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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.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READING.—*Psalm lxxii.*

JAPAN WORK.

Report from Jan. 1st to March 31st, 1893.

TOKYO BRANCH.

Toyo Eiwa Jo Gakko—Attendance for January, 66; February, 68; March, 67. Of these twenty-eight are supported girls, two are the children of the servants. One girl taken on trial in October was dropped in January. Tomono Sada entered on trial in January. The school pays for her board and tuition; a former pupil of the school helps her with her other expenses. She is recommended to be taken on as a regular pupil.

The enthusiasm of the girls for Christian work continues. Twenty go out every Sunday to teach, and from them about

three hundred and fifty receive Bible instruction every Sunday. At the request of some of these workers, a Sunday School teachers' normal class has been established. The daily lessons in the Acts of the Apostles will, I hope, be particularly helpful to these, not only in keeping constantly before them the true motives for Christian work, but in leading them to place themselves in contrast with the early Christian workers instead of with each other.

The interest in our Wednesday meetings is well sustained, the monthly missionary meeting being, perhaps, the most interesting of all. Several of the girls have sent to friends full notes of the meetings.

The King's Daughters' school has had an average attendance of twenty-two. In connection with it a mothers' meeting is held every Sunday evening.

That the spiritual tone of the school keeps pace with the practical, we have many interesting proofs. One is that such books as "Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," and the works of Frances Ridley Havergal are read and enjoyed.

With a heart overflowing with gratitude to God, I submit the above.

J. K. M.

Evangelistic.—Five Bible-women have been employed. One, Mrs. Inomata, was laid aside during February, and has not been able to do more than half work since. Mrs. Hasegawa has only been able to do half work since the first of February. These two will continue to do half work until the end of the present quarter.

Six hundred and four visits have been paid, eighty-one new homes entered, five persons have asked for baptism.

Weekly meetings have been held in Ushigomi, Kakigaracho, Kobikicho, Azabu, Shitaya, Negishi; a bi-weekly meeting at Koishikawa, and a tri-weekly meeting at Komagomi. These meetings have been conducted by Misses Cartmell and L. Hart, with an average of six.

Yoshida O Yu san, a graduate of our school, has had charge of the mothers' meeting in the King's Daughters' school building, on Sunday evening, with an average of thirty-five; she has besides, a meeting on Thursday afternoon in a private house, with an average of twenty-eight; another on Wednesday, with an average of three. So far the weather has been unfavorable to a large attendance at this last.

Three Sunday Schools have been started in Azabu, with an average of over thirty. In connection with one of these three, Sentaro, our faithful friend and helper, has a women's meeting, at which five were present yesterday (April 23).

In Shitaya a school for poor children has been opened, as not far from our church there is a large district of the very poor who cannot afford to send their girls to the public schools. A house was rented at a cost of sen 1.80 a month, and a poor family found to live in the house as caretaker; this family bears fifty sen of the monthly rent. A good teacher was secured; the school opened with six pupils on March 16th, has now an average of thirteen. As yet but one session a day is held; as the numbers increase, there will be two. The teacher devotes her spare time to visiting among the homes of her pupils, but owing to sickness in the homes of the Christians in Shitaya, her time has been required to help in taking care of these. The teacher of this school lives with the Bible-woman, Nagano san.

The monthly meeting of the workers continues as interesting as at first. We are going to move one step further on, and have all our workers, Japanese and foreign, present at our next Branch meeting, when the reports of our work for Tokyo will be laid before them.

SHIZUOKA BRANCH.

School.—All the pupils on the roll at the close of the last term returned after the Christmas vacation. It was thought advisable to send one girl to the Tokyo school to get thorough instruction in embroidery in order that she might teach the same here. She will, in all probability, remain there until midsummer. Two new pupils have been added to our number, making a total of thirty on the register. The daily attendance has been very good, there being very few "lost days" after a pupil's return.

Some changes have taken place. Hiraiwa san, who has been with us for the past two years, and whose work has been well and faithfully done, has retired from school work to take up her life-work in another direction.

