaflet which cannot be read without tearful reconsecration.

Preparation for the Master's Work.—A very timely and important leaflet, and one which cannot be read without producing a thrill of feelings of varied character, regret for past indifference, mingled with a consciousness of being verily guilty, and a determination to do so much better in the future. If the suggestions made are followed out, and

the passages of God's Word referred to studied in their threefold aspect of command, promise, and effect, there would be a marked increase in the numbers present, and our monthly meetings would become a rich and blessed means of grace.

The Story of a Mission Circle.—How the loving and intelligent young wife of a new pastor converts church members to sympathy with mission work. Getting the young people together, she holds a pleasant meeting, reading a story of the first missionary—the story of Paul's shipwreck and rescue—and making that journey real by maps and photographs, the interest of the young people is awakened in the life and work of that grandest of missionary heroes. Then she leads them into other lands, and learning something of the geography, art, people, and customs, each member trying to bring some information about the country they are studying. Afterwards they take imaginary trips to the mission schools and stations, and become acquainted with the work and workers. They accomplished much financially as well as intellectually, for knowledge is power as well as light.

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 May should be sent before the fifteenth of April. 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* \$1.50; *The Gospel in All Lands*, 80 cents; *The Heathen Woman's Friend*, 50 cents; *The Message on Deaconess Work, Home and Foreign Missions*, 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. ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.—No postage is required from Auxiliaries for Monthly Letters, as it is prepaid out of the general fund of the Society. We are sorry to hear these instructions have not always been carried out in the mailing department, and that in some instances packages of Reports have been sent C.O.D.

Owing to misunderstanding having arisen as to postage on Leaflets, parties ordering are requested to enclose two cents for postage, whether order be large or small. This, however, does not apply to Organizer's outfits, which are free. Where postage has been returned to Miss Ogden, it has always been credited to the W. M. S.; and where too much postage has been sent, extra Leaflets have been forwarded.

Folding Mite-Boxes can be furnished to Epworth Leagues for one cent each, postage and expressage paid.

Auxiliary Life-Membership Certificates, 25 cents each.

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.

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