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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.—June.

"Our Missionaries."—Ps. 41:1-3; Jer. 17:14; Ps. 63:6-7; Ps. 91:9-16.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

June—Madura, India. A Day with the Bible Women; a Day with the Doctor; a Day in a Missionary's Home.

July—Jaffna, Ceylon. A Bird's-eye View of the Work; Heathen Festivals.

THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

All communications and letters from the missionaries intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, Mrs. Sanders, 25 Mackay street, Montreal, P. Q.

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

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions will be held in the First Church, Kingston, Ontario, on Thursday and Friday, June 4th and 5th. The invitation comes from a joint meeting of the ladies of the First and Second Churches, who will entertain the delegates. Kingston is a central point, therefore it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of delegates. An excellent programme is being prepared. Names of delegates should be sent as early as possible to Mrs. J. A. Hendry, King street, Kingston, Ont.

From Mrs. Moodie, 185 Mance St., Montreal.

Leaflets cheer and stimulate workers and often silence objectors. So let a large distribution of the memorial issue of "Our Missionary Revival" by our late treasurer, Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, be made in all our churches. 25c per doz., post-paid.

UNITED CHURCH
RESOURCES

From Miss M. Melville.

CISAMBA, W.C. Africa, Feb. 3rd, 1896.

DEAR LOVED ONES,—It is so good of you to write each of us letter. You know it is so nice to have one addressed to yourself. We are still at Mr. Currie's, for the roof of our house is not yet repaired, and the rains have been very heavy. To-day we have had about half a dozen showers, that is, it has absolutely poured that number of times, so it is scarcely the proper time to take the roof off. Mr. and Mrs. Currie are both very kind, but "There's no place like home." We hope to go back soon, but the house is very damp, the books lying on the table were mildewing, so we go over and open the doors for a short time every day. Just think, this is the middle of summer, and we have a fire in the sitting room every morning and evening, for it is so chilly, and we frequently have to put on our little jackets. The two small rooms of our new school-house are very nearly finished, but the floors are too wet for occupation; the floors are formed by wetting the red clay of the ground, and then pounding it. All the houses are red, as they are made of this clay, either by sun-dried bricks, or by building a frame work of sticks, and mudding it over. We are sorry that the school-house cannot be used, but probably it would mean fever for us all. The large room will not be completed until the dry season, when it will not take long to dry. Some of our boys are very much troubled, for last Sunday word was brought to Citumbela and Katumbela (two brothers) that a man had died, four hours off, at a village, and that their mother was accused of his death by witchcraft. So they asked permission to go and see, returning when we were at prayers. They afterward told us that she was to be killed without a trial, and that her brother (who has two girls and a boy at our station) is blamed as well. The poor boys are greatly worried, and want to go and sleep with her to protect her. Mr. Currie sent one of the preachers, Cipilika, to say that if they carried out their threats he would report to the Portuguese Fort (near Komundungo.) These people are so full of superstitions; they have it in everything, but when they receive the Gospel message they are so different; they know that one great power is working for our good.

We have had two happy events—one following the other very closely. One of our preachers became the happy father of a little girl. The mother was received into communion last month. They are both very proud of their little daughter, and the old grandmother is wild with delight. On the day following Kumba was married to Ngeve. She looked very pretty.

Perhaps you think that rather strange, but she is an extremely graceful girl. She was dressed in a pink jacket, given by us, and a very pretty brown handkerchief, with white spots, as a cloth. Then on her head she wore a blue handkerchief, made into a roll, and tied round. You will be able to understand when I send you a photo of the pair, for I took a very good one, I think, but as my paper was spoiled, cannot print any until I get some more—that is why you have not received any of my productions, but wait a little. Last Sunday, and for several previous Sundays, we had such good congregations. All were not able to get seats, but it is rather amusing to see some just quietly put younger ones off their seats and sit down. If no such is near, they just sit down on the floor.

Saturday evening, Feb. 15th.—We have just finished evening prayers, and I am sitting in our bedroom with Heler, who has had an attack of fever, but will be all right by Monday, I think. "Warburgi" and quinine work wonders with fever. Since writing the first part of this letter, we have had a week's visit from Miss Fay, of Komundonga. She is very pleasant. So much like her brother, both in appearance and manner. She feels very lonely since her brother with his wife and family have gone to Bailundu during Mr. Stover's absence. She seemed to enjoy her visit very much.

Mr. Currie was called away last Wednesday to see the Commandant of the Portuguese Penal Settlement, which is about forty days' journey inland. He is staying at the Fort, on the Kuanza River, as he is too ill to go any further inland. Mr. C. went about seven in the morning, but did not reach the Fort until after dark. There are so many Portuguese traders here now and there is such competition in procuring carriers, that in the future we will need to nearly double our pay for the carriage of our loads from the coast. But we cannot hope to hold even our own boys if we do not pay as much as the traders.

It is sad. The Captain at the Fort sells great quantities of liquor, and the people would rather give ten balls of rubber for liquor than one ball for cloth. That deadly poison finds its way in before the Gospel can reach the people. Think of the very few we have here compared with the hundreds who have not even heard the name "Suka" (God). Do have a special day of prayer that this trade in the liquor may be prevented. Oh! there are so many things to hinder the spread of the Gospel, but still the Spirit works very quietly, for are not the old men going from the Sunday meetings and talking over what they hear?

From Miss Helen J. Melville.

CISAMBA, Feb. 20th, 1896.

