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## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.—March.

"For Constancy and Faithfulness."—1. Cor. 15-58 Gal. 6-9; Rev. 2 10; Rev. 3-11-12.

## TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

March—Kobe, Japan. The City; The Girl's College; The Evangelistic Work.

April—Bombay, India. Architecturally; Educationally; Political (the English Rule).

## 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.

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The space at our disposal is very limited. Consequently we are compelled to confine the pages largely to the work of our own Board. We hope our readers will keep themselves well informed of the progress of missions in other lands. Every family should have amongst its periodicals a good missionary magazine, also should be subscribers to *The Congregationalist and Canadian Independent*, so as to know what is being done for "Home Missions." And this knowledge can only be gained by reading the "News of the Churches" to be found in its columns.

The Board is pledged to give \$600 to the C.C.M.S. Up to late last year the Auxiliaries had remitted \$200.45 for "Home Missions" This year only \$91.82 has been received. We trust that the Auxiliaries and members will be loyal to the Board in helping to redeem its pledges by sending their donations for "Home Missions" to the treasury of the C.C.W.B.M.

The close of the fiscal year (May 20th) is fast approaching when \$395.94 will be due, for the salaries of the two missionaries. Last year we had only to pay the salary of one missionary during this period.

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CISAMBA—Omitted page 2 December Leaflet.

AFTER Mr. Currie had lingered long enough in Bailunda to acquire some knowledge of the language he started out, with company of natives, to explore and find a new home. See "Canadian Independent," 1888. He finally settled upon Cisamba, in the kingdom of Bihe. He bought a piece of land from King Kopoko, moved his goods there September, 1888, and started the Canadian mission station.

OUR two lady missionaries, the Misses Melville, are working in this field of missions. Schools for boys and girls have been established, and on May 20th, 1894, a church was organized. The Rev. E. M. Hill says: "There is no reason why the church at Cisamba may not become a great missionary centre with schools and evangelists for Christianizing the heart of Africa."

### *From Mission Studies.*

The West Central African Mission is in the Portuguese Province of Angola, and was established in 1880, and now occupies four stations, one at Benguela, on the coast, and three 200 miles inland in Bailundu, Kamundongo and Cisamba.

Kamundongo is fifty miles east of Bailundu, and in a less mountainous region. Cisamba is situated about 36 miles north east of Kamundongo. These stations have a most salubrious climate, the mercury rarely sinking below 35 degrees Fahrenheit, and rarely rising above 88 degrees. The face of the country is broken, and the soil capable of producing a great variety of crops when properly tilled. There are rich deposits of iron and other ores. The native inhabitants belong to the great Bantee family. They have brown complexions, with regular features and closely curled hair. Their figures are erect and well formed, their habit active, and disposition friendly. Their language is called the Umbundu. It has been reduced to written forms, a vocabulary of 4,000 words collected, a primary reading book prepared and the Gospels have been translated and printed.

In the high lands the authority of Portugal is little more than nominal. The people are governed by a King, who is their leader in war, and their chief at home. They live in wattled houses, fairly well built, and they are all partially clothed. They have no distinct object of worship, and so are open to the teachings of the missionaries.

The first missionaries were Rev. W. W. Bagster, Rev. W. H. Sanders and a teacher, Mr. S. T. Miller. Mr. Bagster died in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Stover, Miss Minnie Mawher and Mr. Fay

arrived in 1882. In 1884 the movement to Kamundongo began, and Messrs. Sanders and Fay went there to open the new station and build the mission home, Miss Sanders being the first white woman who had ever visited this place. In May, 1884, King Kwikwi, who had been most friendly to the missionaries, became prejudiced by bribes and false reports, and ordered the missionaries to leave his kingdom. The mission seemed to be broken up, but the Governor-General instituted an inquiry and the native kings were led to invite the missionaries to return.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders went back in November, 1884, and the other missionaries followed before long.

The first church was organized at Bailundu in 1887, and the second church at Kamundongo in 1889.

*From Rev. W. T. Currie.*

CISAMBA, September 16th, 1895.

MY DEAR MRS. FREELAND,—Your letter of June 13th reached me by last mail.

Please extend to the ladies of the C.C.W.B.M. our sincere gratitude for their expression of loving sympathy with us. Our happy home was made more joyous by their word of good cheer, and kind wishes, for the welfare of the work to which we are bound by a thousand ties, and from which we have no desire to be separated so long as it is our Father's pleasure that we should remain here.

We rejoice and thank God for the prosperity of your Society and trust that the present year will witness greater results than any yet achieved.

"The Clara Wilkes Memorial School house" is now about thatched. We hope to have it opened for service on Xmas day. It is pronounced a fine building, for this country, by all who have seen it. "The M. A. Clarke cottages" are having their roofs put on, and will likely be finished about the same time as the school,

*From Miss Margaret Melville.* -

CISAMBA, W. C. Africa, Nov. 19th, 1896.

