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Thanksgiving.—Heb. 13:15-16; 2 Cor. 9:8-15, James 1:17, Ps. 50:14.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT"

November—Thankoffering Meetings.

Notice.

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Please forward all money to her address and make all
orders payable to Mrs. G. A. Gurd. The Auxiliaries are
requested not to neglect their customary Thankofferings this
month.

From Miss Helen J. Melville.

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 4th, 1899.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—We have been wonderfully blessed
with good weather. The many prayers of the friends in Canada
in this respect been answered. In crossing from Mont-
real to Liverpool we saw a good deal of ice. It was a grand
sight to see these mountains of ice. While passing through the
ice was cold, and we were glad of all our wraps. Arriving in
Liverpool on Saturday, August 5th, we were met by Mr.
Arnot, who is connected with the English Mission in West
Africa. He was very kind, helping us in every way he could.
Mrs. F. S. Arnot had invited me to stay with her. I spent a
very enjoyable time in her home. Mr. Arnot was away from
Liverpool at the time. We had long talks on the work in Africa,
having spent several years in West Africa. On Thursday,
August 10th, we sailed from Liverpool for Lisbon by the
"Africa," of the Pacific Line, the same boat that Mrs. Currie
and I came home on last year. The much dreaded Bay of
Biscay was like a mill pond all the way. We had very nice
company passengers. We called at La Pallice (for La Rochelle)
France, where we went on shore and had a walk through a

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very quaint town. We saw the people at work in some of the fields and some very odd looking old wells. Our next call place was Corunna, but we did not go ashore. Then we called at Carrié, in Spain, and on to Lisbon, where we left the "Iberia," she going on to South America. We went up to Hotel Durand, where Mr. Swain soon found us out, and during all our stay in Lisbon most kind in helping us in every way he could. Lisbon is a beautiful city, hilly, full of flowers and public squares. On every side one sees signs of past greatness, but I must pass on. We sailed from Lisbon for Benguela on Monday, August 21st, at noon by the "Loanda," a very comfortable steamer. As there are very few passengers (owing to the plague in Oporto) we have a state room each, which is very much nicer than having to share it with a stranger. The weather has been beautiful. The boat does a great deal of rolling. Indeed, it has rolled all the way down, but has not succeeded in making any of us feel sick. Even now as we are lying in port it rolls from side to side. On August 27th we arrived at the Island of St. Thiago, when we were put in quarantine. It made it very dull, as no one could go on shore and no one could come on the steamer. Several passengers went ashore here, and had to go for twelve days in quarantine. It does not seem right when we have had nothing to do at Oporto or any affected port. On September 4th we arrived at the Island of St. Thomas. We have no quarantine here. It is nice to feel free, and then when we are free here we will likely be free at Benguela. We are now very near the equator, and are having beautiful cool weather. We leave here the day after to-morrow.

Kindly remember me to all the friends. I look back on my visit to Canada, my visit to the churches with a very great deal of pleasure. I feel that there are many warm hearts pleading with the Father for a blessing on our work and on ourselves.

From Miss Maggie W. Melville.

CISAMBA, July 20th, 189

DEAR FRIENDS,—It seems impossible that two months have gone since I last wrote you. I seemed then to have nothing of importance to tell you or perhaps could not find time. Before mail time in June one of the little ones left us—Joano, or John, the infant son of Muenekanye and Nacer. The dear little fellow was with us for about six months and our loving Father saw fit to take him to be with Himself. I left a very sad mother, for she delighted in her little lad, but we have hope that it will draw her closer to the Comforter and

nk more of Him who loves little children so dearly. She is a
 ristian woman who has had a great deal of trouble because of
 determination to remain at the Mission Station. The
 her of the little one is one of the evangelists and also one of
 deacons of the church.

n two days it will be a year since Mrs. Currie and my sister
 us. How many things we have to be thankful for during
 t year, not the least of which is a knowledge of the continual
 yers of our loving friends in our Canadian churches. We
 ve felt the Spirit's presence; though few in numbers we are
 alone, for His presence has been with us. We rejoice when
 hear other helpers are soon to join us: as well as Mrs. Currie
 d my sister. But because we are more in numbers do not
 se to pray for us, for we need the Spirit's presence just as
 ch when there are six of us as when there are only two. As
 work extends and your knowledge of it extends, let your
 yers become more frequent and more fervent that there may
 a great ingathering of fruit, for much seed has been sown
 ch must spring up, for it cannot return unto Him void if
 yn in faith.

The Chief of Ciyuka was here for a few days visiting, but
 urned yesterday to his district. He is busy having a three-
 med house built, at least having the brick made. Four of his
 ng men are here learning to lay brick so that they can build
 or him. They are attending school while here. Two of them
 d quite nicely, while the other two are not so far advanced.
 he school at Ciyuka is growing, there being now 95 people in
 two schools (girls' and boys'). You can imagine that such a
 ool to be supplied with slates, books, etc., from here means a
 in on those articles. In fact the number of slates are too few
 all the schools. The schools, however, are very soon to be
 ed for a time. Those at Ciyuka have been steadily held
 re first begun, and one of the teachers has had no rest for
 ht months, excepting two days at Christmas time, until this
 k when he was not feeling very well. Not many American
 chers would like that. We, therefore, think it best in a
 ple of weeks to close school until the new comers arrive here.

