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SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

AUGUST.

Africa. Missions to Jews. Hosea 14:2, 6, 7.

SEPTEMBER.

"Another Year for Jesus." Retrospect and Prospect.
Psa. 116:12, 13, 14.

CHINA.

From Miss Ford.

March 8th, 1895.

We finally got all together at Ichang last Saturday, and on Monday two boats left the last sign of civilized travelling behind; and with prayerful hearts started the stage of the journey that has the dangerous rapids in it. Four days of

it have gone, and each night a song of thanksgiving has gone to the Father's throne for safe travel during the day. The weather is perfect, the scenery is enchanting. Sometimes through narrow gorges, with bare rocks hundreds of feet almost straight up; again a little less steep, and bamboo and pine and peach, pear and plum trees in blossom to be seen. Occasionally a little house of mud or matting (or both) is seen on the mountain side. At several of the worst rapids we have all gotten out and walked around. We passed the rapid yesterday afternoon where Dr. McCartney and children and Mrs. Lewis were wrecked in January last, on their return from Ichang, where Mrs. McCartney had died. Mrs. Lewis is naturally very nervous and frightened. The two boats anchor together every night, so even though we are a party of women in this boat, we feel safe with Mr. Cady and Dr. McCartney with'n call.

Mr. Lewis sent a teacher down from Chung King, and we are trying to make some sense out of these crazy looking Chinese characters, but to tell the truth the beauties of natural scenery are too attractive to permit of very steady study.

There must have been a mighty upheaval in some remote past age to have left the way for this river to run to the sea. By the way, we are so far away from it that it is almost impossible to realize that we are in a disturbed country. The natives here would be surprised if one told them there is war within their boundaries; and if we don't get some mail soon, we will almost forget it ourselves.

I wish I were artist enough to draw you a picture of this boat. The ark that we had given us as children looks some as if it might have been fashioned by the same builder, and yet we are comfortable. I, for one, am much more so than

on the fine ocean steamers, and no seasickness here. Forty Chinese are on the force of each boat, who row or draw the boat as the shore demands. When not too steep and rocky they get on shore and draw by means of long bamboo ropes attached to the boat; when too abrupt they row. Slow mode of travel, and the noise they make while rowing is almost deafening. I received a letter at Ichang from Miss Brackbill. She is so glad I am coming—she has been somewhat lonely, so I am glad to be coming in a time of need :—

CHUNG KING, *March 29th.*

Another stage of the journey over in health and safety. What the dangers of the river are no one knows or realizes until taking it. The scenery is grandeur itself, and completely beyond me to describe. But each evening, after the boats were tied up to shore for the night, we gathered and many a hymn and prayer of thanksgiving for another day of safe travel went up. We reached here last Monday, and it was the quickest trip ever made with such large boats. The friends here were sure at first that we had travelled on Sundays to make such good time, but the three Sabbaths were spent with boats tied and boatmen resting.

The annual meeting of the West China American Methodists is held here beginning next Monday, and so it makes a delay of two weeks here, but gives opportunity of making many acquaintances and seeing the work. All being well I look forward to reaching Chen-tu about the middle of May, and will be very glad not to travel any more for some time.

Two American Methodist workers and families have just arrived to-day from Chen-tu for annual meeting. I am stopping with Mrs. Lewis while here. Houses are very much smaller than boats, so we are crowded somewhat.

The four deaconesses who are to live in Chung King, not having any house ready, are using two large rooms that are finished off over the chapel for sleeping and taking meals here. A custom at the breakfast table is for each to repeat a verse from Scripture. One of these ladies gave, "They that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God," and it seemed so fitting to the circumstances that we all smiled.

War news is a minus quantity. All is peace and quietness here. You get more news of it than we can here. I am very glad that I have come now instead of letting war rumors keep me at home.

From Miss Brackbill.

CHEN-TU, CHINA, *April 2nd, 1895.*

I have received nothing from the Bank yet (in Hankow), since sending down the bills of exchange, as it requires about two months, at the least, to receive an answer from them; however, I expect it will be here very soon, so prepared a room and opened a school for girls yesterday, as I was anxious to get into definite work as soon as possible. Have a very fair attendance to-day, and like the appearance of the woman whom I have secured as teacher. I hope that she may prove to be all we desire, and that through this means the Gospel story may be carried into many heathen homes.

