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## Subjects for Prayer.

AUGUST.

African and Jewish Missions.

SEPTEMBER.

Our Boards of Management, Officers and Committees.  
All Sister Societies.

## CHINA.

From Miss Brackbill.

CHEN-TU, *May 14th, 1898.*

We would like very much to start day schools for girls in different parts of the city, but until we can secure Christian teachers, or our girls are trained, it would not be well to do so, as one would never know but Confucianism, Buddhism or Taoism was being taught when one's back was turned. We will, however, hope to open work in other places, and then new assistants will be needed.

We should have a doctor this year, if possible, in addition to a nurse and evangelistic worker.

The missionaries of the General Board held their Annual Council meeting last week. Dr. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Endicott were up. The latter stopped with us, and we had a pleasant visit with them for a couple of weeks.

A course of study for three years was arranged. This does not mean that no work is to be undertaken during that time, but one year, at least, must be devoted almost entirely to study.

Two gentlemen, an American and an Englishman, are in the city at present setting up machinery for the coinage of silver. However, I am sorry to say it has all been under water, and many of the dies are ruined. This will cause a long delay, with the risk of a similar experience on the trip up the river.

Baby Annie has been very sick with pneumonia. A week ago we feared we were going to lose her, but she is getting along nicely now. The woman teacher who has been with us longest has been very sick, unable to be here for a week.

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From Miss Foster.

CHEN-TU, *April 18th, 1898.*

Just a few lines to let you know how the Jennie Ford Home is progressing. We began building the 1st of March, and in five weeks' time it was nearly finished. It cannot be completed until the hardware arrives from Shanghai, which will probably be in about a month. The Orphanage is not a large building, as it is only 38 x 15 feet. There is a kitchen, a dining and a bed-room down stairs, and just one room up-stairs the full length of the building. We should not have been able to put up as large a building as this had it not been for the contributions of three or four friends on the field. We think that the building will accommodate about fifteen children.

On March 2nd, a child of about two years of age was left at our gate. She was half starved, and had ulcers on her

feet. We took her in. She has improved much, but does not walk yet.

On March 22nd, one of the boarding-school girls, returning from prayer-meeting, picked up a baby on the street, which was only about two months old. She is a nice, healthy, good-natured child, but because she was a *girl* the dogs were welcome to her!

We realize that orphanage work in China is a great undertaking, as there is a chance for a great deal of imposition by those who are able to support their children, but do not want a girl in the family, so put them out on the street, hoping that the "foreigner, who likes to do good deeds," will pick them up and care for them. All we can do is to look to the Lord for guidance, and use our best judgment in taking in these poor forsaken little ones. I have no doubt that the people at home are interested in this work, and that there will be no lack of funds.

Dr. and Mrs. Ewan have arrived in Chen-tu. We are glad to welcome them to their new field of labor, and think we shall like them very much.

We are all enjoying good health. We need the prayers of the Church at home that we may be faithful to the work which the Lord has given us.

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From Miss Brooks.

CHEN-TU, April, 1898.

Dr. Kilborn and I are still studying, and doing little else. I think it must seem very strange to your Japanese missionaries, who can go to work almost from the very first, that we Chinese have to study for such a long time before we can do anything. I have been in Chen-tu ten months now, and I should be ashamed to tell you how little I know about the language yet; only that, as far as I can find out, mostly everyone else seems to have been just about as slow as I am, which is a real comfort. Some one was telling us that we need not worry at all about it, that it just had to *soak in* for quite a while before you could see much result, no matter how hard you might try

to take it in by the study method. I am working at the Gospel of St. John and Dr. Griffith John's Catechism, and am still attending a class of Dr. Kilborn's three days a week.