The end for which so many have been working and planning has arrived at last, and the first graduates have finished

the course. They leave their school life to take up new and responsible duties. We trust the teaching of the past five years will bear fruit in their future lives. They are professing Christians, and have been active in their work in the Sunday School under their charge. As we look ahead for them, and realize what the future has in store for them, we leave them in the Father's hands who promises His word shall not return unto Him void.

We are glad to be able to report one baptism, a servant connected with our household, during this term. We try to sow the seeds faithfully, trusting it to the care of Him who has said, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

Evangelistic.—Number of meetings held, 52; average attendance, 75; number of visits paid, 265; new homes entered, 12. The average attendance at the four Sunday Schools under our charge has been 22. A children's meeting was started at Shimada in February; there have been four meetings, with an average of 18.

The attendance at the women's meetings during the quarter has been better, but we have felt a carelessness among some of the older Christians about the study of God's Word. While they are ever ready to listen, they object to take any responsibility themselves; they are satisfied with being Christians in name, but not in deed and in truth. We pray that during the coming months we may have wisdom to guide and direct them in the right way of working for their fellow-creatures, as we have it not in our power to do. We do feel that these women, if once awakened to the fact that they are responsible for work in the Master's vineyard, can do much for the advancement of His kingdom in this land.

KOFU.

School.—In the school the term just closed has been one of quiet, steady work. The attendance has been very regular, the twenty-one pupils all being boarders. The older girls have shown growth in earnest, womanly, Christian character. They are sincerely interested in their Sunday School work among the poor, and it is doing them good. Altogether, our school gives nine workers for outside Christian work each Sunday. We close the term with a prospect of increase in numbers for the next.

Evangelistic.—The past term has been marked by the number of women interested in the truth, who attend Church regularly and faithfully. We have now four Sunday Schools under our direct control, beside working in the church Sunday School. One Sunday School of good promise, held in the house of a Christian woman, was closed by the Buddhist priest who owned the house, consequently we had to open up elsewhere. Sunday Schools, average attendance, 25; women's meetings held, 83; average attendance, 8; visits paid, 157.

KANAZAWA.

Number of meetings held, 46; average attendance, 9; visits paid, 160.

Owing to the strong efforts of the Buddhists, our school for poor children has been almost emptied, the attendance having dropped to seven or eight. We are hoping and looking for brighter days in the future.

ELIZA S. LARGE,

Cor. Sec. of the Japan Council of the W. M. S.

INDIAN WORK.

FROM MRS. REDNER.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., *June 21st, 1893.*

I suppose the time has come for my first quarterly letter, though it does not seem possible that I have already spent three months in this Home and work. I can see so very little that I have accomplished in that time; still I have been very busy.

When I first came here and looked through the work, I could see so many things that I thought could easily be improved, but the longer I remain the more plainly I see that it is much easier to see the defects than to make any permanent improvement, and I am only surprised that the teachers have succeeded as well as they have with this class of people. Their dispositions and habits are so very different from

those of white people that we need not expect the same results from our efforts to improve them.

Three of our girls have been taken out for the fishing season, and we have almost decided not to admit them again, as they were taken out against our wishes. One girl, whose time was up, has also left the Home. As she has no parents and was well able to earn her own living, either by housework or sewing, we thought it best to let her go. We trust she may be kept from evil. She was the oldest girl we had in the Home. Another, who was very delicate and obliged to be in bed about half her time, has also gone to her own home. Her parents, living some distance from us, were very uneasy about her, and thought she would never be any better, therefore wished to take her with them. We also thought it might be best, as the people make such a terrible fuss if there is a death in the Home. But we are expecting four or five new girls to-morrow, from a neighboring tribe; they will take the places of those who have gone out, and we are earnestly hoping it will be for the best. We are trying to devise some plan to give the girls two weeks' holidays, but have not yet decided what will be best.