Just a note before the mail leaves. I do not feel able to write much. I have had another attack of the fever, was in bed for five days, got up yesterday for the first time, and still feel weak. Maggie and I are going next week to Komundongo for a rest and change. I do not like travelling in the cold weather but all think that we should go. We will probably remain a week or ten days, and will stay with Miss Fay. The news of Mrs Lee's death reached us through Mrs. Read's sister, and, of course, cast a sadness over us all. She was a brave and noble little woman, and was very much beloved here. Her sorrowing ones have our sincerest sympathy. But I must not write any more. Can you give me the recipe for making unfermented wine for communion out of raisins? I made some, but it was not very nice. The rum traffic here is a great hindrance to our work, and we need your earnest prayers that God will bless our efforts to counteract the evil.

From Mrs. (Rev.) Frank W. Read.

SAKANJIMBA, W.C. Africa.

HOW ONE DAY WAS SPENT:—At about 4.30 a.m. I woke and made my toilet, not elaborate I assure you at the villages seeing that we generally sleep in most of our clothes for various reasons. The babies wake very early at the villages and need immediate attention, also some milk and bread. While I looked after them, Frank was up and putting a few things in order for our return home. He closed up the book box and medicine case, carried out the two cot beds and put the rubber sheets on the grass to lay bedding on. All this by lamplight, for it is too cold to have the door open. By six breakfast was ready, the boys cooking it in their house, next to ours. As soon as this was over the babies' hoods and coats were put on and they were let loose. Then their blankets, night clothes, etc., and our bedding and clothes had to be sorted, the tepoid nets taken down from rafters and tied again to the tops, and the necessary pillows and blankets put in for the ride home. The two loads of bedding had to be adjusted so as to be of equal weight, and when tightly rolled and securely tied were hung over the back of our pack ox, panier style. One small boy led the ox, another went behind to whip it up, and to carry a small basket with babies' necessary conveniences.

Next in order was taking down the hanging shelves from the walls and the hooks, from which we suspend various articles. The table (an old iron folding washstand with a baking board tied on top) had also to be taken down and the two camp chairs and beds folded and tied up. Then the pot hamper and food box remain to take in all that is left.

Every moment is busily occupied till about 8 30, when we started off, a slight misty rain falling. It was quite a long ride that morning, so it was about ten when we got home. The first thing that greeted us as the lads unlocked the door and entered the house was a cry of "jiggers." The jiggers had increased to an alarming extent and held possession. It being fine, the babies were supplied with refreshments and left out on the grass in charge of a boy. All our loads were put down outside by the carriers who brought them, and our crusade began. Frank went ahead and swept. I followed him with pails of scalding water and cleansing powder (an English powder for destroying such pests) and before very long the whole house was clean and comparatively free from jiggers. Meantime the bedding we had left and mattresses were out on the lawn. These had to be brought in, beds all re-made, and rooms dusted. Frank undid our loads, sorted and disposed of all he could and spread blankets and dry goods out on the lines and the grass. After a rather late and hasty dinner, babies were brought in, bathed, and put to sleep.

Then began my interesting task of examining all bedding and clothes we had taken with us, lest any "bugs" should be admitted. It is rather troublesome to do this, as even the reserve clean handkerchiefs we have had with us have to be unfolded and shaken out. Still we feel repaid if we can despatch a stray traveller or two which otherwise might get into the house. By the time the things were sorted and put away and a few necessary articles washed, the children were awake and had to be dressed. Then came their supper, then ours, then the children's bed time closely followed, then our bath, and then, oh! happy thought! our clean, soft bed.

Each day when we come home we have to quarantine both harbor and ship before landing can be effected.

From Miss A. M. Barker.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 28th, 1896.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—(Zion and Broadview Y.P.S.C.E., Toronto.)—We have all celebrated our different Christmas days, and, now I want to tell you how much we appreciated your kindness in sending us such a nice box. All the articles proved

useful, and in the name of teachers and pupils I thank you most heartily for your contributions. I think you will be glad to know that, after providing our Sunday-school children we had something to send to the poor sufferers of the interior.

Our school was so large that we were compelled to divide it into three entertainments in order to have accommodation for all. We had the Greeks the first day and the Armenians the second and third days. To each child a visitor's ticket was given, so that parents or friends might come and enjoy the programme, which consisted of songs and recitations by the children and a short address by one of the missionaries. At the close of the programme we stripped the well loaded tree, at which the children had been casting longing eyes from the time they entered the room. I wish you could have seen the bright, happy, expectant faces, and have known how many little ones would be kept warm by the garments you sent. Amid all the sadness and sorrow it seemed hardly fitting to have any festivities, but we feel glad that we could put a little brightness into the lives of a few.

We still, from time to time, continue to hear sad, sad accounts of trouble from different parts of the Empire. We thank God many have stood firm, and have suffered death rather than deny Christ. The choice of Islamism or death was given to all.

The suffering from cold is very great, for many thousands have lost everything, in some cases the clothes being torn from their backs. For the past few weeks a large number of people have been making garments to be sent to the sufferers. Ready-made clothing and large quantities of cloth have been sent by merchant to the Bible House, where several rooms have been given over for storing, cutting and packing. For a time the Gregorian Church school-room was converted into a sewing-room, where a great number of garments were made and afterwards sent to the Bible House for shipment.

The outlook is very dark, but the work of the mission is the Lord's, and He is able to over-rule all for His glory. A year seems a long time to look ahead, but we trust and believe that the work here will not be interrupted. Do you think you will be able to help the S. S. next Christmas as you have this? We will be very thankful for any help you can give us.

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