The Jenlie Ford Home is almost finished. It is a very pretty two-story building; and the large tree right under whose shadow it is built, almost seems to be spreading out its leaves in blessing on it. May the dear Lord abundantly prosper this department of our work! When one thinks of how much good even one of these little ones might bring about, were she to grow up a Christian and go out among her people to propagate the Gospel that saved *her* to the world, one feels like thanking God anew for the privilege of doing His work on this line, along with that of the other departments. May He give us wisdom to train them in such a way that they will best do His work! How much we need of His power and grace and enthusiasm!

I am enjoying so much the reading of the Gospel in Chinese. It seems to add a fresher touch of interest to the narrative to figure it out in these difficult characters. If only this Bible language were the same as that spoken by the women, it would make it so much easier for us. As it is, we will have to study it in the literary dialect in which it is written, and afterwards arrange it, putting it into the ordinary everyday phraseology of the uneducated people. Some of these expressions are delightfully brief and expressive.

Spring is here at last, with its fresh-sprouting trees and flowering shrubs and bird song. We have been planting some trees and plants in our garden, and the walks being finished, the place looks much more homelike. A magnolia tree, with its large pinkish-white, highly-perfumed flowers, looks especially pretty. A great many of these trees have pure white flowers, and it looks rather queer to see them growing from bare branches, for the leaves do not come out until the flowers are gone. The camelias—red, pink and white—are also in bloom.

The Market Fair, which is held every spring outside the West City gate, was quite interesting to me, who am comparatively new to "things Chinese." As our

Mission is near the east side of the city, we had to go almost all the way across it to get to this West Gate, the road running close to the wall part of the way. From the gate we had to go on quite a distance to get to the place where the Fair was held, the vicinity of a large temple, almost the prettiest I have seen. It seems that the people from the surrounding country, to avoid paying the city market fee, bring their wares here, and for about a month continue to sell.

A number of acres are covered with trees, shrubs and flowers, each seller having his own little plot. A great many of the things were purely Chinese, but I also noticed small pansies, marsh marigolds, honeysuckle, cactus, primroses, rose bushes, nasturtiums, Chinese pinks, bleeding heart, begonias, peonies, and, what I appreciated more than all, two or three geraniums, the sight of which almost made me home-sick. I don't know where they could have come from, for the owners themselves say they are not native to China. There were also some beautiful orchids in bloom.

In one place there were piles of trays and small boxes made out of their pretty dark and light brown mottled yin, or sassafras wood. This is highly perfumed when new. Other boxes were made from the white "bay nub," or cedar, and painted with the native "chē," red or black. This "chē" is got from a kind of tree, and somewhat corresponds to the Japanese lacquer. There were wash-tubs and basins and pails made from the bay, and also from the pretty red wood, which much resembles the red oak at home; and little bowls carved from the trunk of the palm tree. Almost every variety of article possible was made from the bamboo—tables, chairs, baskets, benches, stools. There were tables, chairs, beds and stools made from hard wood, and beautifully carved; the beds were especially pretty. One whole court was hung with scrolls, the painting on some of which was not so bad. The birds, butterflies, and many of the flowers, were quite true to nature.

Restaurant stalls were sprinkled here and there over the entire grounds; and the tinkling of the temple bells could be heard above the hum of buying and selling.

A quietly curious crowd of from fifty to a hundred followed us most of the time. We were accompanied by our old woman and a coolie.

Beggars having the most loathsome skin diseases, and with shaggy unkempt hair were sitting by the wayside begging for odd cash from the passers by. I can imagine it was much the same, as regards the beggars, in Palestine during the life of our Lord. So many things in the Bible are made clear by a knowledge of Chinese life and customs.

Recent news from the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Chung-king reports the murder of one of Dr. McCartney's native dispensers, a Christian. It seems that the Doctor wished to open work at "Cē-äug-Bay" (that is somewhat as it is pronounced), a city just across the river from Chung-king. Having rented an office, he sent two trained dispensers to occupy it, intending, I think, to visit it periodically himself. This city is especially averse to foreigners, and the people determined to keep them out.