I have been getting out on the streets more than usual lately, and have found the people very friendly and respectful. I am known and recognized by the majority between here and the other Mission Home, and on many of the streets near here. Work is going on very satisfactorily at the new place—no trouble at present, and Mr. Hartwell expects to move over very soon.

I hope to be able to report something definite regarding the purchase of property very soon after Dr. Hart's return. In the meantime will remain on this place.

As soon as we have a settled place for work, I shall expect to begin collecting a few girls around me as a nucleus for a boarding school. Twenty dollars will support a girl for a year, and why, in the near future, can we not have money pledged for the support of girls as well as for boys? Praying that we may all be guided aright in the work—you in the Home Department in selecting and sending out workers, and we on the field in building on good foundations and organizing, so that the work will all redound to His glory.

From Miss Ford.

April 26th, 1895.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—Still travelling, and very tired of it, too. Some one, comparing rapid modes of travel at home with these slow modes, says that after all, those who travel so quickly and conveniently do not know the full enjoyment of getting to the end of a journey. I'm sure I shall appreciate that part of it fully.

We were sixteen days in Chung King, and I enjoyed the sessions of the Annual Meeting quite as much as one could who did not belong to their mission. One can get an insight into methods, etc., that could be gotten in no other way.

Leaving there on the evening of the 10th, we are still several weeks from Chen-tu. The morning after we started, the boat struck a rock, which caused quite a delay while bailing out water and stopping the leakage. Not any damage was done to any of our goods. The same

thing happened again two days later, causing another delay. Easter Sunday was a rainy, dreary day, with a chill wind blowing, so that while we did not travel, we were obliged to spend the day inside the boat, and a bit of longing for home would come as I thought of Easter services and Easter lilies. One has to learn to have the Easter joy in the heart, and not depend on outward circumstances out here, where, "on every high hill and under every green tree" are shrines, pagodas and images. For a few days past we have been noticing an image very different from any seen before, and wondered what it was. This morning Mr. Cady asked the wife of the boat owner, who explained that there are a great many devils around the section of country we are just passing through; so these images are more numerous than in other parts; and at regular intervals a rooster is sacrificed to them, after which process the idol has knowledge of the devils, and protects against them. These devils are many of them spirits of people who have committed suicide, and are waiting around to torment those who troubled them while they were on this earth. The owner of this boat does very little but lie on his bed and smoke opium, while the woman attends to the business. She seems very bright and capable. Mr. Cady conducts prayers in Chinese every morning. There are two men-servants, one of Mr. Cady's and one of Mrs. Peat's; also the teacher and a Bible woman from Chen-tu (who came to the Annual Meeting), and Mrs. Peat's children's nurse. And this boat-woman has become so interested that she comes in to prayers every day. This morning she brought her little girl ten years old. The chapter read and explained was the twentieth of John's Gospel, and we noticed that she knelt at prayer to-day for the first time instead of sitting looking on. Who can tell the possible result of the seed sown?

Last Saturday evening we reached Lu Chan, and spent the Sunday pleasantly and profitably with the ladies of the China Inland Mission in that city. There are no other missionaries there. Mr. Cady and those who could understand attended the services, while Mrs. Cady and I rested and enjoyed easy chairs and books. In the afternoon we had a service of song and prayer and the communion service in English just among ourselves, and, refreshed, started on our way again. I have run across several books at one place and another that give one good ideas, not so much of the country—than which nothing could be more beautiful—but the people, customs, superstitions, etc. One is "Chinese Characterized," by A. H. Smith, published by Fleming, Revell and Co.; another, "The Dragon Image and Demon," by Dubose, published by Armstrong & Co., New York.

The wheat is being harvested here; oranges are in blossom. Banyan and bamboo trees keep their leaves all winter, and the old leaves are falling now just while the new ones are coming on; rice is just being transplanted. It is a queer combination of spring and fall. The last few days have been very warm and oppressive.

JAPAN.

Tokio School.

Quarterly Report, ending March 31st, 1895.