Miss Beavis expects to take three or four weeks' holidays soon. I am sure the work will be very difficult while she is gone, for she is a very efficient teacher, and a help in every way. I can say nothing about the progress of the school, as I have been here so short a time; still I was somewhat surprised to find them as far advanced as they are, considering their advantages, for many of them have only been in the Home a short time.

The best of all is, many of them are trying to live Christian lives, but it will require a great amount of patience and care to help them to make practical use of religion. I trust that we, as teachers, may be so fully consecrated to God that our influence may be the means of keeping them faithful.

FRENCH WORK.

*Extracts from Mrs. Lamontagne's Report, East End,
Montreal.*

Questions have been asked regarding our French Mission work, which could not very well be answered, except at random, by some who are not altogether acquainted with our mode of proceeding. Therefore, I have thought it might prove beneficial to give a little information here on the subject. In all undertakings of any importance we know that good judgment and tact are absolute requisites to ensure success; and we who know anything about "Romanism" know how essential and important are the said attributes in seeking to reach and benefit that class. Having been trained to look upon the Bible as a "dangerous book," and all Protestants as "heretics," a people of "no religion," we have to be not only "wise and harmless," but also use the greatest amount of tact in approaching them, which accounts for the poor success and persecution of many Bible women and colporteurs. Now, I never think of presenting or mentioning Bible on first entering a Popish home. I have a ready excuse for my intrusion; get acquainted with them; soon make them feel I am their friend, so they can open their hearts and tell me all their troubles and difficulties. Then I can present, not the Book, but its blessed teachings, and it is enjoyed and appreciated. There are about sixty families I visit continually. All seem to love and respect me, and always make me feel welcome. Not one of these families but the mothers will confide their troubles and difficulties; and let me say here, the tales of woe and misery I hear, and the scenes I witness daily, is almost beyond description, proving the assertion that "Truth is stranger than fiction," and, were it not for the sustaining grace of the Master, and the assurance of being useful, one could scarcely bear up under the pressure at times. It has been a source of great comfort and encouragement that we have been able, through the kind response of friends, to befriend these people, and present them a practical Christianity. They compare our line of conduct with that of their own people, especially their lead-

ers, who are ever ready to burden, but seldom relieve; and we are satisfied that all these things are working for good, and the day will come when many will gladly shake off "the yoke of bondage" that enthrals them now. We are looking and praying for the coming of that happy day.

*Report of Bible Work and Teaching in the West End,
during month of April, 1893.*

One hundred and thirty-one visits have been made, and 140 tracts distributed to French-Canadian families, some of whose members are Protestants, and who have moved into the neighborhood. We hope they will attend the church services, and send some children to the day school. The average attendance at the day school, for April, has been only forty-five, on account of quite a number having moved.

The money sent for the poor was very useful in helping three of the most needy families, who had sickness among their children. There is not so much poverty now, as the women can find work.

May—one hundred and eighteen visits have been made, and a considerable amount of reading matter distributed. Beside the tracts I have had from Mrs. Ross and the Bible Room, I have got a good many French and English papers from various members of the Society. Some I have given away; in other cases have lent them for a week at a time, so that all our people have an opportunity of having good reading, and they appreciate it. Average attendance in the school for the month, fifty-five.

MARY ANDERSON.

Suggested Programme for September Meeting.

- I. Doxology.
- II. Opening Prayer, by President, followed by The Lord's Prayer, all present taking part.
- III. Scripture Reading in concert—John xv.
- IV. Hymn 225.
- V. Corresponding Secretary read subjects of prayer for month.

- VI. Five members lead in short prayers for each of the subjects specified.
- VII. Hymn 540.
- VIII. Minutes of last meeting.
- IX. Treasurer's statement.
- X. Presentation of Annual Report.
- XI. Election of officers.
- XII. Silent prayer for fuller consecration during the coming year.
- XIII. Hymn 394.
- XIV. President read aloud Isa. lvii. 13, 14—reminding members of Sunday hour of prayer, enquiring how many observe it?
- XV. Paper (5 minutes), "Obligation to Improve the Talents given us."—Matt. xxv. 14-30.¹
- XVI. Paper (5 minutes)—"How were the Funds of the Society distributed last Year?"²
- XVII. Short testimonies from four or five members, as to benefits received through connection with this Society.
- XVIII. Doxology 13.
- XIX. Benediction.