The first night that the young men occupied the building they were mobbed, and both men bound. One, however, got away, but the other was strangled and his body dragged through the streets—and simply because he was in the employ of the foreigners! I suppose it is a good illustration of how they would have treated Dr. McCartney or any other foreigners had they been there.

Later reports say that the mission would like something done about it, but that the American Consul refuses. Another report says that the British Consul is taking it into his hands and claiming indemnity for the murdered man's family and the mission.

Mr. Cady (M.E.) was telling us that he had had a ride on the first jinrikshaw that has been made in Chen-tu. It is a very good imitation of the eastern ones with the exception of springs. It is minus them, Chen-tu not being able to produce steel yet. But even were springs brought up from Shanghai, there would have to be a great improvement in our streets so that this could run with any degree of comfort.

You wanted to know how the little girl I took in was turning out. Well, she has improved very much, but I am sorry to say is still not at all bright in some ways.

I have been trying to teach her myself, but she learns so slowly. She seems to like housework. She is extremely awkward, and on the whole is not considered a very promising subject. I am so sorry, but—the Lord knows all about it, and I am praying for guidance. I enjoyed your letter so much, and was encouraged and strengthened by it. How much one needs of prayer and faith, and faith and prayer to keep oneself in constant touch with the loving Saviour whose work we do. And although we pray so constantly that we may be kept by the Spirit of God, and that his Spirit may work among the people; yet it seems rather dispiriting at times to be surrounded by so much work, and alas! utterly unable to do any of it until after so many months of study at the language.

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### CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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From Miss Churchill.

VICTORIA, B.C., *May 17th, 1898.*

I am glad to tell you that the whole work continues to look very promising. A great many of our pupils (night school) have gone to work, but the attendance is very good still. I have spent a great deal of time in teaching them to sing, and in our Gospel meetings, all of which had to be done after school. Almost the whole of Sunday has been given to the Sunday-school and church. I have had to act as organist for them every Sunday evening, and was very glad of the opportunity.

It is through the night school to a very large extent that I have worked up the day school. I come in contact with great numbers of Chinese in connection with the night school. We have had several public meetings, at which the ministers of our churches were asked to speak. These meetings have been packed with Chinese, and have awakened interest all over Chinatown, also amongst the Chinese of neighboring places.

My efforts have largely been aimed at breaking down prejudice, and boys who a year ago were afraid to come near, now mingle freely with us.

About fifty went with me one night to the Metropolitan Church. It was indeed a sight to see these heathen boys sitting down in the midst of a white congregation in a Methodist church.

Another of our boys was baptized a few weeks ago. I wish you could have heard him testify the following Thursday in our prayer-meeting. In the presence of a room almost full of young men and boys, most of whom were heathen, without being asked at all, he rose to his feet and gave a glowing testimony. My heart was touched as it has not been for a long time; it was full of gladness, and I realize! as never before what a blessed thing it is to be engaged in this glorious work.

Our other enquirers are as yet undecided as to the final step; but they are regular at the class. Last Wednesday eight or nine new boys stayed to the enquiry meeting. Pray for them, that God may lead them home.

I am getting along pretty well with the language. It is the written language I am studying; the spoken is entirely local, but the written language is universal. It is not necessary that I should speak Chinese in order to teach English. Any talking I do is through an interpreter. I think my knowledge of phonography is helping me very materially with the Chinese characters. I have read a great deal from phonetic characters, and the Chinese character, which is the great bugbear to most students, is quite natural to me.

I ask your prayers that God may bless the work and make me a blessing to these people. I rejoice that our Heavenly Father has placed me where I am. I trust His guidance for the future.

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From Miss Bowes.

VICTORIA, B.C., June 9, 1898.