During the term we have had an attendance of sixty-four, including eight new students, an indication of the change of feeling being brought about by the successes in China.

Six of our graduates have been with us—one in Evan-

gelistic work, one as teacher in the King's Daughters school for the poor, one as language teacher to the new comers, the others in full school work.

Our graduates make exceptionally satisfactory workers. Earnest, zealous Christians, they delight in showing to others the Way; believing thoroughly in us and our methods, the school and its curriculum and discipline. They work with us—one in heart and purpose, not with eye service as men pleasers, but as servants of God. They are not only faithful in their own work, but are always ready with helpful suggestions—the result of their knowledge of the traits and needs of their own people. As the years pass by the school-life becomes more and more that of a happy Christian home,—the race feeling disappears. The King's Daughters school has had an average attendance of forty-two.

We report no baptisms. The war, the prospect of peace, the wonderful opening up of the army and navy to God's Word have been in every heart, in every prayer, in every conversation.

As we lived the days one by one, there seemed much to encourage, much to be thankful for, and also much that almost caused us to faint by the way. Clinging to His promise we go forward.

Evangelistic.—There is little to communicate in this department. The work has gone on as well as possible amid all there has been to distract and try. Our monthly workers' meetings have been times of refreshing in spite of all there was to vex.

Mrs. Inomata resigned in January, her husband's improved prospects and their removal to a distant part of the city being her reasons. All rejoiced with her in that she has the opportunity to rest her weak body without suffering for the necessities of life. The teacher of the Charity School at Shitaya resigned, because of difficulties, in the same month. Her resignation was accepted, and this was later on sustained at our monthly meeting. The end of January saw our work closed in Shitaya, the three appointed to work there having declined to continue; also, it was thought best to refer the difficulties there to the annual meeting of the Council in July, as the missionary in charge had no power to

agree to the terms laid down by the acting pastor and his recording steward. Sugiyama San began work in Komagome in January, making her home with the pastor, Mr. Kobayashi, and had already succeeded in gathering a number of women around her. Mr. Kobayashi speaks highly of her work, and begged hard for her to be left, but the resignation of Miss Yoshida left the work among the poor of Azabu in the hands of Assai San only, who could not alone reach half of the women interested. Ito San was appointed to supply Miss Cartmell's place when Miss Cartmell was appointed to Kofu, but owing to the reduced staff left in the school by the departure of two foreigners and the resignation of Yoshida San, it has been necessary to cut down her outside work greatly. She now goes twice a month to three different churches. Kuto San at Negishi, Hayachi San at Kolikiho, Naito San at Ushigome, and Mrs. Sabashi in Azube, must do *what they can*, Assai and Sugiyama San working among the poor.

The number of houses visited since January, 1st, 753 ; people talked with, 981 ; non-Christians, 380 ; those hearing for the first time, 81 ; meetings held, 53 ; average attendance, women 6, children 4 ; Sunday evening meetings in the King's Daughters Charity School, 8 ; women attending (average) 10, children 12.

Shizuoka Branch.

Report for Quarter ending March 31st, 1895.

School.—During the term just closed 22 pupils were in attendance—17 boarders, 5 daily students. All the boarders except the two youngest attend the class meeting. One has asked for baptism.

The work of the term has run along pretty much as that of past terms.

At our last meeting of the Board of Directors the gentlemen seemed very hopeful of better times for our school in the near future. It was decided then to do everything in our power to bring the school before the public. Consequently we have sent out new calendars, advertised in the local papers, and had a public closing: Now we are hopefully waiting the result.

Our closing this year, held in the church, was very largely attended, there being about five hundred persons present. After the graduating exercises (at which one girl received an English diploma, and four others Japanese) were over, Mr. Hiraiwa, our pastor, and Dr. Inone, a faithful friend of the school, gave addresses on the importance of women's education looked at from a Christian standpoint.

Of the five girls who graduated, two have withdrawn. One will return to continue her English; the remaining two, having been supported, will stay on in the school to take up work for two years, according to agreement made when they entered.

Our number has been small, but we remember success in any enterprise does not always depend upon numbers. We remain true to our purpose and publicly declare ourselves a Christian institution; in His own good time our Father will reward our waiting-time if we faithfully serve Him.