1. Leaflet, "Unemployed Talent in the Church." Price 2c. Order from Room 20.

2. Annual Report. Cannot be had at Room 20.

REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

How to Awaken in Our Auxiliary Societies a Deeper Interest in Missions—Comes up very frequently as a question and problem to every conscientious leader of an Auxiliary. This Leaflet should be in the hands of every member of the W. M. S., who has the success of the work at heart, and will be found especially useful to Presidents of Auxil-

aries and members of Programme Committee. It is full of good common sense, hints as to the time and place of meeting, and the preparation, arrangement, etc., of the programme; also, what is of equal importance, the proper conduct of the meeting by the presiding officer. If all these suggestions were carried out, they could not fail to increase the attendance at the monthly meetings, and give a deeper interest in the work to many who are indifferent and careless with respect to it. Price 2c.

The First Hundred Years of Modern Missions.—We have in this book a valuable contribution to our missionary literature, and it will be gladly welcomed by those desiring a general knowledge of the missionary work done during the past century, and whose time and opportunities for reading are comparatively limited. There is in this pamphlet of forty-eight pages an excellent epitome of the work, beginning with the state and condition of the churches before the time of Wesley; and giving from the work of Carey in 1792 all the principal missionary items during the century. It consists of a series of short articles on missions in America, the Pacific Islands, Africa and Asia, and gives a general idea of the geography, customs, climate, language, etc., of the parts most unknown to us; also the state (past and present) and progress of the people, closing each article with a summary of the work done. The pages on "A Century of Modern Mission Chronology" will be found invaluable to one requiring a date for any prominent missionary event. Short biographies of missionaries, containing thrilling and inspiring facts concerning their conflicts, trials, persecutions and conquests, make this little book most interesting. The articles on "Heathenism *versus* Christianity," "Proportion of Missionaries to Population," "Missions and Wealth," "Missions *versus* other Expenditures," "Missions as a Business Investment," etc., are very suggestive, and might convert the most sceptical to the possibility of evangelizing the heathen, and prove that in a temporal or worldly sense it pays to invest in missions. We close the book, impressed with the magnitude of the work already accomplished, and appalled at the view of what is yet to be done, at the same time feeling that *What God hath wrought in the past, He is able still to perform.* Price 10c.

New Leaflets.

The Literature Committee has just issued a very useful publication entitled *Rules of Order*, which it is hoped may be found helpful in the conduct of the various meetings in which, as members of the W.M.S., we take an active part from time to time. It would also be of service in business meetings of the Epworth League. Price, 5 cents each; 30 cents a dozen.

There is also in course of preparation a series of Leaflets on *Our Work*, of which the first and second numbers are now ready. No. 1, *Our Work in China*, and No. 2, *Our Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, B.C.*, contain the history of our work in these two fields, from its beginning to the present time. Price, 1 cent each, 10 cents a dozen.

Will friends ordering goods from Room 20 please remit by money order or bills, and if they cannot avoid sending stamps kindly remember *not* to send the three-cent denomination, if smaller or larger can be bought.

The *African News* contains much valuable information, not only on missionary operations in that land, but extremely interesting and useful articles connected with the opening up to commerce and civilization of this wonderful country. Its facts are gathered largely from Africa's fields and forests by the editor-in-chief and his co-workers at the front. A new and remarkable work, "The Story of a Slaver," which is an authentic testimony giving an inside view of Africa as it was sixty years ago, has been begun in the June number and adds much to the interest of the journal.

The Literature Committee has received such favorable terms from Mr. Ross Taylor that it is able to offer the journal to subscribers at the low rate of 75 cents a year; 6 months for 38 cents. Send 5 cents for a sample copy to MISS OGDEN, Room 20, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

Trial subscriptions—July to December—for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden:

<i>Missionary Review of the World</i>	75 cents.
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not be broken.