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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

JULY.

For the utter destruction of the liquor traffic and the opium trade; that these blights and impediments to the progress of Christianity may no longer disgrace professedly Christian governments and countries.

SCRIPTURE READING.—1 Thess. v. 5-9, 21-22; also Psalm cxlvi.

JAPAN WORK.

Extracts from a letter from Mrs. Strachan.

AZABU, TOKYO, May 14th, 1892.

MY DEAR MRS. WILLMOTT,—You will be glad to hear that we are here safe and sound, having reached Yokohama last Wednesday evening, 11th. The voyage generally was a very good one, but there were a few days of rolling and pitching, which were not conducive to comfort. Mrs. Gooder proved a very good sailor but suffered considerably from a cold. None of us were sorry to land notwithstanding our comfortable quarters on the *Empress of Japan*. We were met and cordially welcomed by Mrs. Large, Miss Munro, and Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa who had been waiting for us all day. Dr. Macdonald had also gone to Yokohama in the

morning to meet us but had to return and extended his greeting on our arrival in Tokyo, in the evening. Dr. Meacham was also on hand to welcome us to Japan, and the next day Dr. Cochran and Dr. Eby.

We have been especially pleased with the work and wish all our members could realize more fully what has been accomplished. It seems to me they would thank God every day that such an honor and privilege have been granted them as to be partners in such a glorious work. We can see a good deal, and every day some interesting narrative is told showing how the Spirit of God has worked through this agency for the salvation of souls, sometimes through the teachers directly, again through the pupils in their homes in distant places, and also through the servants. Prayers have indeed been answered, our feeble and imperfect efforts have been owned, our own souls have received rich blessing and heaven has been enriched and gladdened through this work. Surely we should give thanks and renew our diligence.

From Miss Morgan.

SHIDZUOKA.

I have had a great many applications for supported girls lately; some, I felt, were really worthy, and I was sorry to refuse them. We have only one new pupil, so far. Two of the old ones have not yet returned; their mother was sick in January, and that kept them home for a few weeks; then, as their father has been elected member of Parliament, I expect it is necessary for them to rejoice with him till the end of the month, as another of our boarders, whose father was a successful candidate, had to go home to help him entertain his friends for a week. Ebara San's father was again elected, so we have the daughters of three members of Parliament in our school.

Mrs. Sakagashi is proving herself to be a splendid teacher, and, better than that, she has become a Christian. She wants to wait a little while before being baptized, but I feel she is genuinely interested in her Bible. She asked to take a class in Sunday School. I was a little surprised at this, as she knows so little about the Scriptures. She said that preparing the lesson to teach others would impress it on her own

mind. I help her with the lesson on Saturday evenings. Last week when we got through, I asked her how she liked teaching. She said: "It is such a help and blessing to me, I enjoy it very much."

Our girls seem to have developed so much during the last few months. Kurachi San, one of our senior girls whom we teachers have supported for the last three years, goes to two Sunday Schools with Miss Robertson every Sunday. She interprets very nicely. Six of the other girls help me in the school with what was originally the servants' class, but which has now grown to over twenty. As the majority of these cannot read without help, they need individual teachers. This gives work to our girls, and keeps them under my eye.

Miss Robertson is kept very busy with her women's meetings, her three Sunday Schools, and the weekly training class, besides her teaching in this school. She has already won the hearts of the people, and will, I am sure, be a very successful worker. We are so happy together. Everything in connection with the school is working very pleasantly. Our Board of Directors meets once a month, and we have such nice quiet meetings that the turmoil of the past seems only like an unpleasant dream.

Mr. Sekizuchi, though nominally owner of the school, never attends the meetings. The other members are all regular, and take a great interest in all we do. Mr. Shigeno, one of our best church members, is my right hand man. He is engaged in educational work, and is greatly interested in girls' schools. In making out our new calendar he had so many helpful suggestions to make. I feel that a great load of anxiety has been lifted off my shoulders lately, and I suppose that is one reason why I am so much better.

Extracts from the Report of the Missionary Council in Japan.

TOKYO SCHOOL.—The work of our King's Daughters continues to be encouraging. There has been an average attendance of nine at the charity school, established and carried on by them. An increase of interest in our work for the hospital is shown. During the term there have been so many requests for help from those who are willing to work for what they get,

that we have tried to take in as many as possible, giving them some of the housework to do. The question is, how are we to fit them to make a living after they leave us? This we are trying to solve. During the term most of the meetings have been removed from the churches to houses. Miss Hart says the women speak much more freely since the change has been made. Smallpox has interfered greatly with this work during the term. Visits made by Bible-women, 475; by Miss Hart, 25; by Miss Cushing, 32; number of meetings held, 81; number in Bible School, 5; baptisms, 6; requests for baptism, 12.