Evangelistic.—At the beginning of the year Mikoda San, who for five years was matron in the Kofu school, was engaged as a Bible woman to work in Fujiyeda; and as the pastors at Fukuroi and Mizuki asked in December, 1894, that work among the women be opened in these towns, it was decided that she should go to each place twice a month. At Fukuroi there are no Christian women, so she has not been able to start a meeting, but has gained entrance into several houses, where she has an opportunity to talk of Christianity. At Mizuki she has an evening meeting and visits the women during the day.

In twelve towns work is carried on regularly by the evangelistic worker in charge, three Bible-women, and some girls from the school. During the quarter 424 visits have been paid and 75 meetings held. The average attendance at the three children's meetings at Shimada, Kakegawa and one of the preaching-places in Shizuoka has been 160. At the three Sunday-schools under the superintendence of pupils from the school the average attendance has been about 179. At Yoshiwara two women are preparing for baptism, and at Omiya one. At Kakegawa, Hirono, and Ejiri the meetings have been most encouraging. The average attendance has been slightly greater, and at Hirono the interest in Bible study has greatly increased.

Feeling it might be helpful for our workers to meet together occasionally to talk over plans of work, difficulties, encouragements and discouragements, and to pray together, we have held since January a monthly workers' meeting at the school, on the last Friday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE A. ROBERTSON.

Kanazawa.

Report for Quarter ending March 31st, 1895.

Our Kanazawa work during the quarter just closed has shown several very encouraging features. The attendance at our two regular weekly meetings has been increased by several new members at each, so that we now number sixteen and eighteen respectively, ten of these having come in since the New Year, and although heavy snows and stormy weather have prevented some from attending regularly, the average has been seven for the former and eight for the latter meeting, being a little advance over the last two quarters. The two children's meetings have been well attended also, and at the urgent request of a bed-ridden woman, who has recently become a Christian, a meeting has been opened in her house to be held once a month, and a few women who have not yet heard anything of the Gospel are being taught there.

The meetings held in the two districts where we have our poor schools have been largely attended, and many little things point toward a deepened interest on the part of the women and girls.

In the Daijime District the weekly meeting has had an average attendance of nine women and fifteen children, there being sometimes an audience of forty in all. The match-box making has been somewhat irregular since the breaking out of the war, but eleven children have attended and the night school shows an attendance of fifteen, with a Sunday-school of upwards of fifty.

In the Kawakami District our embroidery department continues to develop, and the interest shown by the girls in church and Sunday-school is very gratifying. The teacher

of this embroidery class has become a Christian, and but for the opposition of the man to whom she has been long promised in marriage, would have been baptized this spring. We hope, however, that she may after a time gain his consent. One of the older girls of the school, and also the young man who teaches the envelope work, have joined the class which is being prepared for baptism, and this we trust will be only the beginning of the harvest. The envelope department has about twelve young boys in regular attendance, and the Sunday-school averages thirty-six out of an enrollment of fifty-two.

The mothers' meeting, held monthly for the past five months, has done much to strengthen the friendly feeling between our school and its workers, and the homes of the pupils. We have had from fourteen to twenty-five women present at this meeting, besides the twenty girls and a number of the Sunday-school children, giving us sometimes an audience of sixty.

The orphanage has had several additions of late, and now numbers sixteen, all of whom are proving very satisfactory. The eldest girl has asked to join the class for baptism, and among the younger ones are several who give great promise of becoming fine students, so that our home may become quite a feeder to the Azabu school in days to come.

The number of homes now open to the Bible-women for visiting is eighty-one, seventeen of these having been visited this quarter for the first time. The number of visits paid, 165.

M. A. VEAZEY.

Kofu Branch.

The term just passed has been a happy one in our work. In the school we opened with thirty-five pupils; two withdrew, and one new pupil, a boarder, entered. A new agreement for the third term has been formed with the Japanese founders of the school, little change being made.

The owner of the school continues his warm interest in it, and his earnest, Christian character is a bright witness for Christ. One of the directors, who is not a Christian, has asked us to visit his family and teach them Christianity. He

seems to have been much impressed by the Christian life of the owner.

