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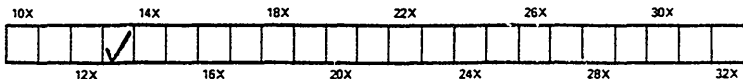
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1. —Cesarea. The Girls' School Kindergarten Outstation

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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.

Editorial Paragraphs.

The C. C. W. B. M. has ended its thirteenth year. All pledges incidentals have been paid to June 1st, 1899, leaving a balance of \$196.71 General Fund in the Treasury. As the amount received before the fall remittances is very small, this year will all be needed to carry on the work until then. Provision will have to be made for Miss Melville's return trip to America to Cisamba and her allowance until her departure also a re fit allowance, altogether (over and above her salary) will be about \$350. She will begin to receive her full salary when she reaches Cisamba, probably (D. V.), in October, at there will only be four months' salary to deduct. There will only for her expenses from Cisamba to America and her allowance to June 1st a small balance of \$70.55 after deducting salary from July 22nd, 1893 (when Miss Melville ceased to receive it) to June 1st, 1899.

Received up to date, 1,642 subscriptions MONTHLY LEAFLET. Volume.

The Quebec Provincial Branch has bought the "Bell" for the Brousa Station. The cost was \$42.62, including charges and postage from Birmingham, Eng., to Benguela, and \$25 for the Rev. W. T. Currie to pay for carriage from Benguela to Cisamba. Total, \$67.62. The following Auxiliaries

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were the donors:—Montreal, Zion, \$11.30; Zion Mission B. \$4.52; Calvary, \$11.15; Calvary Sunday-school, \$5; Calv. S.S., Miss Powter's Class, \$2.50; Emmanuel, \$8. and P. Scholes, \$2.05; Westmount, Bethlehem, \$3; Point St. Chaz. \$1; Granby, \$6; Danville, \$5; Cowansville, \$3.60; Fitch-P. \$2; Sherbrooke, \$1.50; Lennoxville, \$1.

Notice.—C. C. W. B. M. Annual Meeting.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions will be held (D. V.) in the P. Church, Ottawa, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 14th 15th. The preliminary executive meeting to be held on evening of June 13th. Both Mrs. Currie and Miss Melville planning to be with us, and we are confidently anticipating a helpful and inspiring convention.

Auxiliaries are urged to send at least one delegate, and it is earnestly hoped that every Branch will be represented. Intending delegates please send their names at an early date. Mrs. H. E. Hume, 453 Somerset Street, Ottawa. Intending delegates are advised to buy return tickets from their starting point.

G. C. NASMITH, *Secretary*

The Ottawa Navigation Company will grant delegates to Board Meeting at Ottawa return tickets for a fare and a return (\$3.35.) For tickets and information apply to Mrs. McLachlan, 55 St. Monique Street, Montreal.

Erratum May "M. L."

In Rev. W. T. Currie's letter, Mr. Bagster's address is 6 Clarence Terrace, Wansdyke, near Bath (not Butte), England.

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, March 15, 1890.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—Your letter of December 8th, 1889, came duly to hand, and its word of good cheer was most welcome. We do not sit under a cloud and blame Providence for our isolation and separation. Every day since our companions left has seen us hard at work, except one, in which Miss M. Melville was ill, but even then the train kept running.

When at Ciyuka, two weeks ago, I examined ten of the pupils in reading which have been in school only four months. They ranged in years from a boy five years old to a mother of ten children. All had made good progress under the new teachers. One young man read for me several lessons in Primer. I then gave him the 2nd chapter of the Gospel.

and he read it with only three slight errors, two of which promptly corrected himself. Do you not think that was good for a native who has only had two hours a day in school for four months and who was brought from the far interior as a boy when only a very little boy, although he is now about six feet high? He did not know a single letter when we opened the school. Now he can read without difficulty every lesson in the primer, every hymn we sing, and is learning the Gospel by John. It may interest you more to learn what is being done among the girls at the new station. Well, there is Nacharie, who, in four months, has learnt to read better than her husband, who has been at school here about twice as long. Then Nambah—the favorite of the chief—has cultivated a large field in this country, pounded corn into meal, cooked for her family, looked after the chief's compound in his absence, nursed lively twins about one year old, and yet in the four months she has made so much progress in school that she read for me the eighth lesson in the Primer, with the twins kicking briskly on her feet; and made very few errors.

