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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—OCTOBER.

For those accepted as missionaries, all others offering them
selves, and our agents employed in the field. Isaiah vi. 8
Psalm lxxviii. 11 (Revised Version).

INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs. Redner.

PORT SIMPSON.

I suppose ere this reaches you, you will be looking for
the quarterly report. I have just made it ready, and will
send to-morrow if the boat does not disappoint us.

I am enjoying the work very much, now that I have got
somewhat used to the people. At first the prospect looked

so dark before me, but as I learn more about the people and their needs, I am thankful that they are improving so fast. There is so much to keep them down, and such terrible temptations for young girls, that this Home seems to be a blessed refuge for them. They do not appreciate it very much, it is true, but that is nothing to us; our work is for the Master, and I hope will meet with His approval.

We have but few people at home just now during fishing season, except the aged people who cannot work.

The English Church people are going to build a new church here this summer, but have not begun yet.

We are strongly advised to give the girls a month's holidays at midsummer after this year, and let them go home with their parents for that length of time, if possible.

I was glad to see that you succeeded in doubling the Government grant for this Home. It will be a help to the Society.

CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From Mrs. Morrow.

VICTORIA, *July 4th, 1893.*

I was called, at about an hour's notice, to take Ah Quai (the girl rescued in the spring), and go with Mr. Gardiner to Seattle, and give evidence in the case of one of the women brought over on the same ship with Ah Quai. We returned this evening. The judge has not given his decision on the case, but Ah Quai was clear in her identification of the woman, and gave good testimony. We think the case is won, and that the woman will be sent back to China. If

this is so, and the venture to send these women prove so unprofitable, it will do very much to restrain the dreadful traffic in human beings for such a purpose.

Our school examinations took place last Friday and went off very well, giving pleasure to our visitors. I am thankful to say all is going on nicely under the divine blessing.

July 28th.—The case mentioned July 4th was won for the right, and will do much to restrain the traffic, by making it unprofitable. The woman was to be handed back to the steamer that brought her. They declined to receive her, saying they had landed her. The Government held that being brought illegally she must be taken away again; so the steamship people would have to keep her till they could get her off their hands on a ship for China. The woman, like Noah's dove (only one cannot compare one of her class with an emblem of purity), will have to flit about for some time till she finds rest in China.

We have now a more serious case on hand. For some weeks past word was brought that there was a poor girl on Ladner's Landing, brought under false pretences, and forced by abuse to a dreadful life, who would gladly be rescued, if possible. After a time it seemed if anything could be done no more time should be lost. Mr. Gardiner thought action should be taken, and Tom Chue was sent to have the procurers and girl arrested, this being the legal way to secure the girl, if possible. Mr. and Mrs. Chan, and the ladies of the W.C.T.U. in Westminster, were asked to help. Mrs. Chan would be very helpful, and Sarah went to stay with Mrs. Chan for a couple of weeks, and would do her best with the poor girl, who has been very much prejudiced against "the Christians." The case is adjourned till the middle of next week, but the Chinese have got the girl out

on bail, although it was refused at first. I fear the issue is doubtful, but still we hope to save one more from the clutches of evil-doers.

August 5th.—When Tom Chue was sent on his embassy to have the girl, Gan Hoy, arrested and brought here, little or no difficulty was expected. The girl was supposed to be anxious to come, and still appeared so after the arrest was made, but an emissary of the "Highbinders" had access to her in prison, and so changed and influenced her that the case is again adjourned and the procurers rearrested. This case is being fought, not only to save the girl, Gan Hoy, but to hinder, as much as possible, this traffic. These women get into the country under false pretences. There will be considerable expense connected with the case.

August 11th.—The case is again postponed for five or six days. I fear nothing will come of all this outlay of time and money, except that it is another bold attempt to hinder and impede this dreadful traffic, and also that by having these things brought to light, the public opinion and conscience shall be aroused. I was twice at the Custom House last Monday with Mr. Gardiner, and the result of inquiries only amounted to this: That this woman and girl came over as first-class cabin passengers, and were met on their arrival on the 2nd of May, and vouched for by a merchant of standing in Chinatown, and therefore could not be interfered with.

When I wrote last I was very anxious about a quite different matter, but was still hopeful. In the Home we are all in sorrow about our dear bright little Jessie, who, I fear, is not only going to lose the sight of one eye, but that it will have to be removed very soon. The doctor has been in daily attendance for nearly a fortnight. I treated it as best

I could for a week before that for simple inflammation, but it appears the eye is diseased, probably from the effects of a blow on her head received before she was brought to the Home. Dr. M. performed a partial operation last Monday, and the next day brought another doctor said to be skilful as an oculist, and another operation was gone through with. Jessie was brave and patient, and a most uncomplaining little sufferer. The doctors give us no hope of saving the eye, but if the utmost care night and day can avail, she has it.

Our hearts go up in prayer continually to Him who alone can now help us, that the dear little girl's life may not be under so sad a cloud. She is very submissive to the divine will, but last night soon after midnight, when she thought I had dropped asleep for a few minutes, I found her crying sadly. Poor little girl! She does control her feelings wonderfully well! and her Christianity is real and earnest.

August 21st.—When I last wrote we were in great anxiety about little Jessie. I am so thankful to say that the affected eye will be spared, although the doctor thinks the power of sight in it will be very little, but I am hopeful even about that.

Our faith did take hold of Him who is as able now to help as in the days of His humanity, and the great Physician has heard us.

Will friends ordering goods from Room 20 please remit by money order or bills, and if they cannot avoid sending stamps kindly remember *not* to send the three-cent denomination, if smaller or larger can be bought?