Our closing exercises, held on the 3rd of April, were a great success, so many distinguished guests, including the Governor of the Province as well as a goodly number of ladies and former students, were present, the girls acquitting themselves creditably as Japanese girls usually do on such occasions.

We had one graduate, the first in English as well as Japanese. She has been in the school from its very beginning and remains probably for a year longer to continue her English and music. She is the leader of one of our class-meetings.

The head of our Japanese department leaves us to go to Togyo, but his place has been supplied for the new term by a teacher in the Government Higher School here, a Christian belonging to this province, and one who has a high reputation for ability. Some seven of the girls have given assistance in the Sunday-schools.

In the evangelistic work there has been an increased interest shown in the women's meetings, our average attendance at sixty-three meetings being over ten. These meetings have been held in ten different places, seven of these being out in the country at varying distances up to ten miles from Kofu. At many of these meetings a large number of children would frequently be present, and it has been the custom to give a special table to them. Four hundred and nine visits have been made and sixteen new homes entered. There have been three requests for baptism and one baptism.

The small-pox epidemic has interfered somewhat with our Sunday-school work, nevertheless we report fifty-three sessions held with an average attendance at each of twenty-eight. We receive cheering accounts of the work of these schools, good seed is being sown and taking root in the hearts of these little ones.

Our Bible-woman, Mrs. Dada, has half her salary paid by the Woman's Christian Society of Kofu Church. She does good, faithful work in her visiting.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

E. A. PRESTON.

CHINESE WORK.

From Mrs. Morrow.

VICTORIA, B.C., *June 1st, 1895.*

I know you will like to have an account of how we are doing here. In the first place, I may say we have two additions to our number, in two Japanese girls, who are only three weeks out from Japan. I am told they came hoping to learn much and get employment, but were entrapped by a wicked woman in Vancouver and taken to her vile place. It was found out, and the Japanese Consul interested himself to get them away and placed in safe keeping. He came himself to see me about taking them. They are pleasant, intelligent looking girls of twenty-one and twenty-three years of age. Our girls are delighted with the new arrivals, and I have tried to impress on them how they need to live Christianity, as well as speak it, for these new girls are utter heathen, and it is more than ever a problem how to reach them, for they speak neither English nor Chinese and none of us know any Japanese. May the divine Spirit teach and inspire us what to do. How I long after them that they may be brought into the fold of Christ. For the present a Christian Japanese will come every day or two to speak to them, or interpret for me. They seem so pleased to learn in school, and learned to knit in one afternoon.

You will rejoice to hear that there is quite a tide of religious awakening among the Japanese all along the coast here. There has been no mission here, but two young Japanese came early this year to bring the Gospel to their countrymen in this place. They had no means of support, but, like St. Paul, they were willing to work, and got places as servants, having their evenings free for the work so dear to their hearts. Last Sunday they had the joy of seeing nine converts baptized into the Christian faith, and the prospects are most encouraging for more.

June 29th.—The two Japanese girls about whom I wrote to you have done very well since they came here. They have listened very attentively to the teaching of the Japan-

ese missionary, who has often visited them. I have regretted much not being able to talk to them in their own language, but they have gladly received what I could say through an interpreter. Their Japanese friend informed me this week that they were desirous of being baptized. I said I thought it was rather soon, and asked if they really understood the leading truths of Christianity, and was assured that they did and that they were really penitent for sin and seeking salvation through Jesus Christ. I expect they will be baptized in the Pandora Street church to-morrow, and at the same time seven or eight more Japanese, converted through the same instrumentality as that I last wrote to you. A great work is being done here amongst the Japanese so quietly and unostentatiously, and the blessing of God is resting upon it.

