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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—JUNE.

Missionary work in India ; all efforts to elevate the suffering and down-trodden women of that land. Isa. lviii. 6.

The extension of God's kingdom in Africa. Psa. cvii. 13, 14 ; Isa. ii. 20.

FRENCH WORK.

Report of Madame Morin, East End Bible-woman.

During the month of February I have not visited any new families, only those which I previously had on my list (owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever).

Among these people, I placed two New Testaments and a number of tracts. These tracts, I think, do as much good as all that we can say or do, for the people are always so pleased to receive these little stories, as they call them ; they find them so interesting, and some of them will even read one of these tracts before reading in the Bible.

Last autumn, I went into one house, where there was only a woman and a little girl of eight years, and I asked the woman if she would like to send her little girl to our school, but told her plainly that it was a Protestant school. From the moment when she heard the word "Protestant," she changed her manner; it was another story altogether, for she was very bigoted.

Some time after I returned and talked with her, and when I rose to go she begged me to call again. Since then I have visited her from time to time. I may read and pray with her, and am always welcome, so that I hope yet to get her little girl into the school.

Several Catholic ladies have assisted at our Friday afternoon prayer-meetings, and several also have attended at the Sunday and Wednesday services at the church on Craig Street.

May the Lord bless and guide us in the way we should go and in the means we ought to take to attract precious souls to the knowledge of His blessed Gospel.

Do not forget, dear ladies, to pray for us.

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Bellis.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., *April 7th, 1894.*

As the time has again arrived for the quarterly letter, I thought I would try and write a short letter about our work, chiefly concerning my own department. When I first came to the Home, I felt at times much discouraged in trying to teach the girls sewing, and other things, such as knitting, crochet work and fancy work. But for the last year I can see a steady improvement in all kinds especially in dressmaking and crochet work. They make their own dresses very nicely with very little of my assistance. And as to their crochet lace, some of which we had on aprons for our sale in aid of hospital, it received so much admiration,

that we have since received orders from some of the ladies who failed to secure any of it at the sale.

Another improvement which I would like to speak of, is being able to trust the girls. When I first came amongst them I could not turn my back or leave the room, without missing needles, thimbles or anything that we might happen to have on our sewing table. But now I can leave the room, if necessary, for ten or fifteen minutes, and feel satisfied that all will be right on my return. I feel so thankful and encouraged that this text seems appropriate in my case, "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

During the past quarter measles has been quite prevalent in our midst; several have died. Our heavenly Father in His wisdom saw fit that they should pass by us; although we did not take precautions, which we might have taken, fully expecting to have them in the Home. The boys nearly all had them in their Home, which is quite near to ours. However, we think, we are quite clear of them now.

We are sorry to have to report the death of one of our girls, Fannie Wellington, who came into the Home a year ago last November, aged about eighteen years, and who had been ailing for some time, the doctor doing all he could for her. About two weeks before she left the Home, she complained of her heart. Her parents wished to take her home for a time. Wednesday they came for her; she walked down. Thursday, the doctor was in to see her, and discovered the pain she had complained of had developed into pleurisy. Saturday morning she died. The girls all felt very sad, it seemed to come so suddenly. We were reminded of the text, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

Under the management of Mrs. Redner, the work in general has been going on quite smoothly. The girls were never looking better, or seeming in better spirits, than at present. Some of the girls are about leaving the Home and going into homes of their own. May they carry an influence for good, which will tell amongst those with whom they will come in contact, is the prayer of, yours sincerely,

E. BEAVIS.

JAPAN WORK.

From Miss Hargraves.

KANAZAWA.

The work has been a great joy, a delightful service, though there have been times when the physical has been well tried. I am not glad to leave, but there being that "other side," the home-going, I cannot call it a "trial" to leave the work now.

The very word home suggests so much of rest and quiet. That, with good bracing Canadian air, is all I need, I think, to build me up again, and make me forget I have any nerves.

The year with Miss Veazey has been an inspiration in many ways. I respect her very much, and in my estimation she is very capable for the duties that fall to her hands here. I sincerely regret, I assure you, having to step out and let my part of the burden fall on her shoulders. For I arrange and plan beforehand, as I know there will be much for her to take up. I hope not too much. She will only have two months alone before summer vacation, but that is all I wish to think of her having.

Now, in reply to yours. You speak of our industrial work having extended. Yes, it has. You will rejoice to hear we now have our work in a more flourishing and encouraging condition than it has shown this winter. True, God has opened the way before us.

In the Kawa-Kami school—the building erected by the donation from Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle—we have twenty girls, between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two, just the class we had long wished to reach. They are all from very poor families, have no education at all. We give them embroidery work during the day, and have them attend a night-school for lessons—not forgetting *the Book* we came here to teach from.

We have forty and over at our Sunday School there every Sunday, and the room is crowded on Monday evenings at the preaching service. The embroidery class is upstairs.

Downstairs we have envelope work going on for younger children and for boys, part of the day; they have lessons the other part. The building will not accommodate any more than we have taken in at present, so we may ask for a grant for building an addition next year.

We are trying as much as possible to introduce industries which we can dispose of in Japan, but labor is very cheap here, and it is not easy to get sub-contracts of any kind. We have the envelope and the match-box work, which gives work to about twenty in our schools.

Oh, we do want a market for our embroidery work. I just want all the women of Canada to send their orders right here. These girls are so poor. Work they must. If we do not supply them, we cannot have the opportunity of teaching them the Word of God. If they cannot get work, to help their parents in that way, again and again their fate is to be sold as slaves into a life of shame.

