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Our Missionaries in Cisamba W. C. Africa, Isa. 65. 26.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

July Educational Work of the Woman's Board in Central Eastern Turkey.

August - Evangelistic Work of the Woman's Board in Central Eastern Turkey.

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Miss Rhoda James, 3 St. Edwards Street, Montreal, P. Q., elected Treasurer of the C. C. W. B. M. at the Annual Meeting. Please forward all money to her address and make money orders payable to her.

Editorial Paragraphs.

Letters have been received from Rev. Mr. Currie and Mr. [unclear], too late for this issue of the LEAFLET. The most important news is that the ground has been cleared for the Memorial Hospital and the foundation is about to be commenced. Currie would like to have us send him \$1000 to start with, thus far we have only \$800 on hand, set apart for that special object.

to Mrs. Charles Gurd and Miss Williams who have been doing Mrs. Sanders's work for the past three months, the one as Treasurer C. C. W. B. M. and the other as Editor of the LEAFLET; most sincere thanks are heartily accorded.

As the LEAFLET passes from the weak and weary hands of its

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ever faithful and efficient editor, we venture to take it up, do so with many mis-givings, but in the full determination, even in this respect, the cause of missions must not suffer, the name of Him who can make the "weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," we shall endeavor to continue it, trusting that its monthly visits may be as well and as helpful as they have been in the past.

MARY M. SAVAGE, *Editor*
 ELLA C. TOLLER, *Ass.-Ed.*

From Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, Secretary.

The fourteenth Annual Convention of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions was held in the pretty village of Embro, in Oxford County, Ontario, on Wednesday, Thursday, May 30th and 31st.

Thirty delegates were present, from fourteen societies, three of which are Auxiliary to the Board; and the meetings, though somewhat smaller than they have been when held in this city, were earnest and helpful. We were favored with the presence of two missionary speakers, Rev. F. W. Macallum, our President, and Miss Jean P. Gordon, of the Madras Mission, in Western India, both missionaries under the American Board.

The reports annually presented by the Branches were read and commented on; as is usually the case, they varied a good deal, some dwelling on the bright side and telling of encouragement during the year, others striking a minor chord and referring to various sources of weakness; but the Board, as a whole, must be credited with having concluded its most successful year. This is perhaps owing to the fact that quite an additional interest in our work has been aroused by the recent visit of Mrs. Currie and Miss Melville among our churches, all of our every Branch reporting helpful meetings with Mrs. Currie or more of their Auxiliaries.

It was decided to continue the work of the preceding year, namely, the support of the Misses Melville in Cisamba, Guinea, in Miss Macallum's school in Smyrna, and of the nurse and matron in Manepai Hospital, also the appropriation of \$600 to the funds of the C. C. M. S., all which work seems most successful, our only regret being that we are not able to do more for these fields. One increase we ventured upon, it was in the line of Home Missions, and represents the sum of \$200 to the "Forward Movement" in the North-West. We also decided to make the French Canadian work, which last year was undertaken wholly by Quebec Branch, part of the general work of the Board.

The request of Mr. Currie for a new lady teacher was referred to Mr. Currie. Mr. Currie feels that Miss Melville's time from now on will, all probability, be very much occupied with dispensary work, and that it will be necessary in the near future to send another lady to the Station. Nothing was done in the matter, but much hope was expressed that, before our next annual meeting, one of the Lord's own choosing would be led to offer herself for this service.

Our little paper, the MONTHLY LEAFLET, came in for a good deal of attention, as it is felt to be an important factor in our work. An endeavor is to be made to increase its circulation to 1000, and when this is accomplished we shall have two additional pages, which can be used for matter that, although both interesting and helpful, has hitherto been left out for want of space. We refer to reports of Branch meetings, special Auxiliary meetings and home mission work.

We are sorry to report the resignation, on account of continued ill health, of our esteemed Treasurer and Editor, Mrs. F. A. Sanders. She has most ably filled the position of Treasurer for six years, and has been Editor of the LEAFLET since its appearance in November, 1895, until her resignation in March. In both relations she will be much missed. To the success of the LEAFLET is due; she has willingly given her time and labor, and the hearty thanks of our women are due her for what, but for her, might still have been but an "if." It must also be a great gratification to her to know that her last year as Treasurer has been her best year, our receipts from all sources (including balance on hand) during the year from May 31st, 1899, to May 31st, 1900, being almost \$600 in advance of the previous year. We are happy to say that her resignation has been undertaken not by one lady but by two, Miss La James, 3 St. Edward Street, Montreal, having consented to act as Treasurer, and Mrs. Savage, 22 Seymour Avenue, Montreal, assuming the Editorship of the LEAFLET.