Since my last letter we have had a good deal of illness, not so much in the Home as in the circle just outside. You will remember that the last two summers we have had a case of sore eyes each year. I had not long to wonder whose turn it would be this year, for poor Tsoi Lin, the mother of "Susannah Wesley" (whose baptism you will remember), began with a bad eye the end of April, and in May she went to New Westminster to be under the care of Dr. Lin, as Chinese naturally prefer their own people to attend them. After suffering some time she returned last night, with the sight gone from one eye, but I hope the other is not impaired. When she went she left behind a baby six weeks old, a little boy sixteen months, and Susannah Wesley, two years and eight months. They were left under the care of her sister Ruth; a delicate young woman, whose little boy, "little Joe," is nearly four years old. Three weeks ago the children all took sick with measles and bronchitis. We did what we could to take care of them and nurse them (they live just across the street from us), but the baby died after two weeks' illness. It was most pathetic to see the poor young father holding his sick little boy in his arms and sobbing over his dead baby girl, feeling, no doubt, the burden of his wife's affliction. I made the last little dress for the child, and we had the funeral from the Home, as we had before for Nun Choy's child.

Ruth was also very ill for a time, and we had two cases in the Home, but I am thankful to say they are all recovering nicely.

I wrote to Dr. Lin and asked him to tell her (Tsoi Lin) of the death of her baby before she came back, but he had not ventured to do more than tell her that the children were ill. So when she returned she enquired for her baby, and when she learned the truth she felt it keenly, but she soon said, "God gave it to me for a little while, and He has taken it home again. It is well."

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Paul.

PORT SIMPSON, *June 5th, 1895.*

I arrived here safely May 22nd, about half past three in the morning. I found the home comfortable. I think Mrs. Redner and I will work well together. I met Miss Beavis in Victoria; I like her very much. I arrived in Victoria Saturday night and was fortunate, because on Sunday the Conference held their ordination service, and Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday the British Columbia Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society held their Annual Meeting. I had the privilege of attending and becoming acquainted with the ladies. Their number is small compared with our eastern branches, but they are very earnest and enthusiastic, and had the privilege of having several missionaries address them. The Chinese girls from the Home sang one afternoon. It thrilled me strangely to hear them sing "Ashamed of Jesus," and, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Mrs. Nicholas, from Bella Coola, who has labored nobly and perseveringly there for some years, gave us a very interesting address. You will probably hear her speak, as she is going east this summer. I find that the children are not at all far advanced in their studies, but some of them seem bright. I want to teach them so many things, but I will have to go slowly and patiently. Some of them do very well at sewing and housework.

I went on Friday, May 24th, to a picnic. There were about forty or fifty adults, beside the children. It rained, but we had tents with us, and there was no mud, so we did not mind it much. I am starting to learn the language. It will give me a better chance to work among the people. Of course the children here speak English, but by knowing the language I can talk to the parents when they come. Mrs. Redner is well and very busy as usual. I left Victoria on Thursday night and arrived here on Wednesday morning. We had a very pleasant voyage, fine weather and smooth sailing. I arrived in good health, as I was not sea-sick. If you wish me to give an outline of our day's work or any other information let me know when you answer. Pray for me, for I need a great deal of strength and grace to train these girls properly.

REVIEW OF NEW LEAFLETS.

(OUR WORK, NO. VI.)

Our readers who are interested in the French-Canadians ought to send for "Our Work," No. 6, in which the writer, Rev. T. Le Febvre, B.C.L., presents many points of interest, showing from whom, for the most part, the French-Canadians descended, what was the motive power which induced the natives of France to leave the shore of "La Patrie" (Fatherland) and settle in Canada.

Had Christ and Him crucified been preached from the beginning instead of the errors of Rome, the destiny of French Canada would have been different. The unfortunate influence of the trader, language and laws are among the topics treated. Under the head of "Manners and Customs" the writer gives a description of how he was entertained for a few days while travelling by a family of the people described. At first one feels inclined to laugh, but then it occasions sadness to think of the darkness without Christ, and we grow stronger in our desire to send the light to those who are being led in the wrong path. The people are becoming restless, and that is a good time for seed-sowing.

Suggested Programme for September Meeting.

I. Opening Exercises.

II. Regular Business.

III. Subject for Prayer for the month: "Another Year for Jesus." Retrospect and Prospect. Psa. cxvi. 12, 13, 14.

We have been permitted to spend another year in blessed service. We come again to review the way the Lord hath led us. We close the year with the largest amount ever collected by the Society, and the greatest advance ever made. Let us rejoice with thanksgiving. Another year opens with grand opportunities, increased obligations.

