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SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

Medical Missions. Matthew ix. 33.

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Paul.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

It is nearly two months since I arrived and I am feeling quite at home here now. We have had one new pupil admitted since I came and a promise of others in the fall.

This one, Alice Brown, is a large girl from a heathen village, who has been used to roaming about picking berries, boating, etc., without restraint of any kind, so you can imagine how difficult it is to bring her under our rules and regulations, especially as she understands very little English.

I hope she will get used to the work and remain with us, as it is the only way in which she will escape from a life of ignorance and shame.

If those at home fully realized the position of these poor Indian girls, as we do who are in the field, that the only way to save them from a life of immorality and make of them intelligent Christian women is by taking them into some such Home as this, where they are shielded from temptation, surely the money would be forthcoming to establish homes among other tribes. I was pleased with the work of the Home in the other departments but very much discouraged about the school. I reasoned that if these girls could learn house work, knitting, sewing, fancy work, they could learn at school if they were only interested.

I have not been able to do much teaching in this short time but I have succeeded beyond my expectations in arousing in them a desire for knowledge. They have a natural talent for music. They are also very observant and can copy almost anything. I try to utilize this in teaching by making them look at the words, notice the difference between them and thus remember them. Nearly all the girls are converted and trying to lead Christian lives. The little ones have all told me that they loved Jesus. Of course they are only babes in Christ, as yet, and need the "sincere milk of the Word," that they may grow thereby. In a great many things in the school I had to begin at the beginning, and at first I was almost bewildered.

We are having a short vacation. We took the children camping a week but will soon begin school again. There will be no holiday, only Christmas day, until next summer. Miss Caldwell, whose place I took, has gone to Kit-a-maat to assist Mrs. Raley.

The work here has been hindered by the unrest and disaffection among the people, caused by the separation of the Band Workers from the Church and their efforts to bring in the Salvation Army. It has affected both our Home and Church work.

Pray for us that we may have grace and strength and wisdom to do all that God has for us to do here.

From Miss Alton.

COQUALEETZA INSTITUTE, B.C.

October 7th, 1895.

I find the days go very quickly, and I cannot realize that I have been here four months; my time has been fully taken up in learning my duties and doing them. At first I found the work very hard, so much was new to me, and I had a great deal to learn. I am very thankful to God that He has given me health and strength to do the work He has assigned me, and I pray that my service may meet with His approval. I like the children very much, and find them obedient and affectionate, and I have had much happiness in working amongst them.

We have had the grounds improved—a nice lawn laid out, the carriage drive gravelled, swings put up for boys and girls, and some fencing done. Mr. Robson intends having ornamental trees planted in the lawn this fall, and next summer we hope to cultivate flowers. The girls made several articles for the fair, which was held last week. They were awarded prizes for their darning, buttonholes, ladies' underclothing, and collection of fancy work; and the boys have prizes for bread, potatoes and cabbages. They were very much pleased with their success.

Rev. Mr. Barraclough, B.A., our missionary, is doing good work among the Indians. At present he is holding special services in Stromkale Church. He is very earnest, and we believe he will do good work for the Master in this mission.

JAPAN.

Extract from a Letter of Miss Robertson's.

SHIDZUOKA, September 17th, 1895.

Mrs. Sato, who for some time was employed by us as a Bible-woman, and who has been faithfully helping all she could since withdrawing from our service, has been called home. Soon after her death, her mother, who was old and feeble, joined her in the Happy Land. Her niece, who lived

with her, has returned to her own home, so that the whole family being gone, it makes a considerable vacancy in our little church. Workers, willing workers, are so few we feel that we cannot spare even one, but He knows our need who called her up higher, and He can supply her place. We need experienced workers, women of years to do the Bible work, and there is where we shall reap the benefit of all the drudgery of school work. We have glimpses of the power it may be in the future by what our girls are able to do now. We are proud of them, for when they go out as helpers they give no "uncertain sound," having been "rooted and grounded" in the Word. In Sunday-school work they are able to take up and conduct successfully whatever is given into their care. They are specially adapted for that, and can gather the children in and interest them in the "old, old story" in a way the evangelists have not yet learned. For that reason they are valued by our pastor, and we are thankful to be able to give him this help. By-and-bye they will be older and have confidence and experience enough to undertake real Bible-woman's work. As it is, those from Azabu are able to hold meetings in some of the outside districts, and one district in the city has been offered us because the attendance has completely fallen off in both meeting and Sunday-school. We are hoping to revive an interest there before very long.

