

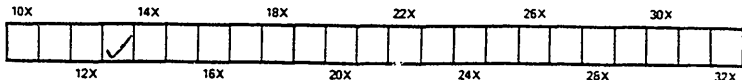
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TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

November--Thank Offering Meetings.

December--Events of the year 1897 connected with Mission work.

THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

All communications and letters from the missionaries intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, Mrs. Sanders, 1 Metcalfe street, Montreal, P. Q.

Editorial Paragraphs.

The Secretaries and Treasurers of the Auxiliaries are especially asked to note the change of address of the Editor, MONTHLY LEAFLET, and the Board Treasurer.

The President, Mrs. Macallum, has been well received by the churches, she has been able to visit on behalf of the C. C. W. B. M. She has organized a new Auxiliary at Scotland, Paris and Hamilton Branch; President, Mrs. Charles Nelles; Secretary, Mrs. Mac Malcolm; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Foster. She writes: "We had 26 ladies present. The Pastor is both minister and minister's wife and will take a fatherly interest in its success." The Kincardine Auxiliary, Listowel Branch, received fresh impetus and inspiration from her visit and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. (Rev.) J. McGuire; Secretary, Miss McCallum; Treasurer, Mrs. Bell. The following letter has been written by the Secretary of the Board and sent to each Auxiliary Secretary. We bespeak for a hearty and liberal response from the women in the Auxiliaries

and churches. The Misses Melville, our representatives on the Foreign Field have left home and friends to go and work in Christ's name for the extension of God's Kingdom on the Earth. The Master will not forsake them and they will receive the crown of reward. We should ask ourselves what are we doing? Do we comfort and help them by our love, sympathy, and prayers? Are we giving for their support as "The Lord has prospered us? Does each one realize her personal responsibility? The Board expects the gifts to be liberal so as to redeem its pledge given in the name of the Auxiliaries, for the payment of the Missionaries salaries and the expenses of the Canadian Station, Cisamba. The letters received during the year have been hopeful and encouraging. Surely we have great cause for thankfulness in the continued good health of our missionaries and the natives at the station; in the progress made in the work both Evangelistic and Industrial; in the membership of the church; in the Christian homes formed; in the Ella F. M. Williams Memorial Hospital Fund; and in the increased interest in the work by the native chiefs.

From Mrs. Mary L. Freeland.

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 14th, 1897.

DEAR MADAM,—At the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board, it was resolved that the Secretary be requested to send a circular letter to the Auxiliaries, as Thanksgiving Day drew near, calling attention to the importance of the year's Thankoffering meeting. It is desirable that it should be held as near Thanksgiving Day as possible, therefore it is well to begin planning for it at once. It is a good time for making an effort to interest the women of the church, who as yet are not alive to the importance of missionary work, and to stir up the half-hearted ones, while the true and faithful workers will find such a meeting a joy and inspiration. Good suggestions for a program will be found in October "Life and Light" which can be obtained for five cents from Miss A. R. Hartshorn, No. 11 Congregational House, Boston. Copies of a responsive Bible Reading may be had for 15c. per dozen from Mrs. Moodie, 18 Mance Street, Montreal.

I was also asked to have 2000 envelopes printed for the use of the Auxiliaries at the Thankoffering meeting. I enclose a sample. Please let me know at once how many you will require for distribution among the women of your congregation, and I will send them to you. Then when your meeting is over, I would be very glad indeed if you would write me again, and tell

What success attended your efforts. Please do not forget this.

I trust the faithful ones will pray much for this meeting, for guidance and blessing, also that God will give us true gratitude for His many mercies, and willingness and ability to give liberally, so that as a Board we may be enabled to fulfil our obligations and to carry on the work we have undertaken. Just now funds are badly needed. Our Treasurer's report this month is, "On Dec. 31st. there will be \$554.16 due for salaries, and up date only \$78.78 in the Treasury available for this object. The thanksgiving offerings ought to be voted for salaries. Money remitted for fees, foreign (not specified) and undesignated money is used for payment of salaries." Let us hope that before the year closes Mrs. Sanders may be able to report a treasury full and overflowing. This can be so if every one will do her part. "Freely ye have received. freely give."