Regarding the case of Quai Shing (Elsie) which was appealed to the Supreme Court at Ottawa by the Chinaman who claimed to be her owner and decision given in favor of the Rescue Home, Miss Bowes writes: "It is the greatest victory ever won in court regarding the rescue of Chinese in B.C., and I am sure it will tell for good perhaps in the near future. The fact of our victory flew through Chinatown

like wildfire, and we think we can see as a result that the little slave girls on the streets look upon us as friends, and not enemies, as heretofore.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> two Japanese girls arrived at the "Home" with an escort and a letter from the Japanese Consul at Vancouver saying he would like us to take them into this home, teach them, and convert them to Christianity. One is a married woman about thirty years of age, the other about eighteen. They do not know a word of English. They are in English dress, but have not much to wear except a few pretty good articles.

If they stay and continue as obedient, willing and docile as they have been during this one week I shall take perfect delight in advancing them on all lines that are practical so far as I am able. It is a great help that Miss Morgan can speak Japanese. She begins school with the three girls at 8.30 a.m. and teaches until nearly 11 o'clock, when she goes to Chinatown to do an hour's work before dinner.

I have been up to Jubilee Hospital this morning to see Daisy, who has been operated on for appendicitis by Dr. E. Hall. She is doing nicely. I shall have to bring her to the "Home" when she can be removed, as she has no other home or mamma to look to for care and shelter. Her husband is confined to bed crippled with rheumatism, cared for by the Christian boys. Poor Daisy asked me this morning if I would allow her to stay here two months until able to return to her place of service. You see by this how they look to the "Home" for help and comfort.

I think the Master's work in this part of His vineyard is promising. To God be all the praise.

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### IMPORTANT.

Will Corresponding Secretaries please examine the printed label on their package of MONTHLY LETTERS, and if it bears date of September, 1898, make provision to have the subscription renewed at the August or September meeting if possible, as the LETTER will not be sent after the subscription expires, and the Literature Committee may not be able to supply back numbers to those who are late in renewing. Please enclose remittance with order.

## REPORT OF WORK IN JAPAN.

*Quarter ending March 31st., 1898.*

## Tokyo - School.

Number of pupils, 62. Supported girls, 19; pay pupils, 36; others, 7.

The fact that for six months no one belonging to the school has asked for baptism, may be somewhat discouraging. Almost all of our students who are old enough to publicly confess Christ are baptised; but while a girl's nearest relatives are all non-Christian, and she may at any time return to surroundings where she will have no help in retaining the Bible truths she has learned, we must be careful, and not too hastily enter her name on the church roll. All we can do is to so train her that the truths of Christianity may become part of her mental and spiritual fibre. A few illustrations will be of interest. Last September a little girl, eight years old, entered our school as a boarder. A few days ago her father said to me, "When Ko entered your school she prayed to the sun every morning, and always to the household gods; but now, when she is at home, she will not pray to these, but to the true God."

One of the senior girls reported a conversation which she overheard between this little one and two others the day before our public closing. It looked much like rain, and we all were hoping for fine weather, not only in order that we might have a good attendance, but our building is so old that the rain enters, and it would have been very disagreeable to have tubs, etc., standing here and there on such an occasion. The little girl I have referred to was saying, "We must all pray that it will be fine to-morrow." Another little one, aged twelve, objected, saying, "It is not right to pray about to-morrow, for the Bible says, 'Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof,' and, 'Take no thought for the morrow,' therefore God will not be pleased if we pray about to-morrow." But a third replied, "The big girls always on Saturday evening pray that our hearts may be kept pure on Sunday, and that is praying about to-mor-

row." All seemed satisfied with the soundness of this reasoning, and, I suppose, added to their evening prayer a petition for fine weather. We had a beautiful evening, and a successful entertainment.

Two girls graduated, and have entered for a post-graduate course. Both of these are Christians, but their homes are non-Christian, and each carries round the heartache, which is in itself a prayer, that those who are best beloved may find the Friend who is at once the Comforter, the Rock of Defence from the tempter, and the Saviour.