Our school is in running order but with some drawbacks. Wakabayashi San has been very ill and has not been able to return yet. She is better now, and will be here in a few more days. Our head teacher has had a very heavy burden to bear, but I think through it all she is learning to know her Saviour. She told me before the holidays that she used to hate Christianity and did not want to hear of it, but now she had changed her mind and was learning all she could. Some day I hope to have the joy of seeing her baptized.

Misses Brackbill and Ford are making us a visit for a short time. They are both eager to get back to their work again. I hope it will not be long before matters are so arranged that they may be enabled to carry out their hearts' desires. In the meantime it is very pleasant to have them with us.

Extract from a Paper read by Mrs. Williams at the
Branch Meeting of the Toronto Conference.

The second, but far more important particular is the place we give the Holy Spirit. Do we look upon the work as His work? Have we not drifted away from a proper recognition of the fact, that the work is the Lord's—we His agents? Something has stolen from us the secret of power, and it is too apparent in all the teaching and preaching of the present day that the Holy Spirit is not honored, and God is largely shut out. We think of this and try that, and we forget to place Him before us—listen for His voice, and follow Him. Oh! what burdens we bear—what almost frantic efforts we make to succeed; whereas how restful and hopeful would all move on, if we but fully followed His leadings and trusted Him for success.

My sisters, if we are to do a special work for God, we must have special power from God for that work. And God is ready to give power to those who need and seek it.

Let us feel our absolute dependence upon Christ the Holy Spirit; then will our numbers increase and the funds pour into our treasury, for God, even our own God, will move upon the hearts of the people in answer to our faith and prayers.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.”—Zech. iv. 6.

INCREASE.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

Lakefield, Junior Mission Band.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

Pleasant Vale, N.B., “Snowdrop” Mission Band.

Newcastle, N.B.,

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Suggested Programme for January Meeting.

I. Opening Exercises.

"Look backward, how much has been won;
Look round, how much is yet to win;
The watches of the night are done.
The watches of the day begin."

II. Regular Business.

III. The Watch Tower—including a map exercise.

Good maps of the Dominion of Canada, China and Japan will be required for this number. If necessary, borrow from the Public Schools. The member conducting the exercise will point out all mission stations receiving support from the W. M. S., beginning with the work on this Continent (making The Orphanage, Newfoundland, a starting point), name the missionaries in charge, and amount of money expended by W. M. S. (The W. M. S. Report for 1894-95 will give all information). As the different missions are reached, the "Watchmen" should be called upon to tell the latest intelligence received within the month from the fields which they represent, and be prepared to answer any question relating thereto.

IV. Subjects for Prayer for the month: For increased spiritual power to come upon the membership, upon all missionaries and teachers, that secret believers in the mission fields may be taught of the Spirit. Acts ii. 18.

The President will also read the extract to be found on page 5.

V. Let each member recite a verse of Scripture on the work and office of the Holy Spirit.

VI. Hymn: "O Thou who camest from above." 418. Methodist Hymn Book.

VII. Consecration Service.

(a) *The President will read the following exhortation:*

Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?
This giving yourself to Him must be such as supposes that you

be heartily contented—that He appoint you your work ; that He put you to whatsoever He pleaseth.

Servants, as they must do their master's work, so they must do that work which their master appoints them ; they must be for any work their master has for them to do ; they must not pick and choose ; "This I will do, and that I will not do ;" they must not say, "This is too hard," or "This is too mean," or "This may be well enough let alone."

Good servants, when they have chosen their master, will let their master choose their work, and will not dispute his will, but do it.

Be content that Christ should choose your work : that He should have the command of you and the disposal of you.

(b) *Then shall the following be said by the President and members, all standing :*

"Make me what Thou wilt, Lord, and set me where Thou wilt ; anywhere where I may be serviceable. I put myself wholly in Thy hands ; put me to what Thou wilt. I freely and heartily resign all to Thy pleasure and disposal, and the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in Heaven."

(c) *Silent prayer, all devoutly kneeling.*

Then shall the President say :

Upon your entering into covenant with God, the covenant of God stands firm to you. Lay hold on His covenant and rely upon His promise of giving grace and strength, whereby you may be enabled to perform your promise. Amen.