DEAR LOVED ONES,—Can you believe that I have been here seven weeks? It seems such a short time since I came, and yet I feel quite at home, and have become well acquainted with those here. I have had the boys' and girls' senior school all alone yesterday and to-day, for Mr. Currie has had quite a

severe attack of fever, and Mrs. Currie cannot leave him. It is rather strange to teach in a foreign tongue. I felt a little nervous about taking the classes, but one of the older boys helps with the younger ones. Since last mail we have had three caravans come, bringing our boxes. You can imagine the pleasure we had while opening them, and seeing all they contained. A number of the articles from the churches are to be put away until Christmas, when we expect to have a good time. We hope that the new school house will be finished then, but are not quite sure. The preachers have, for three weeks, been doing evangelistic work in a new way. Instead of, as formerly, two going on each day to the villages, they go in twos and threes to more distant villages, remaining three or four days. This enables them to speak to many more people, early in the morning and late in the afternoon and evening. Two reported having reached fifty-eight villages by going to the head village and speaking there; other two reported reaching fifty in the same way. Mr. Currie was up yesterday. He has not yet risen to-day, as he is very weak. Fever soon weakens a person. I have not yet had any, for which I am so thankful. I have been very well ever since I came. Some weeks ago we had eleven little chickens, but the army ants came along and covered them by the thousands; not one of them escaped. The ants march in a straight line and eat whatever comes in their way; sometimes it takes days for them to pass. We have had them several times lately. There have been thunder storms nearly every day. I can assure you that these showers mean rain; though they only last for a few minutes, the rain fairly pours. The lightning seems to be reflected in many colors from almost everything. Thunder rolls from one side of the heavens to the other, and before one roll ceases another begins, so keeping a continuous roll.

Nov. 21.—You would be amused at the price of articles here. One can buy an egg for a needle or a bunch of thread, and Mr. Currie bought a bunch of bananas for four yards of cloth, that is, twenty-eight cents. We have banana plants, but they do not bear well. Pray that we may have blessing in our work. Mr. Currie is better, for which we are glad.

P.S.—We are having new potatoes and young turnips from our garden, and our corn is forming the ears. The strawberries are in blossoms, and roses, both red and pink, in bloom. You should see our heliotrope, our two bushes, each bush three feet high, they are covered with blossom. We have also sweet peas and pansies. I am glad that we brought the organ. The girls love to sing with it. How many blessings we have in our work.

*From Miss Emily McCallum.*

SMYRNA, Turkey, December 30th, 1895.

So far nothing has happened in Smyrna, and as there are 12 men-of-war in the harbour I do not know that there is any danger. Still one can never tell what the Turk will do. It seems as if we could talk or think of nothing else these days—but still we go about our daily work and our classes as usual, and try to talk to the girls about other things, because, poor children, it would not be good for them to hear of nothing but massacres. We have been taking up collections for different places, principally self-denial offerings. We sent \$30.80 to Van, \$5 to Erzroom, \$17 60 to Harpoot, and now are taking up a collection for Marash; of course this is just in our school. Outside they are collecting much larger sums. I wonder if friends at home would not be willing to help a little—just think that in Marash for *ten cents* a person can be kept alive for a whole week. I do not know what they live on—it must be simply keeping soul and body together. Really, as the poor people themselves say, the dead are blessed, for although their sufferings were sharp, they were soon ended, while these poor creatures who are left have to suffer cold and hunger and nakedness. Many people have escaped with only their night-clothes on. They are without beds or coverings of any kind. Those who have homes have nothing but the four bare walls, while one-half a million are homeless. The six powers did a bad work when they induced the Sultan to sign those articles, for one of the articles was, that wherever there was a Christian majority there was to be a Christian governor or something to that effect. So the Sultan has provided that there shall not be a Christian majority by slaughtering the greater part of the Christians in every town of the six provinces. Men of wealth and influence have almost without exception been plundered and killed. In Cesarea there was a rich Armenian, a Protestant, who was a very good man and had led many people into the light. He had done a great deal for the government—for instance, during the late war he gave 100,000 kilehs of wheat for the soldiers. In spite of this the Turks burned him and his family, and carried off his two daughters, one 16 and the other 24, beautiful girls, it is said. The Protestant pastor in Sivas has been killed. He leaves a wife and 6 children, a beautiful, saintly woman and lovely children. I could go on with these stories for hours, but I will weary you and so refrain.

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**NOTICE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL BRANCH.**—A Convention of the C.C.W.B.M. will be held (D.V.) in the town of Danville, on Tuesday, 10th of March, 1896. All the Auxiliaries connected with the branch are requested to appoint delegates to attend. Names of delegates should be sent at once to Mrs. (Rev.) A. W. Main, Danville, P.Q.—C. GARLICK, *Secy.*