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## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—NOVEMBER.

For the Chinese Empire, all the Chinese on this Christian continent, our work in British Columbia, and those sent by our Church to China as missionaries, that the prayer of the Shanghai Conference for 1,000 workers be answered. Isaiah xlix. 12.

## CHINA.

From Mrs. Stevenson.

CHENTU, April 16th, 1893,

MY DEAR MRS. GOODERHAM,—Please accept my thanks for that pretty calendar of the W. M. S.; it is so suggestive. As I began to look through it I felt sorry that I would not find my name, but before I finished I found myself included with the others of our mission here.

Last mail brought a letter from Dr. Gifford, telling of their safe arrival in Shanghai. We, at least the younger members of our party, were not a little pleased I assure you. We are looking forward to meeting them, but are very sorry

that they cannot possibly get here before the end of the year except by overland travel, which would be most trying. We had to unlearn much that we learned in Shanghai. Some of us are not yet over our "down-river" pronunciation. There are over thirty pupils in the day-school, two of whom are girls. It is considered unnecessary for girls to have an education in China. These attend service on Sunday as well as Sunday-school, where they learn the catechism. It brings the tears to see them as they sing "Jesus loves me" and "I am so glad that our Father in Heaven," etc. Think of the influences at home or on the street. Old men and women may attend very regularly and seem deeply interested, who simply want work of some kind. One wanted to be allowed to go and tell the Gospel story to his other people. He is now in prison for misdemeanour. The real hope is in the children.

We have had some very trying experiences, but things seem quiet now. Probably the news has reached you of the man who died on the newly-bought place. The workmen being carried off in chains, the mob rusing in and destroying all of the work done, etc.

A retired official has sold Dr. Hart his own property for the mission and given the customary feast. It was really two feasts: one for the men one day, and a second for the women another. We all went but Mrs. Hart, who did not feel equal to so tiresome an ordeal. We were first treated to tea, after which pipes were brought in; but as our women had explained to them that we do not smoke they did not offer them to us. After waiting about four hours, and meeting the four other guests, in exquisitely embroidered satins and silks, we were invited to "eat rice," as the Chinese say. However, they had about twenty-ix courses before the rice was brought on. As they could not see how we could get anything into our spoon - but soup, they helped us with their chop-sticks. They also drank freely of hot wine.

The hostess asked me to "please explain the doctrine." As I had asked the Lord for an opportunity and words to use, I felt that this was the former, so made my "maiden effort." It was little I could say; but it did me good whether it did them or not. We think of having definite work among the women when we are settled in the new place.

Of course, in foreign dress, we cannot go into the homes. They must come to us. However, as I have a long native outer garment, I mean to visit several houses near the wall where it is quiet.

The ladies will probably remain with us at the new place till further arrangements are made.

Since I finished the last sentence my husband told me that our first probationer has been taken. My woman was a probationer, and, of course, will be transferred and added to the other. I think she is as good a Christian as I am. She begins her work at five in the morning, and never considers it done as long as there is a baby awake to be cared for; nor does she ever confess that she is tired. When we came she lived on a mud floor; the hens perching upon the chair-backs or table were as much at home as she. Now, her room is very tidy and entirely different. Pray for them that the last remains of superstition may be uprooted from their hearts by the power of the Spirit. We have a right to expect great things from God.

Several years ago a poor washer-woman here was converted and carried the good news to her country home. It was true leaven, for as a result there is now a most flourishing church. Her friends seem to have caught her truly earnest spirit. She has been known to pray all night for a penitent. So the others are willing and glad to go on preaching tours to other villages, stopping at inns, the most wretched excuse for comfort; nor do they wish pay. They also contribute to the support of their pastor. As there are no foreigners there, there are of course no rice-Christians. I wish I had time to go into the details of some of these Christians' lives. They suffer persecution for His sake. The old washer-woman died last fall in great peace, and was taken home.

Pray for us and for those about us, that they may also become true messengers to their own people to whom they can talk better than we ever can.

Please remember me to Mrs. Strachan and the other members of the Executive Committee whom I met in Toronto, and above all at the throne of *Grace*.

Yours in Christ,

A. M. STEVENSON.

## CHINA—Continued.

From Dr. Gifford.

SHANGHAI.

I do not think there is any reason to fear any serious uprising among the Chinese. You cannot put much dependence on the reports you see in the home papers regarding trouble here, for, as a rule, reports are very much magnified by the time they reach America. Smallpox has been very prevalent here among the natives; also a number of foreigners have had it. We have been vaccinated since our arrival. We do the best we can, and leave the rest in a loving Father's hands.

