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## SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—JANUARY.

That missionaries, officers, members and converts may surrender themselves to God's will and direction in their work. Acts ii. 18.

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## METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

### ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

In response to a request for information regarding the inception and management of the Methodist Orphanage, St. John's, Newfoundland, the Secretary writes:—

“The need of an Orphanage had often been spoken of, and in 1887 the idea took practical shape, largely through the exertions of the Rev. Geo. Boyd, recently deceased. A committee was formed, a small house hired, and a collection taken up here in this city for the purpose of defraying the initial expenses—furnishing, etc. The numbers rapidly grew, and the house was soon found to be too small for our requirements; the idea of building was entertained, but

found to be impracticable owing to lack of funds for the purpose, the result being that a larger and more suitable house was hired and equipped, and this latter is at present in our tenancy.

"You will see by our reports that our charge, so far, consists entirely of girls, ranging in age from seven to sixteen years, and who number now twenty-three. Most of them come from our small fishing villages, where the people are, as a rule, very poor, and from which we receive very little pecuniary assistance, nearly all the money being collected here in St. John's, the institution thus becoming an additional burden upon an already over-taxed community.

"Some years since an effort was made to secure a grant from the funds of the General Conference, but was unsuccessful, the refusal being based upon technical grounds. Here your society stepped in, and, beginning with a grant of \$200, made an annual appropriation to our funds, increasing it from time to time, the sum thus appropriated for the current year being \$500, one-half of which has just been received, and which grant has, needless to say, been of very great assistance to us in our work.

"A few year sago, under the will of the late Hon. C. R. Ayre, who had always taken a great interest in the Orphanage, and to whose efforts the inception of the undertaking was largely due, we received a legacy of about \$12,000, which was to be devoted to the erection of an Orphanage building, and which was to be paid in instalments as the work progressed.

"Steps were at once taken to avail ourselves of this sum, and plans for a building were procured, and, with a view to the reception of boys as well as girls, a small tract of land was purchased about two miles from the city, where it was designed to give some training in farming, etc.

"Some opposition to this scheme developed, it being thought by many that such an institution would impose too great a burden upon the connexion for maintenance, and the result was that the larger idea was abandoned, and it was decided to erect the building upon a piece of ground situated within the town limits and which had been donated for the purpose by our Government.

“ Before finally placing the contract, however, and having in view the fact that Conference was then sitting, the committee brought the matter before that body for further consideration, considerable difference of opinion being still evident as to the desirability of erecting a building of even th- comparatively small pretensions contemplated. The result was that the idea of a building was again deferred, and at the present time it is designed to erect a building to cost about \$8,000, the balance of the sum available being funded to meet probable future requirements.

“ The children hitherto received have nearly all been of tender age, and few have been sent out. Our aim is to find suitable homes for them, and with a complete, though plain outfit, they are given a fair start in life. In some cases, the results have not given unqualified satisfaction; in others, there is reason to feel that our work is well rewarded. In this particular I suppose we share the experience of similar institutions elsewhere.

“ From the above, written hastily owing to a pressure of other work, you will gather that the institution is scarcely yet out of the experimental stage, and we shall not consider ourselves fairly started until we are in our new building. Our great care for the present is to take such action in this connection as shall prove in the future to have been well directed.”

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## INDIAN WORK.

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Dr. Bolton writes under date of December 1st that he has secured the services of Miss Emily Laurence, of Victoria, B.C., as an assistant to Miss Spence in the hospital at Port Simpson, for which place they expected to sail about the 5th. He says: “ Mrs Bolton and I know Miss Laurence well, as she once spent nearly a year with us. She also supplied awhile in the Girls' Home with Miss Hart, and afterwards did efficient work in the Boys' Home at Port Simpson. She was very highly esteemed by all the workers at Port Simpson, and had a good influence over the natives. I am sure she and Miss Spence will work together nicely.”

## JAPAN.

KANAZAWA, Oct. 15th.

