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Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month :

"The Missionary Societies of the Methodist Church—Our
Duty Towards Them."

The New School, Japan.

*Extract from a private letter from Miss Veazey, Tokyo,
November 9, 1900.*

I wish you could look in on us to-night and see how comfortably we are settled in our new school. It was so good to get our little home comforts about us once more, and settle down in our own rooms and have the school in regular running order again. Both teachers and pupils appreciate very fully the many comforts and conveniences of the building, and the year's work is moving on most satisfactorily. We have tried to get a photograph of the place taken to send home, but the first one was a failure and we are still waiting for the photographer to make a second attempt. We have had a busy, merry household this fall; sometimes ten or twelve at the table, for we have had some of our own ladies in from the country, as well as the five ladies from China. The Missionary Conference of last month

was a great treat and a complete success, and our opening exercises also went off nicely. Would like to write you more, but must not to-night.

Miss Blackmore writes of the new school in Azabu having been formally opened on the first of November, when the pupils looked and acted their prettiest. There was a large attendance of visitors, who expressed great gratification, one gentleman desiring a copy of the building plan, as he considered it most complete:

Miss Crombie writes from Karuizawa.

I am getting stronger every day and am beginning to feel somewhat like myself again. I hope by September to be ready for full work.

How terrible the situation in China has become! Refugees are fleeing to Japan by hundreds, and every place is likely to be occupied. We have a daily prayer-meeting for China, in the church. All the Chinese missionaries who have spoken with regard to this crisis are of the opinion that, sad as the trouble is, it will redound to the glory of God in opening up the way to the further spread of the Gospel, and opportunities for missionary work.

A most beautiful thought to me during the year has been the assurance that my Creator and Lord has a plan in and for my life, and the life of each of His creatures; that He, the perfect and Almighty One, has a perfect ideal in view for me, and that all His dealings with me are designed to cultivate and develop my character, eradicating that which is bad, while drawing out and nurturing that which is good. In other words, casting out that which is carnal and implanting His own life within us. The more fully I realize this, the more it takes hold of my heart and mind, the more joy and peace are mine. This assurance, too, brings strength for service, and hope and courage amid perplexing and trying circumstances, for if God is always working to accomplish His glorious purposes in the Church, in individual life, and in the universe at large, where is left any room for discouragement or disappointment? Being in harmony with the Eternal, there can be no failure, for His cause is ours.

China.

Hospital Report, by Dr. Maud Killam.

The hospital and dispensary were closed on the eighteenth of July. Consul Fraser had repeated an urgent call to flee to the coast. Local affairs were ominous. The whole land was infused with an intense desire to eject everything foreign. We

would fain have stayed, but it seemed useless. Our presence would aid in the detection of those whose identity we would conceal. "He leadeth me O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught." When hearts are perplexed and sore they make the circumstances that would appear all darkness aglow with light. Many of the lower lights have been removed from that land, but the Great Light, the Sun of Righteousness, shines on. Many of the underlings are seen no more in China, but the Great Shepherd keepeth watch above His own.

Medicine was dispensed sixty-four times in July. Perhaps a little about the patients sent out from the hospital at the time of our leaving would be of interest.

One, a slave girl about twenty years of age, had been with us for some months. After we had watched her for a while her disease was pronounced incurable and we wished her mistress to receive her back; she would not, however, and as the girl was unable to work she stayed on. She learned to trust in Christ, and prayed daily. When we were leaving we again asked her old mistress to receive her. She at first said she knew no such person, but finally gave her an uncomfortable welcome back. We commended her to the mercy and protection of God.

The second had come to us on the back of her son, weak and half-starved looking. Her husband was in the general hospital, and her son was learning a trade; thus she had no one to depend upon for support. Her home was a wretched little straw-thatched room. It was windowless, and boasted no chair, no table, no wash basin, no bedding. Uncommon, for a woman, she could read a little, and seemed much interested and pleased when we came to teach her; she also learned to pray. The tears trickled down her cheeks when we sent her away from our bright ward and comfortable bed, and our tears mingled with hers; but before this we believe she is where there is no pain, no hunger, and no want, but joy and gladness. She suffered a good deal, but was ever so uncomplaining, bright and patient, that the sweet memory of her shall long remain.