We know not the difficulties nor the struggles that may be before us in manifold forms, or from unlooked-for quarters, but if these come there will be occasion for the manifestations of Divine grace. Let us remember that there is One who has promised to be our strength, our wisdom, our support. For the work of the year opening before us, let us give ourselves unto prayer.

IV. "Our own Auxiliary":

(a) Secretary's Annual Report.

(b) Report of Treasurer.

(c) Let an opportunity be given for those who desire to tell what the "blessed service" has been to them.

V. Prayer: Thanksgiving for the work of the past year.

VI. By-laws for Auxiliaries (to be read by the President).*

VII. Election of officers for the year, and delegates to the Branch meeting.

VIII. Prayer: That God's blessing may rest upon the officers and delegates elected.

* See page 139, W. M. S. Report.

Suggested Programme for October Meeting.

I. Opening Exercises :

"Wise men lay up knowledge." Prov. x. 11.

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. Subjects of Prayer for the month : For the Board of Managers, the Supply and the Literature Committees. Prov. i. 5.

- (a) { Who constitute the Board of Managers?*
- { What are the duties of the Board of Management?
- (b) { Name the members of the Supply Committee?
- { What are the duties " " " "
- (c) { Name the members of the Literature Committee?
- { What are the duties " " " "
- (d) Questions with reference to the work of above Committees.

V. Prayer: That our sisters, upon whom so great responsibility rests, may be endued with wisdom from on high.

VI. Give resumé of "Our Work" series, by whom written, etc.

VII. Discussion: Are the Monthly Letters and the Leaflets issued from Room 20 necessary to the success of Auxiliary work?

VIII. Watch-Tower.

IX. Hymn. Prayer.

*The President, or some officer, must be prepared to answer these questions.

NOTICES TO AUXILIARIES AND MISSION BANDS.

Room 20 will be closed during the month of August by order of the Board. Please send all orders in by July 24th.

W. M. S. Books for officers' use sold separately as follows: Treasurer's Book, 60 cents; Recording Secretary's Book, 60 cents; Corresponding Secretary's Book, 30 cents. The set, \$1.25.

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.

Life-membership fees are to be sent with the quarterly returns to the Treasurer of the Branch in which the member lives.

All communications regarding Supply Committee work should be addressed to Mrs. Wm. Briggs, 21 Grenville Street, Toronto Ont.

Letters asking for information about "Special Objects," such as the support of a Bible woman, children in our schools, etc., may be addressed to Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

Letters concerning the organization of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which the work is situated. If there is no branch, write to Mrs. E. S. Strachan, 163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont. For Corresponding Secretaries' addresses see Annual Report.

Subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden: *Missionary Review of the World*, per year, \$2.25; *African News*, per year, 75 cents; *Message and Deaconess World*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents; *Gospel In All Lands*, trial subscription for three months,

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Special Notice to Auxiliaries.

The attention of Auxiliaries is called to the following notice of motion (page xiii, Annual Report):

“Whereas, through over-work or change of climate our missionaries are liable to become permanently laid aside,

“Resolved,—That a Superannuation Fund be formed for their benefit, the plan suggested being that one cent per month be contributed by members of Auxiliaries.”

Delegates to Branch meetings will please report the views of their Auxiliaries on this proposition, also suggestions for raising the necessary funds. M. B. W., *Rec. Sec.*

The Literature Committee desires to compare the income derived from the Scattered Helpers' Scheme with the cost of maintaining it, and requests organizers to report at their Branch Meetings the amount of money raised in that way on their district. A. M. B., *Sec.*

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The Literature Committee has for some time observed an increasing desire among missionary workers for fuller information than can be obtained within the limits of a leaflet, but has hitherto not been able to take any steps to supply this need. The desirable books are generally, by reason of their cost, beyond the reach of our workers, besides many have no means of becoming acquainted with the titles of the most reliable and recent publications.

The Committee hopes in a few months to complete arrangements for a circulating library, following the general plan of those lately established in other societies.

Rules for borrowers and a list of books solicited as donations will be published shortly.

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Will Corresponding Secretaries please examine the printed label on their package of *Monthly Letters*, and if it bears the date September, 1895, have the subscription renewed at the September meeting if possible, as the Literature Committee may not be able to supply back numbers to those who are late in renewing?

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