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The Monthly Leaflet.

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Editorial Paragraphs.

This is the last number of the MONTHLY LEAFLET, Volume 5, and we hope that the Auxiliaries and churches will be prompt in sending their orders for renewals and new subscriptions to the Board. Those who take the M. L. and read it, need not to be told of the benefit it is to the Board. The LEAFLET speaks for itself, and every woman in our Canada Congregational Church should be a subscriber.

In view of our not now having "free transmission" through the Post-Office, we ask all who send orders for less than five dollars to enclose 12 cents extra to pay the postage. All who order five or more copies will receive them without extra for postage.

We would draw special attention to the article on the life and work of Badashan, a Biblewoman in Turkey. For several years he has been supported by a lover of missions in Ontario, and is now passing through the treasury of the C.C.W.B.M. We are sure our Canadian sister will feel when she has read the story of Badashan's faithful service and consecrated life for the

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Master that it has been, indeed, a very great privilege and honor to have had so worthy a representative in the mission.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new Auxiliary, near "First Congregational Church," Hamilton, Ont., and to the new life members of the C.C.W.B.M., namely, Miss Hattie Clark, Toronto, from herself; Mrs. (Rev.) E. M. Hill, Montreal, from Mrs. Score; Miss Edith Cochrane, Montreal, from Mrs. Toller; Mrs. H. L. Thompson, Toronto, from herself; Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Watson, Cowansville, Que., from "A Friend" in Ontario.

From Miss Maggie W. Melville.

CISAMBA, October 9th, 1882.

MY DEAR MRS. LAY,—I was much pleased to receive your kind letter. The letters of the dear Canadian friends are very helpful to us, for we know that they constantly remember us when with the Father.

You asked me to tell you of the families and of the Chief Ciyuka. He was here for about a week a short time ago. He is very fond of talking with Mr. Currie, asking questions on various subjects. He heard that Mr. Currie needed bark string for building. (Bark string is the inner bark of a certain tree cut into narrow strips and when soaked in water can be easily bent.) It is used almost entirely by the natives instead of iron. Well, the Chief arrived with several large bundles of it for the buildings here. When he built his school-house at Ciyuka had two rooms made, one a small one at one end. Some time ago he had the partition removed so that there would be one large one. The congregations there are very good. Several of the young men have taken part publicly in prayer. School at present, both there and here, is given up for a while that the teachers may have a rest. They will probably be begun shortly after the new comers arrive. We expect them within two weeks, for they would arrive at the coast September 18th. It seems very difficult for me to think of anything but my sister's coming. Mrs. Lay, am I foolish? As for the families, they are just as they have been, but ever increasing in number. Some of the little children are very cunning. A wee girlie, Maria, yesterday insisted on going with me to Sunday-school, objecting to go with her grandmother. I was all-very well, but when I went to the organ she followed me and demanded to be taken on my knee. Her cousin had to carry her out of doors before she would be content elsewhere. She is perhaps, 18 months old. Another little girl of three was brought this morning. She had found a little scrap of cloth and was

to sew it. I gave her a needle and thread and she sewed away for a while. Her little companion, Minnehaha, who named after Miss Clark, wanted to go to sleep and lay down on the kitchen floor, when one of those thousand-legged worms crawled beside her. She cried so that I had to sit with her on my lap for a few minutes to comfort her. Their little ways are very much like white children's. They play at work of either their mother or father, and soon there will be enough of five years and over of those born here to hold a Kindergarten for them alone. I must close for this time. I gave Mr. Currie your message, and he wished to be remembered to you. Give my kind regards to Miss Haight.

From Mrs. (Rev.) D. Macallum.

KINGSTON, ONT., Dec. 19th, 1899.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—I send you the account of an experience that Fred and his family went through. They had a fire alone a few weeks before there and set the house on fire. A man was the hero who gave the warning. The lower part of the house was burnt badly, but they had the orphans from the fire, and they took out the goods, so that their loss was not so great. They had carpenters, masons, joiners, and barely got away when the burglars came. Fred has the funds of the fire, so they thought they would get a share.

From Rev. F. W. Macallum.

MARASH, Turkey, Nov., 1899.

Our house was entered by burglars about midnight, Wednesday, November 8th. They entered by the back door, which was not strongly secured. None of us awakened except Lyman (aged 6) who got up and, seeing a light downstairs, supposed we had not gone to bed and went down only to be thrown down by one of the burglars, who tried in vain to quiet his cries for help. Probably as a result of Lyman's appearance, the burglars, who were trying to open the safe, let it fall with a thud, which shook the house, whereupon we awoke and rushed to the stairs, as we were glad to see Lyman in the hands of the burglars. The light was immediately extinguished, and we began to call for help from the window. No one came, but Lyman was released and took refuge in the study. Mrs. M. thought she heard me trying to open a door downstairs, and came with a light to help, but when she got to the door a man sprang at her and gave her a

vicious blow on the head with some implement, probably The lamp was broken, but Mrs. M. at once went and large hanging lamp in the parlor and sent Lyman to Salmond's for safety. I had been trying to find something to attack the burglars with, but finally had to take a chair, and rushed at the only man who remained; after the alarm he was after the others. Mrs. M. meantime had been outside and three men in the yard. Then we got a revolver, which was in the cupboard on the ground floor, but there was no one to use it on. We went for Lyman, and found he had lost two of his front teeth, but had sustained no other injury. One of the doorkeepers had been roughly handled, but not seriously. The burglars carried off nothing but a small lantern, but they easily have done us great harm. One, at least, was a soldier; three soldier's buttons were found; in letting the safe fall he had torn them off.

The authorities seem to be doing all they can to find the thieves. We feel thankful for this deliverance, and pray that God will keep you from such an experience.