Another intelligent woman came to have a long standing tumor removed. We soon learned that she had smoked opium for twenty-two years. She had no desire whatever to break it off, and we could not allow her to remain and smoke, so we prayed that God would give her the desire to be rid of this evil habit. The prayer was answered. She took the medicine necessary and after a hard struggle gained the victory. We trembled as we watched, and prayed the more earnestly. Her husband was much delighted with the attempt and came

regularly to call and bring her nice things to eat. She gratefully acknowledged the cure. Better than this, she was much interested in the Gospel and complained if I missed a day in teaching her. She was an apt pupil.

We brought most of the hospital instruments on our long, long journey to Japan. Your prayers were answered for us. If any are discouraged because we have been called away and the recently erected buildings threatened with destruction, and the Christians scattered,—

“Leave to His sovereign sway
To choose and to command,
So shalt thou wondering own His way
How wise, how strong, His hand.

“Far, far above thy thought,
His counsel shall appear,
When fully He the work hath wrought
That caused thy needless fear.”

LATER.

Nagano, Japan, September 24th.

Soon after we came to Japan our teacher took sick with typhoid fever and died. This was a sad event from the one standpoint, sad indeed, and on the other hand it left us without a teacher. Of course I have done very little studying since I came because I was the only one who could talk to and hence look after the sick one; and there was considerable business to be done in connection with his death and cremation. Dr. Smith has very kindly written to say we may share his teacher. He lives across the city from Azabu, but perhaps we can make some arrangement. We hope to study alone until October 1st and then return to Tokyo. Miss Brimstin is coming to Nagano to stay two weeks or more to help with the kindergarten work. I am here for a day or two to have the pleasure of talking to some of my Japanese sisters. It has been very delightful to meet our Japan ladies and to learn something of their work.

A Mission Band in the Kootenay.

NOTE.—The following letter has been received at Room 20, and is so interesting that we would like to share it with our Auxiliaries and Bands. The Rev. T. H. Wright, it will be remembered, was one of three earnest men who, with their wives, volunteered for service in the Kootenay at the last meeting of the Montreal Conference.

*Michel, East Kootenay, B.C.,
December 4th, 1900.*

DEAR MISS OGDEN,—By this time, perhaps, you will have forgotten my call on you last summer when we were on our way to this our new field of labor. It has been missionary work in real earnest, as you would say if you saw us in our 14 x 20 "shack" (as Ralph Connor calls our log houses). The place is going forward fast now, however, and by spring we expect to have quite a thriving colony; a very mixed one, too—a few native Canadians, many Yankees or people from Pennsylvania, U.S., Englishmen and women, Hungarians, Italians, etc. We usually have a good congregation on Sunday evening, and have quite a little Sabbath School. We have also about sixteen children meeting every second week, and giving a collection once a month for the Mission Band. I am trying to keep my three months old Evelyn quiet and write at the same time—not very easy work, so excuse style. *Pray for us.* We are all well and feel safe in our Father's hands—shut in here by the eternal hills. Praying for a prosperous year to our Woman's Missionary Society, and wishing you a Happy Christmas, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

LILIAN WRIGHT.

Indian Work.

From Miss Clarke, Port Simpson, B.C., November 24th.

YOUR letter, with greetings and report of what the Board has done for us, arrived a few hours ago. My head is in a whirl, so much so that I am sure I cannot find words in which to suitably express the gratitude I feel for the liberal manner in which all our requests have been granted. You will wonder what has happened to upset me, and will be sorry to hear that Miss Carroll is seriously ill. She had to give up five days ago, and to-day Miss Spence came to nurse her, which relieves us and insures the best possible attention.

Apart from the anxiety we feel concerning Miss Carroll, her illness coming in the midst of our written examinations and pre-

parations for the public examination and exhibition of work, brings a heavy pressure to bear upon the three teachers in health. However, we have come through some pretty hard places together, and if Miss Carroll only regains her strength, no one will feel inclined to murmur.

The number of girls in residence has been forty-four for several weeks past, so that we have quite a houseful to report. I shall speak of examinations in my next.

Your suggestion that for a few months Miss Alton come to our assistance in the Home, meets with the acquiescence of Dr. Bolton, some other arrangement being temporarily made for the Hospital.