We have had such kindly letters of welcome from each of our party in the interior, I feel already that we will be friends. I feel more and more every day the responsibility resting upon us as missionaries, and I pray that guidance and wisdom may be given me from above.

In regard to our life in Shanghai, it is very similar to life at home; of course our surroundings are different. Shanghai is a walled city. All the missionaries live outside the walls, and the larger number of them in the foreign settlement. Every Monday afternoon there is a union missionary prayer-meeting. This meeting is very helpful. A missionary's life in Shanghai is so different from life in the interior, as here everything in use is foreign. Their surroundings are also very different from those of our workers in Japan. I know how anxious the ladies will be to have some account of the work in China, but as we are eighteen hundred miles from our field it is impossible to give you an idea of the work there. I am more thankful every day that our field lies far from the treaty ports, as the work is retarded here by the example of the dissolute foreigners.

Yesterday we paid a visit to the native city. We entered at the south gate, visited a temple and a garden, and left the city by the north gate. The garden is only opened three times a year. Dr. Haslip's assistant is a friend of one of the officials, so we were admitted. It was one of the most interesting sights I have ever seen. Stone work was built in almost

every fantastic shape you can imagine, and paths wound in and out, up and down, so intricate that without a guide I am sure we would have been lost. A small stream of water ran through ; this was crossed by rustic bridges. The most remarkable thing about this garden was that it had no flowers—if you can imagine a garden without flowers. Some of the sights inside the city are disgusting, too much so to describe. My heart was filled with pity. How I long for the time when I may begin active work.

Last week I saw Dr. Brifsuyder at a surgical case. She is the most skilful operator in the city. A noble work is being done at her hospital. She sees during the spring from one hundred to one hundred and seventy-five patients a day—that is, she and her assistant, Dr. Mary Gale. During her dispensary hours the waiting-room is crowded, and while they wait a native Bible woman reads and preaches to them. She has the largest and best mission hospital here. There are two doctors and one nurse, besides a number of native assistants. I am trying to see all I can of the mission work here, as I hope it may be useful to us in the interior, and already I believe we have received many valuable suggestions. I forgot to mention that a nurse's work here is not nursing, as at home, but chiefly consists in training the native nurses, and taking charge of the dispensary. So, if a nurse is sent out, she ought to be willing to do any work.

I know you will be interested to receive a brief account of the murder of the two Swedish missionaries at Sungpu. On the evening of July 4th a telegram was received here, stating that two Swedish missionaries had been murdered by a Chinese mob, at a village called Sungpu, about fifty miles from Hankow. It appears that a feast was being held in the town, and hundreds of people from the surrounding villages had come in. The magistrate warned the young men that if they did not leave the place they would be murdered ; but they, knowing that up to this time they had been friendly, and feeling that they were at their post of duty, paid no attention to the warning. On the morning of the 1st July the mob began by storming the house ; the young men, finding it no longer tenable, left and went into the adjoining house. This was next attacked ; they were driven in this way from place to place until two in the afternoon, when

they were compelled to take refuge on the house-tops. As soon as they were seen, four men with iron rods sprang after them. They ran along the roofs, followed by the men, and pelted with stones until they could go no farther; there was but one thing left to do, to jump into the street; this they did. The mob sprang on them, and in a few moments they had passed to receive the martyr's crown. It was several days before the bodies could be obtained, as the officials would permit no one to go for them, although several attempts were made. Finally they were brought to Hankow and buried. They were almost unrecognizable when they came. The Swedish Consul went to Hankow to investigate the matter, but his action while there was a disgrace, and there is a general feeling of indignation against him.

An indignation meeting was held here at which a resolution was drawn up and forwarded to Peking, asking that steps be taken to bring those who were responsible for the crime to justice. The Chinese officials at Sungpu are said to have been the instigators, and are responsible for the deed.

The missionary body do not feel that as missionaries they should appeal to justice; yet, for the sake of humanity, the consuls should take definite steps to prevent the occurrence of such crimes in the future. If a crime like this is allowed to pass unnoticed, it not only places missionaries in greater danger, but every foreigner in the interior. China needs the prayers of the home people.

We have had very pleasant weather so far; a few days have been oppressively hot. Our health has been good, and we have been able to keep up our studies since the heat began. Many of the missionaries have gone to Japan and other places for the hot weather. At present there are no cases of cholera in this city that I am aware of.