From many things the Bible-woman tells me, I believe they are really interested in what they hear of the Truth. Pray with us that they may indeed accept, and be led to rejoice in the Saviour of mankind.

The Daijimi work is in another district, on the other side of the city from Kawa-Kami. There we have a rented building—pay one yen per month. It is a very poor dark place; we need a better place very much indeed.

The children there work at making match-boxes all day, meeting for lessons in reading, writing, etc., in the evenings. There are twenty now on the roll; no more can be admitted, as the rooms will not accommodate beyond that number, as tables are required for working on.

The people there are very poor—you would be startled to hear of some of the sad cases we come across.

The children attend Sunday School and preaching service every Sunday, crowding the room just full.

We have been considering the advisability of building there at once, thinking we could draw the appropriation made last year for the second poor school building. But word from Mrs. Large yesterday tells us we had better wait, as at present it seems we may be lacking workers to fill all the stations.

Miss Veazey was anxious to get plans, agreement, etc., all settled before I left, that she might have the benefit of my experience. Again the need of better and larger quarters presses on her, and she says it would be well could it be done now. All the work done in that school is disposed of here.

The teacher we have in charge there has not been a Christian, but has been interested from the first. A short time ago he asked to be taken on as a candidate for baptism; his wife asked also. Now the latter is greatly troubled. The husband's parents say they will cast her off if she becomes a Christian. They do not persecute him, but they give it to her hot. The husband tells her not to mind as he will not send her away, even though his parents do disown her. Our work is exceedingly encouraging in that district, and justifies us in asking for a new building. Our plan is to have the next building entirely Japanese in style. It will be cheaper and will suit the needs just as well.

Yes, we live in a foreign house, rent it from the Presbyterian Mission; pay eighteen yen per month, repairs made by them.

Poor Mrs. Tsuda has had her cup full since I wrote you of her last. Her husband is a bad man, and she has decided to leave him. She has been very ill, and is waiting just now for her mother to come from another city further up the coast. She still goes over to her work at Daijini twice a week, and to help teach in the Sunday School whenever she is able. We have considered her as a native helper and she has done some good work, but she could not be taken as a Bible-woman. She may go home with her mother for a time; if so, we will take her little girl and may send her to Tokyo to be trained for a Bible-worker. Her husband has withdrawn from the Church and begins again as one on trial. Poor man, he has an evil nature to fight. It is hard to see the family life all broken up in the way it has been there.

Suggested Programme for July Meeting.

- I. Opening exercises.
- II. Regular business.
- III. Hymn.
- IV. Subject of prayer for the month :

South America, Mexico, and Papal countries of Europe. Isa. lv. 13.

“For three hundred years Rome has laid the palsy-smiting hand of excessive and heretical sacerdotalism on the people of South America.”

“Mexico is called a Christian country, but there are 8,000,000 people in Mexico who never saw a copy of the Holy Scriptures.”
- V. Scripture Lesson. 2 Peter ii. 1-3, 17-21.
- VI. Prayer.
- VII. Conversation on Mexico :

Sub-topics—Characteristics of the Mexican Religion—The Moral Condition of Mexico—The Present Condition and Outlook of Mission Work in Mexico.*
- VIII. Mission Chain.†
- IX. Doxology and Prayer.

* See *Gospel in All Lands*, March, 1894, price 10 cents; or, “Open Doors,” price 15 cents.

† Short items in quick succession from memory, relating to Mission work in Papal countries, to be gleaned from secular and religious papers.

HOME READINGS.

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South America . . .	{	<i>Gospel In All Lands,</i> Jan., '92, p. 30.
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Europe - - - -	{	<i>Gospel In All Lands,</i> Jan., '92, p. 31.
Italy Mission of M. E. Church	{	<i>Gospel In All Lands,</i> Aug., '92, p. 368.
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The Gospel in Portugal -	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> May, '93, p. 365.
Madrid, Undenominational Mission - - - -	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> Aug., '93, p. 577.
The Gospel in Portugal -	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> Oct., '93, p. 766.
How Pagan Rome became Christian - - - -	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> May, '94, p. 363.

Special Notice.

The following notice is from Mrs. Strachan: In view of General Conference assembling early in September, at which time a Quadrennial Report of our work must be presented, and, our fourth year not being then completed, the Auxiliaries and Mission Circles are earnestly requested to send their moneys and the number of members as far as possible, this year, in the June quarter, noting the latter item on the quarterly report card.

All must help in this if a correct report is to be made.

Notices to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.

Back numbers of *Our Quarterly* at 50 cents a hundred may be ordered from Room 20. These will be found very useful in creating a missionary interest among Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

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.

Orders for the MONTHLY LETTER for July should be sent before the 15th of June. If not, they will be too late for that month. It is very desirable that this rule be always followed when ordering the MONTHLY LETTER.

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.

Subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden: *Missionary Review of The World*, per year, \$1.50; *Gospel in all Lands*, seven months, 50 cents; *African News*, per year, 75 cents; *Message and Deaconess World*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents.

NOTE.—Subscriptions to *the Gospel in all Lands* may begin any time during the year, but must continue till December and then end.

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

W. M. S. note paper and post cards, for the use of officers, may be ordered from Room 20, at the following prices:

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Friends will please notice that the Prayer Card has been dropped from our list. The prayer for the month can always be found in the MONTHLY LETTER.

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, authorized the Literature Committee to close Room 20 during the month of August. Will our friends please send all orders before July 25?

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