Several of our daily teachers are not Christians. For some time we have had one Bible lesson a week for them. Lately they have consented to attend another; but, even so, we obtain very little hold on our daily teachers.

There has been a great deal of sickness in Tokyo, and we have had our share—influenza, diphtheria, and measles. We look forward with dismay to the approach of Dr. Macdonald's furlough. He is so careful of us and our girls, coming to us day or night, storm or shine, with equal readiness.

The King's Daughters School has had an average attendance of forty-five. We are hoping to be able to open a similar school for boys; *i.e.*, admitting little boys who could learn to read in no other way. Two things are necessary, money and a Christian teacher.

(Signed) J. K. MUNRO.

#### Tokyo—Evangelistic Work.

Another three months have come and gone. We have had some changes amongst the Bible-women, otherwise the work has gone on as usual.

In November Mrs. Kaneda was taken ill. The doctor said she was run down and needed a week or so of rest with good food and a tonic, but two weeks, a month, two months passed, and although much better she was still unfit for work. She had thus lost much of the best part of the year, and you will remember she was laid up a long time last year. Taking this into consideration, and also the fact that during the year and a half she has been with us she has not been as satisfactory a worker as we hoped, and owing to her age, not likely to improve, we decided to tell her that we

could not continue her as a Bible-woman of the Woman's Missionary Society. This was not taking from her a livelihood, because she has sons old enough to take care of her. About the end of January I called upon her and told her the situation very plainly. She agreed, and said she had been thinking of that herself, and felt she might not be able to continue much longer as an active worker, but would do all she could as a Christian woman among her friends and neighbors as soon as able to go about.

A few days later, Shimazu San, now Mrs. Tomiyama—who went with Misses Hargrave and Lambly to Nagano and left them at Christmas to be married—asked me if I would give her work among the poor. Mrs. Tomiyama's husband is a Christian, a member of the Episcopalian Church, but Mrs. Tomiyama said she felt more at home in the Methodist Church, and as they live near here and she is not busy her husband was willing that she should give her afternoons to evangelistic work. So I gladly gave her the vacant place.

Last month Kubo San's eyes were very sore, and as her sight had been failing for some time I sent her to an eye doctor. He thought he could help her, but said it would take time, and an operation on each eye would be necessary. Kubo San was very brave, and was willing for anything that would restore her sight and make her better fitted for her work. So far all has gone well, and we hope that in a few weeks Kubo San will be at work again.

Sabashi San is laid up with a cold, but we have reason to be very thankful that the health of the Bible-women has been so satisfactory during the winter, for they are very much exposed to diseases in their work of visiting the sick, and going from house to house.

The attendance at the meetings and Sunday Schools keeps about the same. One old lady, a faithful attendant of one of our meetings, was called home very suddenly, but she was ready and glad to go.

The policemen's class is not as large as it was, which is due to extra work, removals, etc. Those who come appear to be as much interested as ever in the Bible lessons, and occasionally a new one comes in. One or two young men, who do not belong to the police, have asked to join the class.

(Signed) C. E. HART.

## Tokyo—Orphanage.

There is no change to report here. The nine little girls to whom the Orphanage is "home" live very busy, regular, happy lives. They rise at six, breakfast at seven, have prayers at eight, the older girls assisting in the housework and the care of the little ones. After prayers the work at which they earn the house rent is taken up—the little ones twist paper cord and the others work at drawn work and hemstitching, at which they have become quite skilful. Each child receives one-tenth of her earnings for pocket-money, and out of this they contribute regularly to the Sunday-school and Missionary Funds. After dinner all go to the King's Daughters' school for a daily Bible lesson and instruction in sewing, reading, writing, etc. After school until tea-time they play out of doors if the weather permits. The evening meal is followed by prayers, then lessons are studied for an hour, and the remaining time is given to twisting paper cord. The needle work is not taken up in the evening being hard on the eyes, and Japanese children are predisposed to eye troubles. We follow the good old rule of bed at eight o'clock for children under twelve years—the others sit up half-an-hour later. That is the outside routine life of our little orphan family, but the real life underlies it all, and these children are learning to repress selfishness, to be faithful in their work, to be kind and helpful—in a word, to love God and honor Him in their daily living.