Miss Veazey writes to Miss Hargrave :

"I want to send you a note at least to tell you one thing that has made us feel very happy this week. The very day after I had mailed your letter containing the one for the printer, S-a san came home with her face shining, to tell me that F. san (the embroidery teacher at Kawa Kami School, had told her that she wished to become a Christian—that she had the week before talked with her parents about it, and they had given their consent to her being baptized if she wished. She said she wanted to think about it for a week longer before she asked for baptism, but she seems quite decided in her own mind. You can imagine how very welcome this was when we had been hearing so much of the adverse criticisms from home. O Kubosan, the boy who teaches the envelope work, is also coming regularly to church and prayer-meeting lately, and Mr. M. thinks he is getting interested in his Bible also. Wouldn't it be grand to have all our teachers Christians! F. san's influence over the girls is very strong now, and I am sure her being the first to take a stand will be a help to them."

## SUPPLY COMMITTEE WORK.

ST. CLAIR RESERVE, SARNIA.

The clothing sent is usually very good, and that received this winter is, with few exceptions, a very suitable selection indeed. However, since you ask it, I will mention the useless things. Old hats, both male and female, of very ancient date, old skirts (we received but one this winter that we could not use) made with the puffed overskirts, and abundant trimming of sixteen years ago. I think, perhaps, this may arise a good deal from ignorance of what our Indian people really are. Of course I speak now for the Indians on this reserve. The most of them make a very

respectable appearance. Living, as they do, only two miles from a town like Sarnia, they have a desire to look like white people, and many of them dress in very good taste. Our congregation on Sunday looks as well generally, as far as dress is concerned, as any country congregation. Now, I would not like to give to some one too poor to buy a Sunday suit one of these queer-looking hats or skirts. We have tried since we came here to cultivate this desire for looking neat and respectable. I feel sometimes as if I would like to thank personally those friends who sent the pretty jackets and only half-worn black coats; and I am sure they themselves would be glad could they see how nice and natty some of our little girls look in the jackets; and I noticed last Sunday one of the local preachers, who usually has looked very untidy, presented quite a gentlemanly appearance, having donned a white collar and necktie with the black coat we had given him.

We have not many very poor among us, and, except for the especially hard times this winter, would need very little help. Indeed, some of our people are very averse to taking charity, even when they are in need. They will say, "I am not a beggar." I think I must tell you about one of the quilts. There was one especially pretty comfortable, that I wished to give to an Indian woman near us, as I knew she would take good care of it. I gave it to her husband one morning when he came in. He said, "Oh, I don't want it—got lots blankets; better give to someone else." We said, "Well, we want you to have it, and you can give it to anyone you think needs it." He took it, and after awhile the wife came in all smiles, and said, "It is so pretty, I like to keep it," and so I gave away a blanket. With few exceptions, they are not selfish, and very few of the Indians here will beg.

I might mention about one or two of the male hats. They had been worn so long, and were so dirty, I would not like to give them to anyone. The only thing I can do is to burn them.

I hope, my dear Mrs. Briggs, that I have not trespassed too far on your time by writing so long a letter, but I thought some of these things might be of interest to you.

If you yourself, or any of the ladies who take such interest in missions, ever come to Sarnia, we would be very pleased to see you at the mission house, and show you our very pretty little church and nicely-furnished house, nearly all paid for by our people themselves.

Many and happy New Years.

I am, yours very sincerely,

S. W. EDWARDS.

P.S.—Among useless things, I forgot to mention old papers; one package was one-third filled with these. We get all the S. S. papers sent us fresh and new every week, twenty or thirty copies each.

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Miss Clarke acknowledges the receipt of several bales and cases of bedding and clothing received from Bridge Street Auxiliary, Belleville; case from Lansdowne, another from Alma, bedding from Holmeville, Mount Pleasant, St. Catharines, Hilton, Aurora and Goderich. She says: "The pillows and quilts were most acceptable. We haven't nearly enough yet, and had come to the end of the bedding when the new stock of quilts arrived. There were twenty-five in all—all so nice. The gingham aprons from Keene will prove very useful, as in fact is almost everything sent. I shall try and acknowledge the different parcels, but hardly know how to find the time. There are eighty-one pupils; and the assistant matron is sick in bed. We need more things, if you can send them; it is just the difference between laying out cash here and making clothing, and having such things sent from the East. Clothing and goods of any kind will prove useful. The skirts of flannel and flannelette were much needed. The boys are in need of warm clothing for winter."