Suggested Programme for November.

I. Hymn 429. Methodist Hymn Book.

II. Missionary Exercise : *

(a) PRES. What is the need of missionary work ?

ANS. Psa. 14. 2, 3 ; Eph. 2. 12 ; Rom. 10. 13, 15.

PRES. What is the purpose of missionary work ?

ANS. Luke 19. 10 ; Acts 26. 18.

PRES. What are the ways of helping missionary work ?

ANS. Isa. 6. 8 ; Matt. 9. 38 ; Prov. 3. 9.

PRES. What is the reward of a sharer in missionary work ?

ANS. Prov. 11. 25 ; Job 29. 13 ; Matt. 25. 23.

PRES. What is the end of missionary work ?

ANS. Isa. 2. 18 ; Hab. 2. 14.

(b) Short prayer, by the President, for blessing upon the exercise.

(c) Sing, while kneeling :

“ Jesus, confirm my heart's desire,

To work, and speak, and think for Thee ;

Still let me guard the holy fire,

And still stir up Thy gift in me.”

(d) Repeat, in unison, The Lord's Prayer.

III. Business.

IV. President will read the Subject of Prayer for the month ; 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 may be answered.

V. Reading. “ Our work in China.” †

VI. Short address. Subject : “ Work of the Rescue Home, B.C.” †

VII. Prayer for increased interest in the Chinese work.

VIII. Hymn 441, 2nd and 3rd verses, Methodist Hymn Book.

IX. Benediction.

* Answers to be given to individual members before the opening of the meeting, so that there may be no delay in the responses.

† Leaflets to be had at Room 20. Price 1 cent each.

HOME READINGS.

"An Appeal for China,"	- - -	<i>Outlook</i> , Jan., '93, p. 5.
"Highbinders,"	- - -	" Jan., '93, p. 14.
"Work Among the Chinese in America,"	} - - -	<i>Gospel in all Lands</i> , Dec., '92.
"Christianization of Chinese in California,"	} - - -	" " " Dec., '92.
Almost whole number,	- - -	" " " Feb., '93.
Almost whole number,	- - -	<i>Miss. Review</i> , Feb., '92.
"Estimating the Population of China,"	} - - -	" " Oct., '92, p. 772.
"Missionary Progress in China,"	} - - -	" " Jan., '93, p. 36.
"Confucianism,"	- - -	" " Feb., '93, p. 96.

REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

"China," by Rev. J. T. Gracey, D.D., is one of the "Outline Missionary Series," and is a little book of 64 pages, but embraces an astonishingly large amount of information of exactly the kind desired by those who are interested in China from a missionary standpoint, and that is what every Christian who reads the book is likely to be when through with it, even if indifferent before.

The points treated are its vastness; its extent, compared with other countries; its populousness, also by comparison; its history, compared with classic and sacred history; its people and their civilization, education, literature, progress and enterprise; its religious systems, with their characteristics, cost and inefficiency; its Christianity, as disseminated by the early missions, and as manifested in the native converts. It also gives some space to a discussion of the genuineness of the work, the advantages and helps, the encouragements to renewed efforts, and the obstacles and difficulties.

Treating of a country whose records, according to Dr. Gracey's showing, reach backward through 4,000 years; which is one-third larger than the whole of Europe; which

embraces about one-third of the entire population of the globe; which was consolidated as a government 1688 B.C.; whose astronomers, two centuries before Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, had recorded observations which have been verified by modern scientists; whose literature was fully developed before England was invaded by the Norman conquerors; whose people, before America was discovered, had built a canal 1,200 miles long, and 220 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem, had constructed a wall from 15 to 30 feet in breadth and thickness, which passed over mountains and through valleys in an unbroken line for 1,500 miles—we say, rearing of such a country, no historian could do more in such space as Dr. Gracey has occupied than give the merest outline. Yet that outline, although it be a skeleton, is by no means one of *dry bones*. The ingenuity exercised in working up comparisons by which to give one an idea of the size, population, antiquity, etc., of the nation, makes it refreshing, and fixes the facts in the mind as an ordinary recital of them would fail to do; while the description of the various religious systems, as well as of their relation to the people; the people's attitude toward them and toward Christianity; the facts selected to bear evidence of the progress and genuineness of the work, and the aptness of the quotations from other writers, with reference to several of the points discussed, all tend to increase one's interest, appetite and enthusiasm.

The book closes with a table compiled at a General Missionary Conference held at Shanghai in May, 1890, showing the names of all the Protestant societies then at work in the country, when they commenced, the number of missionaries, helpers, churches, hospitals, dispensaries, patients, pupils in schools, communicants, etc., as well as the contributions by native Christians, and appeals by attendants at that Conference for many more workers in the next few years. To Christians desiring a knowledge of the country, upon which to found intelligent missionary action, the succinct information contained in these appeals is alone worth the price of the book.

What My Becky Thinks About the Chinese is one of the most practical of our booklets. At first you sympathize a little with her husband. You find her in such a "brown study" over the needs of the Chinese that she has no word

or smile for him, "till he feels as if a cold draft was blowin' on his heart." When she begins to speak of the soul that looks out of the eyes of the Chinese woman, and reminds us that "God Himself tinted the Chinaman's face," and says, "He made us all of one blood," you give thanks to Him that so many of our women are interested in this noble race. She tells of one poor old Chinese woman saying, "Oh, if I could only a head of heaven's Lord when I was a girl!" She also tells of a man with long needles thrust through his arms "a crawlin' along and a tryin' to find his way to heaven." May all who read this very interesting leaflet lend a hand to help those who are seeking to find this way!

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:

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