We have been putting forth special effort to find carriers for our goods at the coast, some of which have been there for more than two years. It is a very great relief to our anxiety to realize that our labor has not been in vain, for we have now about 150 men on the road between here and the coast, and we expect to have 50 more inside of another week. We think that 100 men will be able to clear out all the loads which have accumulated at the coast for this station, and thus prepare the way for the arrival of reinforcements from Canada with their goods. We are glad to be able to send seven of our young men to look after the above carriers and do evangelistic work among them. The young men will give them medicine when ill, sing with them in every camp, read to them the Gospel, and tell them about Jesus Christ not less than 45 times on the journey. We would ask you to pray for the young men engaged in such work. It is with gratitude to God that we can report continued good health. Miss M. Melville has had one slight fever since her sister left. I have not been a half day in bed. Kind regards to all friends.

Miss M. W. Melville.

BY MISS LAURA M. MIATT.

Maggie Walker Melville, second daughter of the late Rev. Henry and Mrs. Melville, was born at Toronto, Ont., July 11th, 1857. For a time they resided elsewhere, but finally settled in Toronto. My first recollections were of Maggie as a school-girl. She spent some years at the Collegiate and Normal Schools,

and after graduating, taught for several years in Acton, Durham and for two years in Windsor, where her brother's family reside. Having given her heart to Christ at an early age, she joined the Olivet Congregational Church, Toronto, and became a teacher in our school. She took an active part in the work of the Junior Endeavor Society, which her sister had organized before leaving for Africa. During her residence in Windsor, when teaching in the public school, she had a number of colored children in her class. Her heart was especially drawn towards them as she thought of her sister in far-off Africa, surrounded by the little dark-skinned natives. While there Maggie was president of the Presbyterian Young People's Society, which presented her with a beautiful Bible on her leaving for Cisamba. And now a word as to what led Maggie to take up this work. She received a letter from Helen, which related an incident of a little boy wandering around the station inquiring for some one to teach him to read, but all too busy. The thought of this little fellow, so anxious to learn and no one to teach him, so touched Maggie's sympathies, that she decided to offer herself for missionary work in the far-off field. Owing to Miss Johnston's marriage to Mr. Currie, an opening soon occurred, and Maggie was appointed by the American Board to take her place. As we have seen, her previous life had been a practical training, in every way fitting her for the work of teaching in "the Dark Continent." With a little more than two months to prepare for her long journey and residence in such a different country, we find her busy ordering and purchasing household goods and clothing. Maggie was to live with her sister, so took some furniture which Helen had been unable to obtain, thus making their adobe house more complete and home-like. In June, 1895, she visited the Woman's Board meetings held in Zion Church, Toronto. I think the memory of those meetings is still fresh with most of us. The Board adopted her as their second missionary in place of Miss Johnston. Returning to Windsor for a short time, Maggie again came to Toronto in July that she might go from the old friends and the church she loved so much. On Tuesday evening, July 9th, a meeting was held in Olivet Church, which the friends from the other churches gathered to bid her farewell. On Thursday, the 11th (her birthday, you will remember), a little group gathered on the wharf to bid her good speed. The journey was taken alone, and not unattended dangers. She spent a good part of the time in studying the Umbundu language. Maggie was met at Benguella by Mr. Fay. A joyful meeting took place about the middle of September at Bialundu, Miss Melville and Mrs. Currie having

ness so far on the way. They reached Cisamba by the first of October, where a royal welcome awaited them. The facts that health has been so good and she so thoroughly enjoys her work are surely evidences that a kind Providence has led her in the right direction, and is ever mindful of her. The LEAFLET kept you so well informed in regard to her school work and kindergarten that I need not particularize, and am sure we all share her every blessing and continued success in the work so dear to our hearts. — *The Canadian Congregationalist*.

Come and See.

BY CAROLINE SHELDON.

"Margaret, I hope you will plan your engagements for this week so as to leave a place for the missionary meeting on Satur-

Mrs. Elwood said this to her daughter, who was just gathering her books preparatory to going to her room to study.

"Missionary meeting?" said Margaret, lifting her eyebrows. "I never go to a missionary meeting. I'd stay home on church the Sundays when Dr. Gray preaches missionary sermons if you'd let me. I don't believe in missionary meetings, anyway. I think charity begins at home. Didn't Christ tell his disciples to begin at Jerusalem?"

"He didn't tell 'em to end there," said Margaret's brother, Fred, looking up suddenly from the skate strap he was mending. "I'd like to know what you know about it?" said Margaret, somewhat contemptuously. Was she not a high school senior, with fair chances for class honors; and what was this small brother of hers, still in the grammar school, and not especially scholarly, that he should venture to dispute her?

"He just told 'em to begin there," said Fred, doggedly, because they had to give those old Jews the first chance; but he always meant to have them get out and 'teach all nations.' Miss Granger said so."

"Well, if Miss Granger said so, it must be true," said Margaret, sarcastically.