## Woman's Missionary Society Books

For officers' use, sold separately as follows: Treasurer's book, 60c.; recording secretary's book, 60c.; corresponding secretary's book, 30c.; the set, \$1.25.

## New Publications.

*Murdered Millions*, written to prove the need and value of medical missions. Price, 15 cents.

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*Missionary Songs*, by Rev. E. S. Lorenz, is the best missionary song-book we have seen. It contains music suitable for both ordinary and public meetings. Price 25 cents. All for sale at Room 20.

The Literature and Publication Committee has pleasure in announcing that it is now prepared to fill orders for the Calendar for 1895. The Calendar contains photo engravings of our missionaries, together with the subjects for prayer and texts for each month of the year. Price, 25 cents each; posting and wrapping, 10 cents per dozen additional.

## Notices to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.

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 Wor'd*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents; *Gospel In All Lands*, per year, 80 cents (subscriptions to this periodical may begin at any time during the year, but must continue till December and then end); *Palm Branch*, in clubs of ten subscriptions, 10 cents per copy; single subscriptions, 15 cents.

## Suggested Programme for February Meeting.

### I. Opening exercises :

"Remember, it is not for a propitiation of our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world, that Jesus was offered."

—W. H. HOWLAND.

### II. Regular Business.

### III. Hymn.

### IV. Subjects for Prayer for the month :

The Indians. The Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland.

The first Methodist missionary to the Indians was the Rev. John Eliot. He lived to see six Indian churches, with a membership of one thousand.

Lord Dufferin said of the Rev. James Evans, a Canadian Methodist missionary who invented syllabic characters for the Cree Indians, by which they are enabled to read with surprising facility, "The nation has given many a man a title and a pension who never did half so much for his fellow-creatures."

On the whole of Vancouver Island we have but one Indian mission.

The working force is but one lady and a native agent.

On both the East and West coasts there are numerous tribes yet untouched by an evangelizing agency.

Their poverty is great, their ignorance profound, their moral degradation almost beyond description, and "no man cares for their souls."

### V. The Watch-Tower.

"Watchman, what of the night?"

### VI. Prayer.

### VII. Reading: Short sketch of the founding of, and the work done by, the Orphanage at St. John's.\*

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\* See page 1.



VIII. Conversation: Subject, Manners and Customs of the Indians of Simpson District, B.C.

Sub-Topics: Number of Tribes and their Crests; Gambling; Tattooing; Medicine Men; The Potlatch.\*

IX. Hymn and Prayer.

\* See No. V., "Our Work."—Price 1 cent; 10 cents per doz.

For the benefit of Auxiliaries but recently organized, we repeat our suggestions, that the Opening Exercises always include a Responsive Scripture Reading.

The sub-topics of a Conversation should be informally told, not read.

### MISSIONARIES WANTED.

The Board of Managers of the W. M. S., at its recent annual meeting, authorized the sending of a medical missionary, a nurse and a teacher to Chentu, West China.

There is also urgent need at once of a missionary to take charge of the vocal department of music in the Azabu School, Japan. One skilled in the Holt system is preferred.

Applications, with references, to be sent as soon as possible to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch in which the applicant resides, or to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board,

(MRS.) E. S. STRACHAN.

163 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

### HOME READINGS.

Friends of the American Indians	In-	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> Jan., '94, p. 44.
Nez Perce's Missions	-	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> March, '94, p. 188.
Missions Among the North-American Indians	-	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> July, '94, p. 507.
New Metla Kahtla	-	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> July, '94, p. 514.
Indians in the United States	-	{	<i>Missionary Review,</i> Nov., '94, p. 845.

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" " " illuminated, \$1.

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