From Miss Emily McCallum.

SMYRNA, Turkey, Sept. 30th, 1899.

LY DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—Many thanks for the money. It
 great comfort to receive it so promptly at the beginning of
 year. It comes in so nicely to begin on.
 ve expect to open school on Monday, October 2nd, and are
 y busy, as you may imagine, getting things in order. I

shall be very glad to write a letter for the LEAFLET a little on, as I cannot collect my thoughts properly now. However, did not want to delay the receipt, so send it, and the letter come as soon as I have time.

From Miss Emily McCallum.

EXTRACTS FROM HOME LETTER.

It sometimes seems as if we ought to pray almost more Christians than for the unconverted. If we were only in earnest, more faithful, then the evangelization of the world would be much sooner accomplished. We have a Greek scholar, Calliope, who has been interested for some time, and our watchnight service decided to follow Christ. Now she is being very much persecuted; the priests have come to her and told her she must not come to school, that she must burn her Bible because it is a Masonic Bible and not a true one. Her father, too, is very much against her, and so, poor girl, she is having a hard time. I hope she will have strength to stand firm. The Greeks are so much more bitter than the Armenians in this way. I suppose that is one reason why we have so few Greek girls in school. This year we have a good many converts, but they are all Protestants. The Protestant children are growing up now. When I came here there was not one family—all young men and two or three girls—but now we have many families. Did I tell you we have two Turkish children, a boy in the Kindergarten and a little girl in the Preparatory. We hear of another who says he will come. These are the only ones of this nationality we have ever had. Mr. McLachlan had a son once. The little girl is very proud and haughty and despises all the other girls as *giaours* or infidels. She said to another little girl, "Do you fear God?" The child did not know Turkish, and so said, "No," which shocked the little Turk very much, and some one else said to her, "Berya, do you fear God?" "Why, of course!" she said. "I am a Turk." When their fathers came with these children they told me that if British officers came from the Government and inquired I was told them I had not seen any Turkish children here, because there is a law that no Moslem children can go to Christian schools. Even the Pasha had to take his son out of the French school. I told them, of course, that I could not say this. However, so far no one has come, and perhaps we will be able to keep them. I wish we could.

From Mrs. Mary E. M. Scott.

MANEPPAI, Ceylon, Aug. 11th, 1899.

MY DEAR MOTHER,—I was very surprised to hear that your card had taken up some work in our hospital. I must try and write a letter to them thanking them for doing so. Tom is still away. Tom has not been idle, however. He is getting ready to build a large English school here, and as there are many Maneppai people in Colombo, he has been getting subscriptions from them for the school. He has had wonderful success, and in his letter to-night that he has subscriptions and money to R.1150!! I never imagined he would get more than 100.

What do you think! The women of Jaffna are forming a woman's foreign missionary society and hope to be able to carry out mission work in South India. Won't that be an original thing on the part of a foreign mission field? Last Tuesday I called a meeting of Christian women—one or two from each of the churches. They had a most enthusiastic meeting, and gave addresses by native women and two by missionaries. Of course, many object and say much the same things that are said against foreign missions at home. But I am sure that it will do the people here a great amount of good and will stir up a great interest in the heathen about and sometimes in their own selves.

The Madura Mission has offered them Tor^d, a strip of land opposite Jaffna, in India, and though nothing is definitely decided yet, still I think they will take it up.

The night before last something or other—I think a snake—got into the chicken house and killed two chickens. We thought we had closed up every nook, but last night the same creature came in and killed my two ducks. I miss their “quack-quack” very much. To-night Samuel and Nahum are watching and hope they can catch and kill the creature. The strange part was only their heads and eyes were eaten.

This has been a great experience to me, having to take care of men patients as well as the women patients in the hospital. I don't say I have altogether enjoyed it. Our assistants have been so good and have helped me in every way they possibly could, but I haven't been feeling very well, and it has been rather a drag some days. I have had between twenty and thirty patients in the hospital all the time besides dispensary.

I haven't done any but very simple operations, however, because I am not a surgeon and don't enjoy it. So I've put off all these till his majesty arrives.

I was so pleased to see in *Life and Light* what a blessing I have had in the Smyrna school. It has been much the same at Oodonville school here. About thirty girls professed to accept of Christ. Very many of them were from heathen homes. A little girl wrote to her father and told him that she wanted to unite with the Church. He is a heathen man, but he wrote: "It is not good to change from one religion to another, but I will send you to that school that you might learn to fear God."

Another girl, who wrote to her father making the same request, was answered, "If you are going to be a Christian, don't be so in name only, but be a real, earnest one." Does it seem strange that heathen men should write so?

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One thing must be remembered. To judge from some things that are said and written, chiefly by those who do not believe in Protestant missions, though sometimes by Protestant Christians themselves, the idea is gaining ground that a missionary's wife and children are a mere adjunct to himself, a sort of accommodation to human infirmity. As a matter of fact, they are as integral and as essential an element in the work as the missionaries, as he is. There is no such object lesson of the power and beauty of Christianity as is furnished by a Christian home, a Christian family, not merely in pagan lands but in those that claim a higher place in civilization.—*The Independent.*

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