I saw by the last *Guardian* we received that you were making an appeal for money to build a hospital. I wish the ladies of the Society could visit the women's hospitals here in Shanghai, and see the noble work they are doing. I spent one day this week at the Hospital of the American Woman's Missionary Union. During dispensary hours two hundred patients were seen. While the patients are waiting a Bible woman preaches to them from the Word of God. They also have a large number of intern patients who are directly under

the influence of the consecrated workers. You will see that each day many hear the Gospel news, and the way is opened into many homes. The work speaks for itself.

In the letters from the interior they all were well there and the work progressing. The last letter was written from the hills, where they had gone for a change.

*Aug. 1st.* Dr. Kilborn expects to be in Shanghai on the 15th Sept. to meet the party from home, and he wants us to be ready to start for the interior on the 1st of October. He reports things quiet in Chentu. There has been further trouble near Hankow, the Roman Catholic mission turned out and their property burned; have not heard particulars yet. Things are very much disturbed in Nanking, but nothing serious has yet occurred, and we pray for the best. Next Monday has been set apart for prayer and fasting for the missionaries of China. It is feared we are approaching a crisis on which much depends. May the Lord direct and guide each worker—I know you are praying for us.

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## CHINESE AND INDIAN WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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From our new Missionary to Chilliwack.

(MISS SMITH, FORMERLY OF NOVA SCOTIA.)

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“COQUALEETZA HOME,”

CHILLIWHACK, B. C., *Sept. 7th, 1893.*

I left home on the 17th ult., spent one week with my friends in Victoria, and arrived here on Saturday, Sept. 2nd.

While in Victoria I had the pleasure of twice visiting the Chinese Home, and was much pleased with what I saw and heard of its workings, my heart being drawn closer to my poor Chinese sisters. While visiting the school-room, where the girls sang some familiar hymns in English and Chinese, I was struck with their happy faces, and with the love that they had for their “home.”

After the Sabbath evening service on the “Manitoba,” in which Miss Crombie and I took part, a collection was taken up for our work, which amounted to seven dollars and

eighty cents (\$7.80) ; which amount I have handed to Miss Clarke, it having been given me at Miss Crombie's request for the Indian work, which she thought would need it most.

With this home and its workings I am delighted, as it far exceeded my expectations. Happy are the children that come under such influences, and are trained in habits of neatness, obedience and reverence, besides the elementary branches of education ; the work is certainly deserving of all confidence and support. I feel thankful to be here where I may do my share in the great work.

Sunday was a very interesting day to me. During the hour spent in Sabbath-school, I learned that their lesson was carefully prepared, and that they understood the truths of the Bible. The afternoon service in the Indian church should put many of our white brothers and sisters to shame. After the sermon, delivered in Indian, Mr. Tate gave an opportunity for any to speak, to which invitation fifteen responded, and though I understood not what they said I felt its influence upon me, and that we were indeed brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

In our class-meeting, Tuesday evening, my heart was touched when I heard the children's voices raised in praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

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#### Extracts of a Letter

From Mrs. Tucker, Saskatoon.

I will endeavour to explain to you our method of distributing the clothing sent :—There is a vacant room over the school-room which we use as a store-room, when a box arrives the contents are packed away, stockings in one place, shoes in another, coats in another, like any store. At Xmas the pupils get an entire outfit, every pupil treated the same. Men and women and the small children are also clad. The clothing is all fitted on, I give instructions or do myself the necessary changing. Then in the spring we give them another outfit, suitable for summer wear. By this means the children are well dressed all the year. Only a few able-bodied men and women buy their clothing. The Indian women cannot make over the garments sent by them-



selves, so I am thinking of having them come on Saturdays to learn to do such work. They are away a great deal, trying to earn a living. We get a great number of women's street jackets which are not of much use, as they are too small to fit the women. Indian women and girls have much larger frames (especially waists) than their white sisters. This reserve is composed of sixty Sioux Indians, and we act as missionaries, teachers, doctor, farm instructor and agents.

Will auxiliaries and mission bands sending boxes to the North-West take notice of the reference to the large waists of the Indian women, and do not send any more jackets or ladies' dress-waists unless they are really large and loose.

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### Suggested Programme for November Letter.