(Signed) I. S. BLACKMORE.

## Shizuoka—School.

Thirty-five pupils registered during the past term. Of these, one has been obliged to leave on account of ill-health; and another, Kosugi O Mari San, graduated in English, having graduated in Japanese a year ago. Since entering the school, O Mari San has received her tuition free, and forty-five sen a month on her board (about twenty five cents), her family paying all her other expenses. She is now seventeen years of age, is a very clever girl, and we believe a true Christian. According to an agreement made with her parents six years

ago, she will remain in the school for two years as a teacher, or as an evangelistic worker, during which time she will receive her board and fifty cents a month, her parents paying her other expenses.

Hayama O Hisa San, who was partly supported for four years by the Niagara Falls Auxiliary, left last month, to be married very soon. She graduated three years ago, since which time she has done most efficient work in the school, and also in outside evangelistic work. Her consistent Christian life has been a power for good amongst her associates. She is and will be much missed. In her place we have been fortunate in securing a young girl, a graduate of a mission school in Yokohama, and one who appears to have a beautiful spirit. She will do some teaching in the school, and also assist in evangelistic work.

The Sunday Schools have been carried on as usual; the weekly prayer-meeting, conducted by the girls, has been helpful, and the weekly testimonies in the class-meeting show a continued desire for a higher life.

Last Sunday's class-meeting—the first one of the new term—was particularly good. In answer to a request made at that meeting, the evening was set apart for a special prayer-meeting to ask God's blessing on our school.

Since Itō San left, our most advanced daily Bible lesson has been taught by Mr. Tayama, our pastor. He is a thoroughly good man, "rooted and grounded in the faith," and we believe a true friend to the school.

The new term began April 10th, since which seven new pupils have entered. The greatest desire of our hearts is that no girl who enters our school-home may leave it until she knows Christ as her personal Saviour.

(Signed) M. J. CUNNINGHAM.

#### Shizuoka—Evangelistic Work.

We have succeeded in commencing a Workers' meeting, and to-day, in addition to our workers, we invited the committee of women in charge of the Church Women's Meeting. In this way we hope to get our women interested in ways and means for helping those around them.

In Fujieda, where our work seemed almost dead, Fukamachi San, one of our old Christians, offered to go as Bible-woman.

In Omiya, Kakuda San still labors. She is a very earnest Christian woman. During the Easter holidays, Takeuchi San spent three days with Kakuda San, helping her in the meetings. One of the interesting and helpful things Takeuchi San told on her return was concerning the first Christian woman in Omiya. This woman was once very wealthy, but after becoming a Christian her family disinherited her. For years she has been faithful to Christ amid many discouragements, and though her family still offer her a home when she renounces her religion, she has never turned back.

The people move frequently from place to place, consequently meetings are much broken up. Two of our women have gone from Yokouchi and two from Shimada. One from the latter place moved to a village where she is the only Christian. We were glad to find her two months later faithful and earnest in Bible study. It is discouraging to have them leave us, but we trust this is one way of spreading the Gospel.

Since Christmas we have opened work in Horinouchi. One of the men of that town had been converted in San Francisco. Returning home, he began to teach a class of young men the Bible. He was very anxious to have his wife a Christian, and asked us to come and teach her. Once a month we go, and he opens his own house for our meeting. We have had fifteen and twenty persons each time. The people are interested, and we look for guidance to lead them.

Our Sunday Schools are not well attended. The Public School teachers are not in favor of Christianity, and use their influence against us. The feeling is so strong, it seems impossible to stem the current; but we work in hope.

(Signed) BESSIE H. ALCORN.