SHIDZUOKA.—The school work has been very encouraging. Not only have the girls been diligent in their secular studies, but they have shown much interest in the study of the Bible. Three are engaged in Sunday School work. A Sunday School has also been opened in the school, for outsiders. This has an average attendance of 20, children and adults. The school girls are the teachers. The reports of the Bible-women show faithful visiting. A number of souls have been awakened. There are four candidates for baptism. One new Sunday School has been opened in the city with an average attendance of 20, and we hope soon to open another.

In Kofu, the weekly meeting in charge of the Japanese has been well attended. Forty-five meetings have been held in the country. The Sunday evening meeting for non-Christians has been full of interest and well attended. Occasional meetings have been held in Isawa, where two years ago an entrance could not be gained. There are five Christians there. The "Society of Christian Women" has decided to aid in the support of a Bible-woman to the extent of 50 sen a month. There have been five baptisms this term.

KANAZAWA.—The meetings at Nagamachi church have had an average attendance of 10, with as many as 19 at some. The services at the two preaching places last one and one-half hours. During the first half hour, twice a month, Old Testament history is taught; once a month we have a prayer meeting, and once a month a class meeting; the second half hour is given to teaching "The life of Christ," the last half hour to singing. The two Sunday Schools go on as usual, but some are prevented from attending by the Buddhist priests. The Evangelist has opened preaching places in three of the neighboring villages. We hope ere long to have women workers ready for these places.

INDIAN WORK.

(The Committee regrets that no official letters have been received from the French, Indian, or Chinese work, for this issue. A friend has kindly furnished the following from a letter from Miss Spence).

PORT ESSINGTON, May 27th, 1892.

Dr. and Mrs. Boulton reached here a few days after my arrival. In the meantime I had busied myself visiting the sick, dealing out simple medicines, washing their sores, making poultices, etc. I would have had some difficulty had it not been for Miss Tranter (teacher) who understands the language and who rendered me valuable assistance till the Doctor arrived. We have a nice little church in this place and the services are well attended. We have on Sunday, at 7 a.m., prayer meeting; at 11 a.m., preaching; at 2.30 p.m., preaching and Sunday School, and at 6.30 p.m., preaching. Monday evening, class meeting; Tuesday evening, preaching; Wednesday evening, Band of Workers' meeting; Friday evening, prayer meeting; Saturday evening, choir practice. So you see our time is full. I like the Indians very well. Some of them take an active part in the prayer and class meetings; before one is done speaking or praying another begins. I think they would do credit to some of our eastern services. But where the light of the gospel has not penetrated, they are living in a deplorable state. We find several families living in one small room, and oh! the filth and degradation, scarcely a place but has some one sick, and perhaps several sick in the same house, and here they practise their heathen rites. They will rattle an immense rattle-box to scare away the evil spirits, but if they see us coming they will hide it. Sometimes we see their rattle-box and they appear quite confused. There is a little boy in the hospital who may not recover. They have been practising the rattle-box business over him all winter. I hope for the sake of our work here that this boy may get better. . . . I hope the members of the Women's Missionary Society will pray for Dr. Boulton's work on the Pacific Coast, as they have in the past. I do not think there is a people on the face of the earth who need the united efforts of God's people more than the poor Indians.

PRAYER CARD STUDY.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

AUGUST.

For the Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland. Mark x. 16.

For India—The Ramabai effort to elevate the millions of child-widows; for all the suffering and benighted women of that land. Isaiah lviii. 6.

For the extension of God's kingdom in Africa. Psalm lxxviii. 31.

SCRIPTURE READING.—*Isaiah lviii. 1-12; also Mark vi. 32-45.*

The Methodist Orphanage at St. John's, Nfld, though an institution of comparatively recent origin, and one which is not encircled by the halo of romance which the semi-heathenism of their inmates casts around the McDougall Orphanage and the Chinese Girls' Home, has, nevertheless, strong claims upon the sympathy and prayers of all members of the Women's Missionary Society. For surely to Him who put His hands upon little children and blessed them, orphans of white skin and English speaking tongue are as dear as those of tawny color and barbarous speech.

The need of an orphanage for our denomination had long been felt, but so many are the claims upon Newfoundland Methodism that it was not until the summer of 1888 that a start was deemed practicable. Operations were commenced on a very limited scale. Four small rooms were hired and fitted up, a suitable matron engaged; and under her charge were placed two little girls.

