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EVEN OUR FAITH."

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SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

"The extinction of the Liquor and Opium Traffics, and all
covetous hindrances to Christianity."

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Smith.

COQUALEETZA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE,
CHILLIWHACK, B.C., Feb. 14th, 1897.

Last month I received a letter from Miss N. R., of Truro,
N.S., asking the names of some of the girls in the Institute,
as some of her Mission Band girls wished to write to them.
The same day I answered her letter I was writing to Martha
(see Annual Report, p. 27), and asked her to write a letter
to the Band, which she did. I thought it so good that I
have copied it and send it to you.

It is the long training that tells. We are very proud of our

boy and girl, as we call them. Peter was in the Home only a year. She writes me at the same time she sends Miss R.'s letter: "Your letter to Peter came to hand yesterday. Peter was so pleased to hear from you and so was I. He often said last week, 'I wonder if Miss Smith is still not able to write to me' (he had written to me while I was sick with grippe). I would say you didn't care to write to him. He would say you liked him better than me; we are always teasing one another about you teachers. He always tells me that you teachers like him better than me; but I know better. This is your League night; how I wish I were there!"

God is good to us. My prayer is that I may please Him by doing His will.

From Mrs. P. Smith.

429 HASTINGS STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 3rd, 1897.

DEAR MISS ROGERS,—Miss Smith asked if I would kindly write a short letter to you about our school and myself. I don't know of anything very important to tell about myself, but I am always proud to tell about our Indian School at Chilliwack. We have a very pretty place, a fine brick building, and large grounds to play in; besides, we have our vegetable gardens—one for the boys and one for the girls. The girls all took great interest in the garden. Last year was the first for them to have a vegetable garden. We thought we had better vegetables than the boys, and I guess the boys thought they had better ones than the girls.

It is very nice to watch the girls in the sewing-room, especially the little ones; they can sew just as well as any of the older girls.

We had three little girls. Their names were Rita, Theresa and Eliza. They were the greatest little singers; they would pick up a piece as quick as any grown-up person would. One of them died last fall (the one I mentioned in my last letter as being sick). Little Eliza, we all called her. She was the dearest little girl I ever saw. Just before she

look sick we would always hear her, wherever she was, singing: "I am Jesus' little lamb." But soon the good Shepherd came to take His little lamb to be with Him forever. I often think how nice it would be if every one of us would sing that piece, "I am Jesus' little lamb," from our hearts, like that dear little girl who is now happy with Jesus, who died for all. Thank God there are some at that school have taken Jesus for their Saviour.

I think I will now tell a few things about myself. I went to school about nine years ago, when the school first opened, at the home of the Rev. C. M. Tate. I couldn't speak a word of English. I soon learned to say one or two words. We then moved the next year into our new home, which was destroyed by fire. I didn't like the thought of being away from home and all my friends. I liked the old Indian ways better. I often went by myself and had a good cry because I was homesick. I thought as my mother had no education I didn't want one. I never knew all the good that school did for me until I went out to do for myself, then I found out I needed an education. About two years ago I gave myself to my Saviour—about March it was. I have always tried to do the will of Him who loved me so much as to die for me, a poor sinner as I was. Two weeks after my conversion I left the school for six months, working for a family quite a way from Sardis. I had no one to go to for help but to God. I was away from all my Christian friends. I had a great many trials and discouragements to go through, but Jesus was always near to bear it all. I went back to the school for nearly a year; then I left when I got married, and now I am living in the city of Vancouver, enjoying the quietness of a little home of my own. I often thank God that He ever gave me the chance to be brought up in a Christian home, when I see so many of the Indian girls running around, not knowing where to go, still in darkness. There is a great need of missionaries among the poor Indians. I know we will have some of the children from Coqualeetza School go out and teach our poor Indians about the Gospel. I hope your Mission Band will be a success. I might have told them more only I didn't just know what to tell them. Miss Smith may have told them nearly

all the news, and I thought it would be rather queer to tell the same thing over again; I know I always like to hear a new story myself. Thank God we have a book of the old, old story that we never can get tired of. Well, I must stop, with love to all the little girls in the Band.

JAPAN.

From Miss L. Hart.

“Unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, offer also the other”

14 TORII-ZAKA, AZABU, *April 24th, 1897.*

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—I expected to write to you some time ago, telling more about two or three of the new women who have been coming to the Shitaya meetings. The jinrikisha man's wife seems to be very much interested in the Gospel story. She is a hard-working uneducated woman, and finds it very difficult to remember the days of the week, so many poor people just live from hand to mouth and from day to day without much thought of what day it is, as all days are really the same to them. Well, this woman's little boy evidently enjoyed the singing, and perhaps the large-house (church), so he often asked her to hurry and go to “that place.” Later, as he was able to say more, he got the words “Sunday School,” and every time he got hold of a book or bit of paper, he said he was going to Sunday School. The mother is always at the meeting if it is at all possible, and seems to be understanding a little, and certainly enjoys the meetings very much.

I think you have an idea of what a busy time New Year is in every Japanese home, or I should say the week before New Year's, and how hard it is to keep up our meetings at that time, but I was delighted the last Sunday of last year as one woman after another came to the meeting, until fifteen in all were there, the majority of them non-Christians. One woman was there for the first time. I told you a little about her before. She had tried to get there before, but

had been prevented by a cold, then rain, and lastly by her husband telling her that her clothes were not fit for a church; however, the Bible-woman put her mind at rest on that point by telling her that we went to church not to think of our clothes but our *souls*, so she made her first appearance on Christmas at the Sunday School entertainment, and enjoyed it so much that she said she would be sure to be on hand for the next women's meeting, and so she was. What her friends and the priests had told her about Christianity was so dreadful it made the true side seem all the more wonderful to her.

Ever since Christmas until a week or so ago, when she had to leave Tokyo, that woman has been in her place at the meeting, excepting when her children had the small-pox, and she seemed from the first to get hold of the spirit of what she heard, and tried at once to put it in practice in her every-day life. I will give you one illustration: One afternoon I was talking to her about Christ and His teachings, and turning up the fifth chapter of Matthew, read verses 38-45, showing her how different Christ's teachings were from man's ideas. She seemed much impressed with these words, "But whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also," and "Love your enemies. bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you," etc. That very evening she went to her son's house to take a "haori" (sort of overcoat) that she had been making for him. It was not just exactly as he wanted it, so in his anger he tore it from top to bottom. She was a very hot-tempered woman herself, it seems, and opened her mouth to vent her feelings in words, when the afternoon's lesson came to her, and she said nothing. The son, amazed at her manner, was more angry than before, but the mother waited until he got through with what he had to say, and then said she was sorry for the mistake, but if he would let her have the "haori" again she would try and fix it. The son, more surprised than ever, asked what was the matter with her. It seems the father had come in in the meantime, and she sat down and told them that she was trying to follow the Christian teachings. Her husband is a very earnest Buddhist and the son is a priest, but both were very much im-

pressed with what she told them, and the husband said he would go to church and hear for himself—and he did the very next Sunday, much to the surprise of some of his neighbors (Christians) whom he had tried to talk into becoming Buddhists. As they are very poor, and the man had expressed a wish that he could save enough to get a Bible. I gave them one; they seemed so glad and promised to read it carefully. The wife was very happy that night, and couldn't go home to bed before she had told the Bible woman about her talk, and how she had been thinking of the great difference between Christianity and Buddhism: "Surely the Christian's God was the true God." I cannot tell you all she said, but this is enough to give you an idea of how she took in the spirit of those words, and it would do you good could you see the change that has come over that woman's face during the past few months. I am very sorry to lose her, but trust that she will remember much that she has learned, and perhaps be the means of bringing a little of the sunshine of religion to some of her friends, for the little she has learned has indeed been as sunshine to her heart.

FRENCH WORK STEADILY ADVANCING.

FRENCH MISSION SCHOOLS, MONTREAL.

Miss Anderson writes: Ninety visits were made in March, and one hundred and ten in April. There has been much sickness, chiefly measles; but most of our pupils have recovered and are again at school. A Band of Hope has been organized, and we are much indebted to the ladies who kindly helped in its organization. Rev. Mr. Pinel, of the Institute, gave the children an address on temperance, and did it in such a way that all were interested in what he said.