#### Kofu-School.

Two new pupils filled the places of two who withdrew last term, so that our number remains the same—fifty-seven names being enrolled,

A deepening of interest in things spiritual has marked some of the older girls, otherwise the work has been much the same as that of previous terms. When accompanying some of the girls to their Sunday meetings among the street children, I have been impressed with the earnestness with which they go from house to house gathering up all the boys and girls they can, bringing them into a miserable, dirty smelling place, arranging them in order on the mats, then pouring into their ears the story of Christ. The faces turned up in listening interest are often very unattractive, because of the neglect to apply needful soap and water. In their efforts to bring the truth to others, the girls themselves obtain a deeper knowledge of its meaning.

Our graduating exercises were very successful. Seven girls having completed the Japanese course, received diplomas; two others were graduated from the special sewing department at the same time. Four of the seven were the first from among our supported girls. While continuing their English course, they will give assistance in the Japanese department. About 140 visitors were present, among whom were several of the chief men of the province, and all expressed themselves much pleased with the exercises.

Already we have promise of a large increase next term. When we realize that each girl coming to us may be a centre of Christian influence, we earnestly hope that the work done may be such that we can pray, "The work of our hands, establish Thou it."

(Signed) M. A. ROBERTSON.

#### Kofu—Evangelistic work.

This quarter has been a busy one of seed sowing. The winter season is always best for our work in this province. When so many engaged in farming and silk culture have leisure.

There has been much to encourage in some well-attended meetings, in new opportunities and awakening interest, although there is the dark side of places difficult to work, of indifference on the part of some whom we are trying to interest, and lukewarmness in some of the Christian women.

(To be continued.)

## Suggested Programme for Auxiliaries. September.

### Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month :

- “ Our Boards of Management, Officers and Committees.”  
“ All Sister Societies.”

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

- I. Opening Exercises—“ What is it to be a Christian  
It is to imitate Jesus. It is to do as He would do.  
It is to walk in His steps.”—*Charles M. Sheldon.*

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. The Watch-Tower.

“ Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What the signs of promise are.”

V. Study of the Constitution and last Annual Report  
of the Woman's Missionary Society.\*

(Many members do not render full and efficient service, nor yet receive the benefit they should from the auxiliary meetings, because they have failed to carefully study and consider the methods of work and object of our Society.)

VI. Hymn.

VII. Prayer—Let us ask Him to search our hearts, and enable us to see how far each one is responsible for lack of interest and growth in our auxiliary.

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\* See exercise on page 19. All information will be found in W.M.S. Annual Report. Questions should be distributed among members at least a week before auxiliary meeting.

As it is taken for granted that auxiliaries are already provided with the 16th Annual Report, it will not be sent to subscribers for Suggested Programme Literature unless specially ordered. Price (postpaid) 7c., at Room 20 and the depots. For addresses, see foot of last page.

## Suggested Programme for Auxiliaries. October.

Subject for Prayer and Study for the Month:  
"Japan, Corea, and the Isles of the Sea."

Rather than suggest a programme for the October auxiliary meeting, we refer Programme Committees to the July issue of the *Missionary Outlook*, which, by way of celebrating the silver jubilee of the mission of the General Society to Japan, is largely devoted to the study of that land—religious, social, and political.

The Lord hath done great things for the Church in Japan, whereof we are glad.

## Suggested Programme for Mission Bands.

October.

- I. Opening Hymn.
- II. Lord's Prayer (in concert).
- III. Scripture Reading (for three or more members)—  
Psalm lxxii. 8, 11; Isaiah x'ii. 4; Isaiah ii. 2, 3, 4.
- IV. Roll Call—To be answered by giving name of one of our missionaries.
- V. Regular Business.
- VI. Singing.
- VII. Subject of Prayer and Study for Month—Japan, Corea, and Isles of the Sea. Sentence prayers.
- VIII. \*Map Exercise—Japan: its size, population, natural features.
  - a. Point out our missions.
  - b. Name missionaries at each place.
  - c. State character of work done.