The number increased rapidly, and it was felt the accommodation was becoming insufficient, when, in April, 1889, an outbreak of diphtheria (then epidemic in the town) among the inmates rendered removal imperative. A more commodious house in the suburbs was secured, and here up to this date the work has been carried on. Even now limited accommodation greatly impedes success, but it is hoped that that obstacle will be removed in the near future. Among the generous bequests of the late Hon. C. R. Ayre was a legacy sufficient to build a suitable structure. Plans for this have been drawn up, and it will speedily be in course of erection.

Thirty-three girls have been placed in the Orphanage since its commencement. Of these, nine have gone to service, and are generally giving satisfaction; one, a bright little maiden, died of diphtheria in May, 1889; and twenty-three still remain under the matron's care, being trained for future usefulness.

The grant of \$400 made by the Women's Missionary Society towards this institution, will surely prove to be money well expended; the only other sources of revenue being a small grant from the Government, and voluntary contributions. Those who have given to this noble charity will surely receive fourfold from Him who said: "Whoever shall give unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only . . . verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward!"

THE RAMABAI WORK IN INDIA.

The work that Ramabai is doing in India for the elevating of the child-widows has a place on our prayer card, and we earnestly hope a place also in our hearts. May we remember her at least during the month when her work is one of the subjects of prayer, may we pray that her way may be opened up, to reach the hearts of her countrymen, and impress them with the noble work of helping these unfortunate and despised child-widows. The school has been successful. It opened in 1889 with two pupils, has now forty three pupils; thirty of these are widows. One of these widows, nine years old says, "had it not been for Ramabai she would never have seen these happy days." Another of whom Ramabai writes to the President of the Toronto Circle, is a child of ten, bright, intelligent, who would have been disfigured, and illused, because she was a widow, but is now happily sheltered in the Sharada Sadana. There is a staff of four native lady teachers, three of whom are Christians. During the year a building was purchased as a permanent home for the school. Ramabai's influence over, and her intercourse with her pupils in the home and school, are those of a wise companion, a tender mother, and a Christ-loving woman. She sees the hearts that had grown hard or indifferent through constant and enforced self-denial, now expanding and glowing as they learn the sweetness of voluntary self-sacrifice. The true woman, loving, sympathetic, and unselfish is gradually making her appearance in each one of the girls; they feel for each other, help each other, and are ready to show kindness to any one without regard to caste, color, or creed.

For the Extension of God's Kingdom in Africa.—When we consider that the vast continent of Africa, with its hundreds of millions of inhabitants, has been a part of the known world since the earliest dawn of history, but is to-day the most barbarous and most distinctively heathen of all the continents, we are constrained to utter the prayer, "O send forth Thy light and Thy truth!" Long and fitly has Africa been known as the "Dark Continent." So few are the bays which indent its coasts, and so difficult is its interior to penetrate, that the influence of civilization has only affected, to any beneficial extent, a limited area near the sea. We say, to any *beneficial* extent, for the twin curses of Africa, the drink traffic and the slave trade, imported from civilized lands, have alas! spread far and wide; and have ren-

dered the condition of the inhabitants of the interior still more wretched. Many different races, each with its own distinct characteristics, are comprised in its population; but all, from the bold Bedouin of the desert to the Hottentot of the South, from the warlike Zulus to the indolent semi-animal tribes of the inland regions, are "stretching out their hands to God," are longing in their darkness and ignorance, for the Light of Life."

During this century the explorations of Grant, Speke, and Baker, Moffat, Livingstone, and Stanley, have done much to open up Africa to Christianity and civilization; and mission-stations now dot her coasts, and rise on the banks of her mighty rivers and magnificent lakes. And in answer to prayer shall yet come the day when Moor and Berber, Egyptian and Abyssinian, Arab and Ashantee, Zulu and Kaffir, Hottentot and Negro shall

"Join in the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all."

HOW OUR AUXILIARY WAS HELPED.

Our Auxiliary is a growin' an' a flourishin'. Mind, it was in no wise a goin' back but it took a restin' spell this Spring which I thought was all right an' naterel providin' it didn't last too long; but when it seemed to be a lastin' through the whole quarter, I says to myself, says I, "Marthy Ann Baxter, ain't you most ashamed o' yourself, you the President an' a restin' on your oars an' a floatin' with the tide; it's time you all got stirred up." Well, I kinder felt as if we needed somethin' fresh—one most always does, specially in the Spring, so I writ right off to Room 20, Wesley Buildings, for leaflets an' she sent me such a heap o' them for the dollar I sent, that I can't begin to tell about them all, but will just mention three or four that we had read at our Auxiliary. They did us all good an' our restin' spell is over an' we're all a bendin' to our cars an' a strivin' to gain the harbor an' bring others along, specially those who know nothin' o' that heavenly harbor. One of the most touchin' ones we had was "A Hindu Widow's True History," an' I think none of us had any hankerin's after restin' spell when we heerd it. At six years of age this Hindu girl was married to a man she'd never sot eyes on before, at thirteen she was a widow, an' then her misery commenced in earnest. I can't tell you all she suffered, you'd best get the leaflet an' read for yourselves; we everyone got woke up an' wanted to do a deal more than we had been doin' so that other poor heathen womer could not reproach us with the awful wail o' this one when she