Miss Matthieu writes: The past month (April) has been encouraging in every department of our work. Our school has numbered thirty-six—twenty-two boys and fourteen girls—being an increase of five new pupils. Ten women were present at our last mothers' meeting, eight of them

being French women, whose children are in attendance at our school. District visiting has been somewhat difficult in the homes of those preparing to move. I have visited with much satisfaction a number of sick people, which afforded me an opportunity of reading the Scriptures and talking to them of salvation. One woman, who has been ill for four years, said her bodily strength was almost gone, but her spiritual strength was strong, and her faith in God steadfast. She was so thankful for the time I had spent with her, urging me to return, and expressing her resignation to God's will. The Sunday services are pretty well attended, eighteen members having been added to the Church this year. Last evening we had a good fellowship meeting, the Spirit of the Lord being present.

INCREASE.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

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Davis' "

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Literature Committee has spent much time and thought in the preparation of the new W.M.S. Books, which will be ready the 1st of July. The shape will be found convenient and portable. The Treasurer's Book has been made to correspond with the Quarterly and Annual Schedules sent to the Branch Treasurer. The Corresponding Secretary's Book has been omitted, as any ordinary blank book answers the purpose equally well. Price, 60 cents each; the set of two for \$1.00.

Suggested Programme for August Meeting.

Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month : "African and Jewish Missions."

(To be read at the opening of the meeting.)

I. Opening exercises. (A beautiful Scripture lesson may be selected from the 9th, 10th and 11th chapters of Paul's Epistle to the Romans.)

"When speaking of the signs which precede His Second Advent and the gathering together of His Elect, the Lord Jesus warns His disciples to take special notice of the fig tree—the symbol of the Jewish nation, as the vine is that of the Church"—REV. G. C. GRUBB

II. Regular business.

III. Hymn.

IV. The Watch-Tower.

V. Paper, subject : Wherefore exists the Jew ? *

VI. Readings. †

VII. Hymn. Prayer.

Thoughts to Carry Home.

"Israel refused to see that she had nothing to present to God but sin and shame and worthlessness ; she sought to make a spotless garment out of filthy rags. No wonder that she failed ? And thou wilt fail too, soul, if Jesus of Nazareth is not thine all for righteousness before God."

"Israel rejected the testimony of the Holy Ghost, given through the Apostles and early disciples. And now the Gentile portion of the Church is in direct danger of rejecting the testimony of the Holy Ghost in these days, and so remaining indifferent to the Promised Power."

* See suggestions on page 9.

† Readings will be found in *The Missionary Campaigner* for August. Price two cents, at Room 20, or the Branch Depots (for addresses, see last page). Please order before July 24th, enclosing two cents additional for postage and wrapping.

Suggested Line of Thought for Paper: "Wherefore Exists the Jew."

(This paper to be of any value must be in strict harmony with the Word of God.)

The Maker of Heaven and Earth hath said:

"This people have I formed for Myself; they shall shew forth My praise."—Isa. xliii. 21.

"I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."—Isa. xliii. 15.

"I have created him for My glory."—Isa. xliii. 7.

Wherefore this special creation of Israel as a people? This special formation of this people as a nation?

The miraculous origin, history, and preservation; the typical sacrifice and priesthood of the Mosaic law; together with the numerous prophecies which describe, with much detail, the future history and Mission of that wonderful people; all suggest some marvellous purpose, as they testify to the Divine inspiration of the records themselves.

The testimony to God's existence and unity (Isa. xliii. 10-12); The Book (Ps. cxlvii. 19, 20); and the Saviour (Rom. ix. 5) have been given by God through the Jewish nation.

The fig tree (the Jewish nation) cut down, but in grace, not rooted up.

The Jews are yet to be blessed as never before.—Ezek. xxxvi. 11; Isa. xxvii. 6.

They are destined to be a blessing to the entire world.—Rom. xi. 15.

Who, in this cloudy and dark day, has sought for the lost sheep of the house of Israel? Who has re-echoed the invitation "O, house of Jacob, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Room 20, and the Branch Depots in Sackville and Winnipeg, will be closed during the month of August. Please send all orders *with remittance* before the 24th of July.

Will Branch Corresponding Secretaries please send names of new "Auxiliaries and Bands" to Mrs. Bascom, Secretary Literature Committee, 189 Dunn Avenue, Toronto.

Will Corresponding Secretaries who order Annual Reports and MONTHLY LETTERS please remember that, by direction of the Board of Managers, the remittance must accompany the order. Also, that in ordering MONTHLY LETTERS, it is necessary to send only the proportionate amount of the subscription for the months that remain until September.

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