(d) *Let the following hymn be sung :*

Take my poor heart, and let it be
Forever closed to all but Thee ;
Seal Thou my breast, and let me wear
That pledge of love forever there.

How blest are they who still abide
Close sheltered at Thy bleeding side,
Who life and strength from thee derive,
And by thee move, and in thee live.

(e) *Prayer and Benediction.*

As most of the Auxiliaries will have already ordered Reports, none will be sent in connection with the deposits for Suggested Programme Literature unless specially ordered.

HOME READINGS.

Members of Auxiliaries are referred to recent articles in the *Christian Guardian*, on the work of the Holy Spirit.

The General Missionary Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Department of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools are arranging a sixteen-page leaflet, "Cycle of Prayer for Missions," containing subjects for prayer, embracing all covered by the Watchery of the Students' Volunteer Movement, "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation." It is expected the leaflet will be ready before Christmas, when the price, which will not exceed 5 cents per copy, will be announced in the Church paper. While suitable for all ages, a gift of one of these leaflets will afford a good opportunity for Sunday School teachers, Mission Band and Missionary Department leaders to foster an intelligent interest on the subject of missions among our young people.

IMPORTANT.

Will Corresponding Secretaries please examine the printed label on their package of *Monthly Letters*, and if it bears the date November or December, 1895, have the subscription renewed at the next meeting if possible, as the Literature Committee may not be able to supply back numbers to those who are late in renewing?

NOTICES TO AUXILIARIES AND MISSION BANDS.

W. M. S. Books for officers' use sold separately as follows: Treasurer's Book, 60 cents; Recording Secretary's Book, 60 cents; Corresponding Secretary's Book, 30 cents. The set, \$1.25.

Will friends who order literature from Room 20 kindly remember *not* to send three-cent stamps, if larger or smaller denominations can be procured? Remit by money order or bills when possible.

There are still a few Calendars (containing photo-engravings of our missionaries) for sale at Room 20. Price 20 cents each; \$1.80 per dozen.

Life-membership fees are to be sent with the quarterly returns to the Treasurer of the Branch in which the member lives.

All communications regarding Supply Committee work should be addressed to Mrs. Wm. Briggs, 21 Grenville Street, Toronto, Ont.

Letters asking for information about "Special Objects," such as the support of a Bible-woman, children in our schools, etc., may be addressed to Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

Letters concerning the organization of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which the work is situated. If there is no branch, write to Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont. For Corresponding Secretaries' addresses see Annual Report.

Maps of China, Japan and British Columbia, painted on cotton, about thirty-six inches square, may be rented from Room 20 for 25 cents each, the Literature Committee paying the postage one way. The map is to be carefully *enclosed* in paper and returned the day after it is used.

The Literature Committee would draw attention to an excellent Christmas Cantata, "Gloria in Excelsis," the text of which is arranged by President J. E. Rankin, of Harvard University, and the music by E. S. Lorenz. It contains music for male quartettes, ladies' quartettes, mixed chorus, and carols for children. Send 10 cents for sample copy.

Subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden: *Missionary Review of the World*, per year, \$2.25; *Gospel in All Lands*, per year, 80 cents (subscriptions to this periodical may begin at any time during the year, but must continue till December and then end); *African News*, per year, 75 cents; *Message and Deaconess World*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents; *The Double Cross and Medical Missionary Record*, per year, \$1.00—to missionaries and student volunteers, 50 cents per year.

Back numbers of these periodicals not furnished by Room 20 unless specially announced.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report hopes to have it ready by the first of December, when orders received in September will be filled first, then October, and so on, as rapidly as possible.

Free Leaflets.

Constitution for Auxiliary and Mission Band.

Duties of Auxiliary Officers.

Methods of Work and Suggestions for Mission Circles.

Origin and Work of W. M. S., Methodist Church, Canada.

An Appeal to the Women of the Methodist Church.

Scattered Helpers (Leaflets and Cards).

Orders for free leaflets should be accompanied by two cents for postage and wrapping.

Pasteboard Mite-Boxes, free—postage and wrapping, 3 cents each.

Folding Mite-Boxes, free—postage and wrapping, 3 cents a dozen.

Mite-Boxes and Leaflets will be supplied to Epworth Leagues on the same terms as to the W. M. S.

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