\*For Map Exercise, consult "Our Work," No. 3, and 16th Annual Report.

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## IX. Solo.

- X. Customs opposite to ours, to be given by two members of Band alternately, one giving Japanese and the other Canadian custom. (See *Missionary Outlook* for July.)

## XI. Story of Kubo San. (See JUNE MONTHLY LETTER, 1898.)

Young Japanese lady. (Annual Report, p. 45.)

## XII. Closing Exercises.

### Exercise on the Constitution and last Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society.

(Prepared by MRS. E. S. STRACHAN, Field Cor. Secretary.)

- I. What is the object of the Woman's Missionary Society?  
What is the annual fee?
- II. On what plan is the Society organized?  
How many Branches are there?  
How many Auxiliaries?  
How many members?  
How many members in local Auxiliary, and what did it raise last year?  
Highest amount ever raised by it?  
How many Mission Circles?  
How many Mission Circle members?  
How many Mission members in \_\_\_\_\_ Circle, and how much was raised by it the previous year?
- III. Who constitute the Board of Managers?  
Who form the Executive Committee?  
Who are the officers of the Board this year?
- IV. Who decides on the fields in which the Society shall work?  
Does the W. M. S. send its money direct to the fields, or through the General Missionary Society of the Church?  
Are there any exceptions?

Are the contributions of the W. M. S. included in those reported by the General Society.

Are the funds raised after they are appropriated, or before?

Where does the money go that is raised by the Auxiliary and Mission Circle?

V. What was the income last year?

How much was appropriated?

State amount gathered in the mite boxes?

How are bequests used, and how much is there in that account?

VI. What is meant by the Supply Committee?

To whom are the goods principally sent?

What was the value of articles sent out last year?

How are freight rates paid?

Is it allowable to use the funds of the Society in the purchase of material?

VII. What work is done by the Literature and Publication Committee?

How many copies of the MONTHLY LETTER are issued?

What does it cost to print them?

What is the annual subscription price?

What does it contain?

How many are taken by this Auxiliary?

How many read?

VIII. What other periodicals are published by the W. M. S.?

Who are our Editors?

What are our subscription rates?

IX. What was the cost of printing and mailing the Annual Report last year?

How much was received from its sale?

X. What training or qualification is required of missionary candidates?

How many did the Board authorize to be sent out this year, and to what fields?

How many missionaries are in active service?

How many on furlough?

## NOTICES TO AUXILIARIES.

## Our New Gold Pin.

The Literature Committee has just completed arrangements for our W. M. S. and Mission Band Pins in gold for life-members. The star is attached by links to a pin which is topped by a small gold ball, and makes a very suitable gift for a life-member. The pins are \$3.50 each, and the order is to be accompanied by a voucher of life-membership from the Recording Secretary of the Auxiliary or Band to which the member belongs. It will be well to order at least three weeks in advance, to allow time for correspondence and unforeseen delays.

The Literature Committee regrets that it has been found necessary to increase the price of the silver Mission Band Pin to 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz. Please enclose the usual 2 cents for postage and wrapping.

## Special Notice.

Room 20 and the Depots will be closed as usual during August. Kindly send all orders before the 25th of July.

## Cycle of Prayer (new edition.)

The Literature Committee regrets that after waiting some time for the American edition of the Cycle of Prayer, in order to approach uniformity as nearly as possible, it was found that it would not be issued until the autumn. The Canadian edition was then immediately prepared, and is now ready for sale.

A few alterations have been made in the subjects for the month, bringing the Cycle into closer accord with our Canadian work. The King's Daughters and Sons have been added to the daily subjects, and also The Deep Sea Mission, which now possesses an added personal interest to us, as one of our Student Volunteers is now connected with this Mission.

All the above-mentioned articles may be ordered from Room 20, and the Depots. For addresses see foot of page 24.

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