Our two additional meetings were two helpful bits of our Convention, the first being conducted by Miss Gordon, who spoke for her subject "The Ministry of Intercession," and the second by Mrs. Bayne on the growth and spread of mission work from very small beginnings. During the latter meeting our proceedings were interrupted by the ringing of bells and other signs of rejoicing, occasioned by the good news from South Africa. Needless to say, the Convention joined heartily in the enthusiasm, singing the National Anthem, and offering praise for a probable speedy termination of the war.

Our meetings were much favored in Embro by meeting in a church led over by a pastor with a missionary spirit. He took

the chair at our first evening meeting, and also brought greetings from the C.C.F.M.S. of which he is the Treasurer. At this meeting (Wednesday evening) Rev. F. W. Macall spoke of his work in Marash, particularly of the conditions, the massacres, and of the work among the orphans. He gave us an interesting account of how the "relief" money, tributed from America and Canada had been expended, and another part of the convention Mr Macallum brought us a message from a woman's society, Marash, Turkey. On the second evening we had a most earnest and instructive address by Miss Jean F. Gordon on work in her field, the Marathi Mission in Western India. She referred incidentally to work among the lepers, in which work the Embre people are much interested. She also spoke most feelingly of the famine, and asked for prayer for the much-needed rain. Other items of interest during the convention were, a paper by Miss Rawlings, "Prayer and Missions", a discussion on ways and means of securing and retaining interest in our Auxiliary meetings; two reports of the New York conference.

Resolutions were adopted expressive of sympathy with Miss Sanders in her severe illness; of a desire for the increased missionary reading, of fellowship with all engaged in the struggle against the drink traffic, the most powerful and deadly enemy of the foreign missionary; and sympathy with the families of soldiers slain or wounded in battle, sick or dying in the hospital, and offering our prayers for the speedy conclusion of this war. Votes of thanks were also given to our kind entertainers, including the pastor and his wife; to those who so beautifully decorated the church, to the choir, and to all who in any way contributed to the success of the Convention.

And so we parted, with hearts refreshed by Christian fellowship, strengthened by interchange of thought, and more determined by God's help to "put the best of ourselves" into our blessed work.

Letter from Dr. Massey.

CISAMBA, ANGOLA, West Central Africa,
400 miles south of the Congo
March 17th, 1900

MY DEAR FRIENDS, — My last letter told something of our weeks' stay at the coast. Now for the trip inland, a distance of 300 miles, and covering twenty four days; a well beaten path winding among hills and streams is our road. This is the main caravan road to the interior, and over it travel thousands of shackled slaves. Slavery was nominally abolished in Portuguese territory twenty years ago, but it is still ran-

er the somewhat respectable designation of "Contracted
or."

had brought a bicycle from America, which I had hoped to
On the steamer the rear tire was badly torn. At Ben-
lla I purchased an inner tube, paying four dollars for it.
it in, and the next day punctured both tires with thorns,
ch are very numerous on the paths at the coast. Thus I
ed that pneumatic tires were out of the question, and I
ght from an English missionary a pair of 28-inch cushion
s, which he had burst by trying to stretch them on a 30-inch
el. I paid a smithy \$2.50 to strap them together, but the
day on the road the front tire came apart. My wheel was
useless, and I travelled the rest of the way on the back of
ative.

White folk usually travel in this country in a tepoia, which is
ammock, swung to a long pole, and supported at either end
native. There is attached to the pole an awning to protect
occupant from the sun or rain.

The costume of a carrier consists only of a sort of skirt
ending from the waist to a little below the knee. Some of
station boys wore shirts, and a few had little coats, but
n it became warm these were discarded, the skirt only being

One young native had a pair of knee pants, consisting
ely of patches. I suppose they were the cast-off of some
sionary. These, however, were worn only on special occa-
s. A few wore little skull caps. No boots, but a thin
ner sandal for the bottoms of their feet when travelling on a
sandy path.

wish you could have seen us, 43 strong, starting up the hill
Catumbella. I am sure your imagination falls far short of
reality.