We shall need to await further developments concerning the matron's assistant, and in the meantime do the best we can, trusting our Father to set all things in order, and give needed strength. All through my missionary experience I can trace the good hand of God. He fails not, and I have learned to give thanks for trials and difficulties, for through such things I have been led into closer communion with my God, and into more successful service for those given to my care.

Notes from Room 20 and the Depots.

The following gratifying note concerning the Flag Exercise has been received at Room 20:

OIL CITY "The 'Flag Exercise,' prepared and published at Room 20, has been successfully given by the Junior League of this place. The children acquitted themselves admirably, both in song and recitation, and we know of nothing that could arouse a deeper missionary spirit than this 'Exercise.' Parents and friends were not only delighted but deeply moved to see the boys and girls, so early in life, falling in line with this great missionary movement."

**THE FLAG
EXERCISE.**

Send to Room 20 or the Depots for a sample copy, price 5c. The twelve Large Flags required, and as many small Union Jacks as are necessary, can be rented from Room 20 for \$1.00, and the return express charges. The flags are to be returned the day after being used, care being requested in packing them.



"THE STORY OF THE YEAR."—The Board of Managers, at its recent annual meeting, authorized the Literature Committee to issue the "Story of the Year." This will contain news from

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Suggested Programme—February, 1901.

Subjects for Prayer and Study:

“Missionary Work Among the Indians.”

I. Opening Exercises. {Doxology.
Read Subjects for Prayer and Study.
Scripture Lesson.
Hymn.
Prayer.

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. The Watch Tower.

(Omit the report of the Watchman for Indian Missions.)

V. “Notes on our Missions to the Indians.”*

(The Watchman for Indian Missions will take charge of this number, and after the notes have been read, give her own report.)

VI. Prayer Service.

“The Indians’ greatest enemy is liquor, an evil to which they are particularly exposed by constitutional predisposition. Characterless whites risk imprisonment even for the ill-gotten gains from liquor-selling to the poor Indian.”

*“Notes on our Missions to the Indians. Price 2c, at Room 20. Each note to be read by a different member. Send for two copies. The member in charge of this exercise should have a copy for reference. Please enclose 2 cents for postage and wrapping.

Increase.

MANITOBA AND N.-W. CONFERENCE BRANCH.—Fort William; Carberry; Grenfell; Swan River Auxiliaries.

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our mission fields, an account of the work of the Supply Committee, and some general news and statistics of our Society's work during the year just closed; in addition to photo engravings of the new missionaries who left for the field during the year. Organizers will find it invaluable in acquainting strangers with the work of our W.M.S. It will probably be ready in the early part of January. Price, 5c per copy.



Copies of the Subjects for Prayer and Study to be used by the Woman's Missionary Society and the members of the Forward Movement for Missions till September, 1901, have been printed. Price, 8 cents per dozen on paper, 50 cents per hundred; on a two-page folder, with the name of the person in charge of each month's programme added, \$1.90 per hundred. If special printing is desired for the back of programme, write to Room 20 for estimates.



Remittances should be sent by registered letter, postal order, or note. If nothing but stamps can be procured, please send as large denominations as possible.



We would draw attention to the new edition of Dr. Gracey's "China," which has just been issued. It has been thoroughly revised and the contents brought up to date. The following subjects are treated among others. Its Surprising History, Its Complicated Religious Systems, Christianity in China. A small, but clear map, and a good index add to its usefulness. Price, 15 cents, at Room 20, and the Depots.



A VALUABLE aid to devotion is found in the leaflet, "Pray Without Ceasing," by the Rev. Andrew Murray. Subjects for prayer, helps to intercession, together with a short account of the author's life, make up a pamphlet of forty one pages. Price, 3 cents.



MAPS of Japan and China have been prepared in outline, which is to be heavily traced with chalk or crayon, and the points of interest added as required.

<p>OUTLINE MAPS.</p>

The maps are on manilla paper, 34 x 46 inches, and are 5 cents each. For 5 cents additional, a small printed map of Japan will be sent to assist in locating our mission stations and the natural features of the country. For China, the public school atlas can be used in connection with the Annual Report.