"Of course it is," answered Fred, with that superb and unquestioning loyalty that the small boy always bestows upon the fortunate person who commands his respect and affection. She knows her business, and when she talks about the Bible you can just bet that what she says is right every time; and she acts accordingly, what's more."

Margaret now retreated to another position. "That Miss Nelson is president of the society, and I can't bear her. She is

always asking us girls to come to the meetings and begging money for the heathen in China, and she wears the worst old hat! I should think they might get somebody besides a cranky old maid to run things, and then we'd like to go."

"Better keep still about old maids," advised Fred; "if you begin an old maid yourself some day; an' if you keep on as you've begun, you'll discount all the cranks I've ever seen. Besides, I didn't notice you ever took very much more interest in the missionary society last year when Marian Wright was president, and everybody calls her a charming young lady."

"Well, I haven't time for it anyway," answered Margaret, shifting her ground again. "My English notebook is due Monday, and my physics notebook on Tuesday, and my Latin notebook Friday, and I've got to learn all my part for the entertainment between now and next Wednesday."

"Suppose you trot along up-stairs and do some of it now," said Fred, "instead of wasting time in arguing. This Miss Halliday who's going to speak next Saturday is from Japan; will have lots of interesting things to tell."

"How do you know?"

"Oh, Miss Granger told me. Miss Halliday is staying with her, and she invited us boys to call 'to meet Miss Halliday's refreshments' next Friday afternoon. And yours truly is going. Tell you what I'll do—I'll paste all those pictures in your Virgil notebook, and write your Latin truck in beside them in my very best style, if you'll give me your notes; and I'll wash the dishes for you every evening this week, if you'll go on Saturday. Or I'll wash 'em—kettles and all." This last offer saw Margaret wavering a little. "I'm beginning at Jerusalem, you see," he added, with a comical grimace. "I always did like to see other people improve their opportunities."

Mrs. Elwood had listened to this dialogue with amusement, not unmingled with anxiety. Her children's disposition to argue every question in all its minutest details often occasioned her great uneasiness.

When Fred made his final offer, however, her brow cleared for she felt that behind his nonsense there lurked a real desire to be helpful.

Saturday afternoon came, and Margaret found herself at three o'clock seated in one of Mrs. Walton's pleasant parlors awaiting with some curiosity the opening of the meeting. The parlors were comfortably filled with bright-faced girls and young ladies, with a liberal sprinkling of that class which was Margaret's special aversion, the "old maids."

After the Scripture reading and prayer, and an appropriate song by a quartette of happy-looking girls, Miss Nelson in

ed-Miss Halliday. Margaret was surprised to note that the turned missionary wore a neatly fitting tailor gown, and had hair becomingly arranged. Miss Halliday began speaking in a low, musical voice, but with an articulation so perfect that it was easily heard in both rooms. She had spoken only a few minutes when Margaret forgot all her prejudices against missionaries in her intense interest in the story of the awakening of the Island Empire, and the part played by our missionaries in this great change.

When Miss Halliday had finished speaking, Margaret said to herself: "My notions about missions and missionaries have been chiefly prejudices rooted in ignorance. I'm going to the Treasurer and enroll my name as a member of this Society, and when I'm going to subscribe for some missionary magazine that my mamma doesn't take—if I can find one—and I'm going to read it in all. I'll take the advice of Philip, the apostle, I'll 'come and see.'"—*Life and Light.*

Treasurer's Acknowledgments, April 24th to May 20th, 1899.

TORONTO BRANCH.—Pine Grove, for Home Missions, \$2, and Foreign, \$2; Stouffville, Auxiliary fee, \$10, for Home Missions, and for the support of boy at Cisamba, \$15; Toronto, Zion Auxiliary, for Home Missions, \$5, Foreign, \$5, and Mrs. (Rev.) F. McGregor, \$1; Parkdale, Mission Band, \$5; Toronto, Bond Street, for salaries, \$35, and for Mr. Currie's personal account, \$20; Bond Street Sunday-school, Miss Currie's class of boys, for Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Currie's work at Cisamba, \$25; Egby, Auxiliary, \$5; Toronto, Olivet, \$14, and Mrs. Roikie, for Armenian refugees, \$1; Toronto, Broadview Avenue, for Home Missions, \$5.07, Foreign, \$5.06, and for Miss Melville's expenses, \$1; Toronto, Western, \$5; Toronto, Northern, for Home Missions, \$20, and "Little Bessie's Mission Box," \$1.87; Northern, Y.P.S.C.E., for the Grist Mill, if needed; if not, for the work at Cisamba, \$5.

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Total for Ontario, \$445.39; Quebec, \$214.72; Grand To \$660.11. Total receipts for the year (including Convent collections of \$26.59) amount to \$2,635.47.

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