said, "My eyes are growing dim with watching, and my ears dull with listening for the coming of the teacher who would tell me more of Jesus. But none has come and I shall never hear the sweet words of comfort again for I shall soon pass away."

"Belinda's Box" gave us a fresh idea about writin' letters or sendin' papers an' pamphlets, or somethin' to our missionaries. This is a real interestin' story. I got so wrought up when it come to the part where it told o' Belinda a goin' out every evenin' a watchin' for the stage that would bring the box, "at first with eager hopefulness that gradually sank to despair," that if it hadn't a been for me a bein' the President an' a fearin' it might not be in keepin' with the great dignity surroundin' my position, I'd jest asked Miss Lascombe who was a readin' of it to be so kind as to look at the windin' up part an' see if the box came for the watchin' an' waitin' Belinda.

By way of a change we had the leaflet called "Woman's Rights in India," an' if any o' you want to know how few rights they have just read this leaflet. I felt powerful sorry I can tell you for those poor women whose rights are all wrongs. I took the closin' up sentence as a special call to myself for a greater consecration of all my possessions to this work. I have jest time to speak o' one other one, in some respects the best o' them all for it is the same old story o' answered prayer an' God's faithfulness. It is well named, "Light Out of Darkness." My heart ached for the poor missionary an' his wife an' I jest knowed things had got more than desperate before they'd "let go" an' count all the promises for naught. Ture an' space permittin' I could tell o' dear little Ruth's faith an' answered prayers, but you had all best send to "Room 20" for them, for maybe other Auxiliaries need a rousin' up as well as ours, an' them 'ar leaflets go a long way towards doin' it.

S. K. WRIGHT.

Leaflets suitable for reading in connection with the subjects for prayer for August:

Belinda's Box, Light Out of Darkness, A Hindu Widow's True History; price, 2 cents each. Woman's Rights in India, 1 cent each; Question Books on India and Africa, 5 cents each. Mothers and Homes of Africa, 2 cents each; Women of Africa, 1 cent each.

The prices of Leaflets mentioned in June *Outlook* are : Appeal to the Women of the Methodist Church, 1 cent each, 10 cents a dozen ; Missionary Catechism, 5 cents each, 30 cents a dozen ; Why Are We Protestants? 5 cents each, 50 cents a dozen.

The Gospel in All Lands may be had for six months, ending with December, by sending 40 cents to Miss Annie L. Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

Persons sending for the Life Membership certificate for Mission Bands, will please notice that the cost for wrapper and postage is five cents for one certificate. Each additional certificate costs one cent extra.

Miss Annie L. Ogden, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont.

Report of Supply Committee.

The following Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in Prince Edward Island have recently contributed articles of clothing and bedding, for the Home at Chilliwhack : Summerside, Alberton, West Cape, Montague, North Wiltshire and Bedeque Auxiliaries ; and Summerside and Wesley Mission Bands, also friends from Mt. Mellick, St. Avards, Avondale, and Charlottetown. The articles were nearly all new, making a valuable consignment. Besides the goods, Mrs. Prowse, Murray Harbor, sent \$5.00 and Miss Tuplin, Margate, \$1.00.

Miss Hart, Port Simpson, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a small bale of quilts, from Woodstock, N.S. ; also a box from the "Helping Hand" M. B. of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, containing bedding. She says, "our greater need in bedding is being bountifully supplied. We are in our new Home and pretty well settled. Many thanks to those who have so substantially aided in making us so comfortable.

The Rev. J. Webster, of North Bay, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a barrel of clothing from the Auxiliary at Stoney Creek. He says, "Your ladies are doing a good work for the cause of God."

The St. George Auxiliary sent to Pevensy a box containing over 300 Sunday School books which were gratefully acknowledged.

Boxes or bales weighing 100 pounds can be sent direct to the North-West, or British Columbia. Smaller boxes and parcels can be sent to the Methodist Book Room, Richmond Street West, Toronto, addressed to

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