Yours in the work,

MARY L. FREELAND,

Secretary, C. C. W. B. M.

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, July 6th, 1897.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—Your welcome letter of March 30th, reached me by last mail. If the churches find a Doctor to come out, you might allow him two hundred dollars of the Memorial Hospital sum to purchase Surgical Instruments with. We have nothing of real value to a physician in treating the eye, the ear, or any major operation in Surgery. He could select a few of the most generally useful instruments and pay for them with the above sum, and then after he has been here a time he can see exactly what he will further need to equip such an hospital, as the work requires and our limited means will allow.

During the past week I had little rest by day or night. Miss Melville was away nursing Mrs. Wellman. A boy was here suffering from acute Bright's disease attended with severe dropsy. A white man (Portuguese teacher) after suffering five days with bilious Haematuric Fever came here, and in four days after we had to bury him. One of our young women lost her twin boys while suffering from a severe attack of Pneumonia. For these I had to be Physician, Druggist, and for the most part nurse, and I am sure you can have little idea in Canada of how severe strain such work in addition to all of one's other duties is. You know not how great a trial sickness and death is to the faith of a young Christian convert from African superstition. I am

growing more and more convinced that we can never build up strong intelligent Christian faith in these people without the help of a wisely conducted Medical Department. I mean by this medical work that will be Christian from the surface right into the core; and from the centre right out to the circumference again; that will seek intelligently to heal the bodily ills of the people in the hope and largely with the direct object of strengthening their faith; and destroying their confidence in idle, foolish superstitions. We thank God for the measure of sturdy Christian faith thus far shown by our young people in times of severe trial, and earnestly pray that a physician of God's own appointing may soon be sent to us from the churches in Canada.

The Mission Leaflets now come to us regularly and we are always pleased to receive them.

From (Mrs.) Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA STATION, July 22, 1897.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—Mr. and Mrs. Woodside and family leave Africa by this steamer. They expect to leave the two older girls at school in America. We had hoped to send some curios by them, but carriers are so scarce just now, Mr. Currie could only get one available for such a load and to him he gave a load Misses Melville had been anxious to send. However, some members of the English Mission are likely to go home before the end of the year, and carriers may be plentiful then. Every able-bodied man in the neighboring villages has gone into the interior to trade—it is a regular stampede. Their principal object is not rubber but slaves. Three years ago, a caravan from near here got caught in the act, were bound and sent to work as slaves themselves, having ventured on Belgian territory. This lesson taught the Biheans to be more careful for a time. Now, however, they have gone in again, just because a few months ago a caravan came out with a number of slaves and said the way was open for slave trading. They deserve another lesson and we hope they will get it. Many of our young people's relatives are among them. One of our own young men was persuaded to go in with his uncle on this expedition. One day after they had crossed the Kuanza River and gone some days' journey into the interior the boy, in some way, cut his foot badly with an axe. As he could go no further, the uncle returned with him to their village, we think to prevent the boy returning to the station, as so far the man has succeeded—for though the lad said, "It is because I was learning the words, and then left to go slave trading, that God followed me and sent this accident."

Yet he has not returned. Some of the church members have gone to plead with the young fellow (whose sister, Ngeve, is married to Kumba), but the uncle is tempting him, promising to make him heir to all his possessions. Pray for the wanderer. God is evidently warning him—the other day a cartridge exploded in his hand. A couple of months ago, his sister lost her baby, then his cousin (Muenekanye's wife and this man's daughter) lost hers. Last night we heard that the uncle, who used to beat his own daughter for coming to school—has received thrashing himself from a white trader whose run-away slave he had appropriated—a load of rubber has also been taken from the fellow in payment for the theft. He has always been an enemy to the work here.

During the next three weeks we hope to have the roof of our house rethatched—it leaked badly last wet season and patching only makes matters worse. We shall live in one of the boys' houses till the thatching is finished. Such small quarters will make it seem like camping out.