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- I. Doxology.
- II. The Lord's Prayer (repeated in unison).
- III. Hymn—"I gave my Life," page 779 Methodist hymn-book.
- IV. Business.
- V. The president will read the subject of prayer for the month:—That a spirit of enquiry may be aroused in the Church as to the needs of the heathen world, and that Christian women may recognize their responsibility thereto: Luke vi. 31. For the grace of liberality: Malachi iii. 8; 2 Corinthians viii. 7. For all convert. under the care of the Woman's Missionary Society, that they may be trained for usefulness among their own people: Mark v. 19. And the following passages of Scripture:—Jeremiah xlviii. 10; Judges v. 23; Matthew xxv. 25, 26; Isaiah xxxii. 9, 11, 20.
- VI. Short prayers for the grace of liberality and greater interest in mission work.
- VII. Reading:—In a brief memorial of Mrs. Ahok, the well-known wife of a Christian native merchant at Foochow, China, it is said that when she came

to England, not as a traveller to amuse herself, but on a mission in behalf of her country-women, she was so overcome by the sight of Christians living in luxury instead of giving their thought and endeavour to Christian work that her friends felt it to be too great a strain for her faith to let her remain in such circumstances. Her own faith and zeal were so far beyond what she witnessed in the body of professed Christian believers that she seemed like one who had received a staggering blow. Oh, for a witnessing Church!—*Missionary Herald*.

- VIII. Reports from members of what they have done for the good of missions during the past year.
- IX. Hymn—"Take My Life," page 599 Methodist hymn-book.
- X. Prayer for all converts under the care of the Woman's Missionary Society.
- XI. Benediction.

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### REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

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**Everyone Wanted.**—A practical call to all uninterested in any work for the good of his brother man, written by Mrs. W. E. Knox. The author pictures with some force the source, qualifications and instances of the Divine call, and very truly remarks:—"There is something for each one to do, and no one can do another's work," which latter truth is often so generally misunderstood that it is the cause of many labouring in work for which neither nature nor providence intended them. According to "that a man *hath*," and not to "that a man *hath not*," is the requirement. This leaflet is briefly a summary of some useful truths, and is worthy of study and careful perusal. Price one cent.

**How Mrs. McIntyre's Eyes Were Enlightened.**—A brief story relating the history of one who lived (to quote Mrs. Mary Livermore) "in the basement of her nature." The author describes the better self rising to the surface by

degrees, and also describes vividly the heroic spirit of both missionaries and many of their converts. Price one cent.

**So Many Calls.**—This little leaflet is in the form of a narrative, containing a strong appeal for more liberality towards the many worthy claims that are constantly presented to us. It strives to prove that where Christ's calls are so numerous, there is wide scope for more of His unselfish spirit.

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## NOTICES TO AUXILIARIES.

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The Board of Managers has arranged for an amalgamation of *Our Quarterly* and *Palm Branches*, a Mission Band quarterly, hitherto published by the N. B. and P. E. I. Branches. The new publication is adopted as the official organ of our Mission Band Department, and will be issued monthly, for 10 cents a year, beginning with January, 1894, and will be known as *Palm Branches*. Subscriptions are to be sent, by direction of the Board, to Miss Ogden, room 20 Wesley Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

The Board of Managers has authorized the Literature Committee to issue a Missionary Birthday Calendar. The arrangement of the printed matter will be changed, but the subject for prayer and study for the month, and the birthday feature, will be continued. Price, 15 cents a copy; \$1.80 a dozen. Orders and remittances sent now to Miss Ogden, room 20 Wesley Buildings, Toronto, will be entered and the calendars mailed as soon as they are ready, in December.

The Board has also decided that the price of the Annual Report remain the same as formerly, namely, 5 cents. Will auxiliaries kindly send their orders as soon as possible, that there may be no delay in filling them when the Report is printed, which will be done as soon as possible.

### New Leaflets.

The Literature Committee has just issued a very useful publication entitled *Rules of Order*, which it is hoped may be found helpful in the conduct of the various meetings in which, as members of the W.M.S., we take an active part from time to time. It would also be of service in business meetings of the Epworth League. Price, 5 cents each; 30 cents a dozen.

There is also in course of preparation a series of Leaflets on *Our Work*, of which the first and second numbers are now ready. No. 1, *Our Work in China*, and No. 2, *Our Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, B.C.*, contain the history of our work in these two fields, from its beginning to the present time. Price, 1 cent each, 10 cents a dozen.

Trial subscriptions—for six months—for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden:

<i>Missionary Review of the World</i>	. 75 cents.
<i>Gospel in All Lands (for 3 mos.)</i>	. 20 "
<i>African News</i>	. . . . . 38 "
<i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i>	. . . . . 25 "
<i>The Message and Deaconess World</i>	. 25 "

### To be Remembered.

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.

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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