This was 2 p.m., October 2nd, 1899, and by six o'clock, sun-
we had completed our first day's march, and felt ready to
p. About 11 miles had been covered, and our resting place
an open African plain. The tent was soon put up for Miss
ville; a tepoia, one end supported by a small tree, and the
r by some boxes, furnished a sleeping place for Mr. Moffatt,
the tent flap was thrown over a pole for my protection.
natives enjoyed the protection of the starry heavens. It
said that leopards were no strangers to this part. We were
early next morning, and before noon we had reached a
m. The carriers had had neither food nor drink since
ing Catumbella. There was no water at our first camp,
e they could not cook their mush. Their powers of endur-
are wonderful; in fact, they never had more than one meal
y on the road, and that after the day's march. We always
elled about five hours in the forenoon, and rested in the

afternoon. On an average, the journey through, we made fourteen miles a day. That looks like small work, but what America would wish to carry 60 to 70 lbs. even that far in a day over good paths? The second night we could hear the grunt of the hippopotamus in the river near by. Here we had a sprinkle of rain—the first we had seen in Africa—the rainy season just beginning. The third day we passed through a deep canyon. When I was a lad attending public school, I was taught that Africa's interior was an immense plateau, and the general contour of the country was represented by an inverted saucer. This day we spent climbing up the side of the inverted saucer, increasing our elevation above the sea level a few feet. It was an extremely hard march, and we were not only ones who found it so, judging from the number of guides by the path side.

Our path, as a rule, lay through an open country, having somewhat the appearance of a very thinly planted orchard with here and there considerable small underbrush. The banks of the streams in some parts are quite heavily wooded. The grass along the path is often above one's head. In the canyon the woods were alive with black and yellow monkeys; they have such a funny little short bark. All efforts to get a shot at them were fruitless; they seemed to disappear like magic. The natives consider them rare food.

The third night, we reached a real camping place, which consisted of several grass huts made by passing caravans. The little villages are inhabited only at night. A grass hut is a cone of about 10 to 15 foot base, and 10 feet high, with a diameter about four feet high in the side. Boughs are put up against the opening for a door. There is usually a bed of leaves in each hut, left by the last sleeper. The fourth night, we spent in some vacant huts of a village. It is customary to make presents to white visitors; accordingly, the head man of the village gave me a little basket of peanuts, and some woman brought pap. In return for their presents, they received the most acceptable of all presents—each one got a handful of salt. At this village and the surrounding country, the women have a peculiar custom of wearing immense collars. When children, they give them; and keep adding mud, shells, trinkets—in fact, anything until they are full grown, when it has attained a diameter of four or five inches. They are very heavy, and look very peculiar. The larger the collar, the prouder is the wearer. When the husband dies, the collar is removed. It is then chopped off with an axe.

The fifth afternoon found us camped beside a very pretty little stream, under the last baobab tree. This indicated that we had reached the limits of coast vegetation. I must

that each morning and evening, all the carriers gather at the door of Miss Melville's tent for prayers. One's heart cannot help warming towards his Maker when he notes the devotion, apparent peace of heart, of these people, who but a few years ago were in heathen darkness. With what feeling would they sing those beautiful hymns in their own tongue, and from their own Umbundu Testaments. The language has been reduced to writing within the last fifteen years. Although I could not understand their words, I could not but feel that they came from true and honest hearts, filled with the spirit of the Master. My dear friends, an intellectual training, a white American cut of clothing, Parizian politeness, and a knowledge of the arts and sciences, are not necessary to the enjoyment of the presence and assurance of sonship of the King of kings and Lord of lords. What Christianity has done for these people, it can do for the teeming millions of Africa. It seems strange, when one thinks of it, that nearly 2000 years ago, a Divine Being came upon this earth to bring redemption to every one of its inhabitants, to make the receiver not only a comfort to himself but to all those about him; and yet, after so many centuries, millions upon millions of His own creation have not believed of it. And what is the reason? He conferred the privilege and honor of spreading this "Good News" upon man. Why has he not done it? Has he any reasonable excuse? These are questions which *each one of us* must answer for himself and herself before the Great Throne of Judgment.

I am,

A most unworthy servant of the
Most Worthy of Masters,

A. YALE MASSEY.

Home Missionary News.

A missionary collection at the Annual Home Missionary Meeting in Emmanuel Church was specially set apart for the benefit of the Nelson, B. C., and realized \$100, the largest amount ever raised in many years.

The need, however, is very great in Nelson. The Rev. Mr. [Name] has rented what is known as the Opera House temporarily. He had an attendance of about thirty at the first service and upwards of 300 at the second, and is much encouraged in his work thus far.

Nelson is a city of about 6,000 inhabitants, of whom upwards of 4,000 have no church connection. It is probable that a large number of these are more or less closely identified with the saloons of that city.

One of the delegates to the Union from the Western congregational Church, Toronto, asked permission to be allowed to bear to the General Missionary Committee, a message of gratitude from his church, for the assistance given them by the Missionary Society last year, which had been the means, partly of saving the church, as, inspired by the sympathy thus shown, the membership had rallied, paid off \$600 of liability and was going forward without further assistance. Their membership had largely increased and a very hopeful feeling succeeded former despondency. The news was all the more gratifying as the assistance rendered was trifling.

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—MISS RHODA JAMES, 3 Edward Street, Montreal.

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