Mr. Currie went yesterday to visit the Chief Ciyuka, and took four of the boys with him to show the chief's men how to build the roof of the school-house in his Ombala. It is a good-sized building for a native village, 30 x 22 ft., space is being left for four windows. Two small rooms are partitioned off to serve as bed and sitting room for the teacher. The chief killed a large ox in honor of Mr. Currie's visit and sent us ladies two quarters of the animal. He is paying all expenses of the school-house. The hunting season has commenced. We have already had a taste of water-buck and rabbits. Yesterday the boys brought me a small quail for my supper, but I saved it for dinner to-day when Mr. Currie could enjoy it too. Game is not very plentiful in this neighborhood, it is too thickly populated.

Last Sunday week we had Communion after morning service, when two young men were baptized and received into Christian fellowship, making thirty-two members on the Church roll. There are four new candidates for catechumen's class. The Sunday congregations consist principally of women, and men who are too old to go trading, but the attendance is remarkably good for this time of the year. Last Sunday the chief of a village nearly an hour's walking away, was present in spite of the fact that a man in his village had just died that morning. It may seem a small thing to people in Christian lands, but it is incidents of like character that give us cheer and hope.

We are all well. Mr. Currie feels rather stiff and tired after his long ride on the ox in the hot sun. The young people are all well, coughs and colds are prevalent but nothing serious.

Calungila is quite convalescent, for days her life hung in the balance, this was her second attack of pneumonia. We believe her life was spared through the many prayers offered for her. Mr. Currie sat up several nights with the girl—he had also two other patients, a Portuguese trader dying from the worst form of African fever and a little boy-slave of another trader. The latter has returned to his master much better. The white man is buried out on the hill, he had no friends or relatives in the country.

We have now a Dutchman (Boer) staying here. He came a few weeks ago very ill. When better he asked for work. He is making yokes for the oxen and helping the boys with the waggon in drawing logs from the woods for the saw-pit. He speaks very little Unbundu, but comes in regularly for evening worship with the rest and attends all the Sunday services.

From Miss Margret Melville.

CISAMBA STATION, July 21st, 1897.

DEAR MISS ROSS,—Your very interesting letter came by the last mail. It is very kind of you all to write us these monthly letters which my sister and myself enjoy heartily, we feel that we have your sympathy in our work, and what is better your prayers, you have certainly a live church, (Emmanuel, Montreal). We feel a deep interest in all our home churches for is it not through them that we are enabled to come here to teach these people of the love of our Heavenly Father?

You speak of the patience required in teaching the Chinese, we know well what that means, day after day to hear some stumbling through their lessons, and writing more like the tracks of birds than letters, yet day by day they learn something and day by day improve a little until now some who for years have studied are ready readers, understanding well what they read. Do not imagine that all are slow for they are not. One of our house boys, Wang, has been here at the Station for three years, during that time he has learned to read nicely, write fairly, being of very quick movement he is apt to write carelessly, and he has learned to divide simple problems. He, I judge, is now twelve or thirteen years old. Another lad, a little younger, his cousin, came a month or so later and he is scarcely able to read words of four letters, he has had the same care in teaching and the same teacher. Others of the lads and girls are similar. The girls have written only on slates until lately when they began to write in books. They seem to like it much better and of course will learn much more quickly. I am afraid you

would have been in despair to-day in girls' school because of the babies, there were eight, the oldest is able to walk well, the second a little, and the rest are graded to one of a month old. I will leave you to imagine the noise, some cried, others crowed, others talked with baby tongue or quarrelled for a tin or box. All one can do is to strain your ears to hear the reading and pay no attention to the babies, for if they are shut out, out must go the mothers, and it is for these girls that we work and pray daily. Then, too, all the mothers are professing Christians and some are members of the church, so as they live their Christian lives free from superstitions and fetich ceremonies, they learn of the love of Jesus for little children. I am afraid I forget that everyone is not so much interested in our babies as we are.

If Mr. Currie had someone to relieve him of the medical and industrial work, he would have time to aid in the Evangelistic and in visiting among the other chiefs of the country to arouse an interest. As it is Mr. Currie does not care to leave the station for any length of time, he being the only man among us.

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