From Miss Harriet Seymour, Harpoot, Turkestan.

MY DEAR MISS — : Our oldest, most faithful and devoted Bible reader, Badashan, of Haboosi, has finished her work on earth and has entered into her eternal rest.

Haboosi, where her husband was pastor, and where Badashan has lived and labored so long, suffered fearfully at the time of the event in 1895. Many were killed; the Protestant church, the new Gregorian church and many homes were burned, and many of them plundered. All the villagers fled in different directions. Badashan's clothing was stripped from her with the exception of her underclothing, and in this guise she fled to the forest. Haboosi is twelve miles from Harpoot. I think Badashan spent five days in accomplishing the journey, alone, chiefly by night, and subsisting on grass only. We aided and comforted her as well as we could, and after a few months, as soon as it was safe, she returned to Haboosi, to be "the angel of the village," and was often called.

It was a great sorrow to us when we heard of her sudden death. The Haboosi pastor wrote me the following account of her illness, her work and her character:—

"I cannot forget to express on my own part and on behalf of the sisters here our gratitude for Miss Bush's letter. The sisters were comforted and encouraged, and so was I, for we had met with a great loss, as children who have lost a mother."

er Badashan was very dear to all the Haboosi women. She an example that will be a beautiful one for them to follow. She walked about the entire village, giving lessons in their nes to about fifty five women and large girls. She gave nsel, she comforted and encouraged those who were in ow She came to my house and helped and encouraged me n her own experience. When the care of the church com- ed me to plan what would be conducive to its growth, often n weak in body and my mind troubled she would come and ourage me. At the same time she would faithfully perform he duties that fell to her.

How much do the children, separated from such a beloved her, miss her?

When Badashan was first seized she was in a neighbor's se. My wife and I went to her, but did not understand the are of her illness. Her body was cold, her blood seemed to plate slowly, and her pulse was weak. She said: 'I do not w what ails me. I seem like grass cut down.' It was rday noon when she was first seized. In the evening she from her bed, and without any aid walked to her own e. The next morning, which was Sabbath, she thought she ld go to the sunrise meeting. She had walked but a little when she fell. A brother passing took her up and carried o her bed again. She told him that she had wished to go to meeting, but as she could not she said, 'Let us pray her here.' They prayed, and she was very joyful. As as the meeting was over I went to her. Her body was and she did not seem inclined to talk. I did not know to do. I could only pray that the Lord would pity and e her.

The next day, Monday, she was still worse, and when my and I went to see her she did not notice us at first. Sud- y she turned, and looking at me said, 'Teacher, I wish you d read me the fourteenth chapter of JONAH.' When I ed the sixth verse, where our loving Saviour said, 'I am the the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father by me,' this saying gave her courage, and lifting up her she began to pray with great earnestness, saying, 'O , my life.' Then her voice failed, and she covered her on her bed, and never spoke again. The sun had hardly Tuesday morning when I went to see her. I saw the sor- ll hour of death was apparently very near. Very soon she l her eyes and gave up her spirit to God. The Lord com- as who are bereaved. She has found the Saviour. Her is a great loss to the Haboosi church."—*Life and Light.*

Helps for Leaders.

THE USE OF MISSIONARY LITERATURE, BY MISS HELEN S. LATH

Leaders may find one of the greatest helps for the inspiration and guidance of societies they seek to influence in the use of literature. Current publications in book or magazine form are a source of riches open before us. Libraries offer mines of knowledge to all who will delve therein.

Many a girl who does not join a mission circle because she believes it must be dull and uninteresting, might be attracted by the very name of a book club. We have reading circles whose purpose it is to keep in touch with the fiction of the day, travel clubs for studying the art, geography, history of new lands; current events clubs, to acquaint us with that which is being done and said and thought. Why not have a mission reading club? Have missions no geography, history, current events which concern us, no literature to interest and instruct? Read the catalogue of a publishing firm like Fleming-Rice Co., and see the material with which one house furnishes. Look at the monthly and weekly publications of our mission societies alone, and find out how many young people are reading them. Is not the cry constant in our ears, "We did not know these things?" One cannot be interested in that of which he is ignorant. Read and gain the knowledge which is power.

All societies have their secretaries. If writing gives them power, might not reading give growth? Would not a reader do as much for a missionary society as a writer? Such an officer would keep in touch with the missionary literature of the day, be ready to suggest books and magazine articles to the members, and bring the supply within their reach, would be an invaluable aid to the society.

Leaders, persuade your young people to read, and to give extracts or reviews of what they read, that every one hearing them shall wish to be the next to take the book.

Obtain the books by some means. Send to the Women's Board Library for them. Borrow them if you must, own them if you can. A library is a link to bind your society together. Do not let it rust for want of use. Read your books until they are worn out with honorable service. Study the scene of the story until it becomes a living matter to you, and you can make it real to others.

A society novel interests us, perhaps, because of our knowledge of its ground, our understanding of the possibilities of plot and character. How much familiarity with locality and history adds to the intelligent enjoyment of book of travel, biography or romance. Are missionary books dull to us because

ignorance of their heroes and heroines, their motif, meaning, purpose because of their great distance from our interests in missionary ground, methods, problems were our familiar objects of thought, their literature would be full of fascination to us. To him who has knowledge shall be given interest.

Perhaps, as societies or individuals, we have no time for reading. Time is indeed a rare possession in our day, but a certain portion is still ours to use for what is of importance to us. Physicians, teachers, scientists who found no time to read would make small progress. Is the study of missions the only field in which one can keep abreast of thought, conversant with present conditions without continued systematic study? *Life and Light.*

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MANITOBA BRANCH.—Winnipeg, Central Church Auxiliary, amount of Sunday school collection for Cisamba, \$10, and the

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