

"Whatsoever He saith unto you do it."

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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

Right Spirit toward Missions 'What would Jesus do?' Would He be ignorant of the work? Would He pray for Himself alone? Would He give the penny and waste the dime? Pray that we and all Christians may have Christ in our devotion to missions."

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

May—Mission work through Christian Literature.

June—A Century in the Turkish Empire.

Notice.

Mrs. G. A. Gurd, 65 McGill College Avenue, is the Treasurer of the Board. Please forward all money to her address, and make all orders payable to Mrs. G. A. Gurd.

The fiscal year of the C.C.W.B.M. terminates on May 20th. The Treasurers please send remittances to the Treasurer of the Board as early as possible, so as not to crowd the work into a few days of the year.

To the Auxiliaries of the C.C.W.B.M.

It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of Mrs. Sanders, as Treasurer of the Board and Editor of the LEAFLET, on account of continued ill-health. When Mrs. Sanders was first taken ill, now some weeks ago, it was confidently hoped that a short time of complete rest would completely restore her health, but such has not been the case; and her physician now informs her that although she may be able to leave her room before a great while, it is imperative that she give up, for the present, all mental and physical work. The Board suffers a great loss in Mrs. Sanders' resignation. She has been the faithful and efficient Treasurer for six years, and in that capacity will be greatly missed. The LEAFLET is her child; she was its first and only editor, the first number being published in November 1895, since when she has never failed to

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send out the little messenger which has come to be so esteemed by the women of our churches. We shall all miss Mrs. Sanders' bright cheery personality; her place will easily be filled; but we will hope that this retirement may be for a time, and that she may yet be able to resume the work so dear to her, and which has been so faithfully performed. We ask the prayers of our Auxiliaries that it may please the Good Physician speedily to restore our beloved friend to her wonted strength.

Until the Annual Meeting, Mrs. G. A. Gurd, 65 McGill College Avenue, Montreal, has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, and Miss Williams, 55 Drummond Street, Montreal, as Editor of the LEAFLET. Branch Treasurers will accordingly send all moneys to Mrs. Gurd; and any communication for the LEAFLET may be sent to Miss Williams till further notice.

On behalf of the Executive,
C. C. NASMITH,

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The fourteenth Annual Meeting of the C.C.W.B.M. will be held (D.V.) in the Congregational Church, Embro, Ont. Wednesday and Thursday, May 30th and 31st. Embro station on the C.P.R. easily reached from any of our western auxiliaries, so that we are looking for a large gathering of western representatives of our Board. We earnestly hope, however, that as many as possible will be present from the east also. A good programme is being prepared.

Both of the Board's delegates to the Ecumenical Mission Conference in New York—(April 21st to May 1st) expect to be at Embro, and will give their impressions of the Conference.

It is requested that names of delegates be sent to Mrs. W. T. Gunn, Embro, as early in May as possible, so that necessary arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

On behalf of the Executive,
TORONTO, April 16th. C. C. NASMITH

Letters from Mr. Currie.

CISAMBA, Jan. 19th, 1900

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—This mission is like Oliver Twist; it is a hungry creature. Its appetite knows no fear. This it begs no less than a full fledged lady teacher.

The growth of the medical department will soon call for the special care of Miss Melville in nursing the sick, looking after the hospital wards; and superintending the kitchen. She has not strength to do that, and also teach school.

Our schools are growing. We have now 108 pupils at Ceyuka. It is expected another school will soon be opened. A lady teacher ought to spend a portion of each term at the outlying station. In that way we could supplement the work of our young men and make it more effective. One of the married ladies could keep her company at such times. This cannot be done, however, without another teacher with a good constitution and accustomed to a quiet country life.

We had the company of Captain Quicke for a couple of days, but two weeks ago. He was one of Major McGibbon's expedition from Natal through Central Africa. After reaching Fasil the Major started for Cairo and the Captain came here on his way to England. He seemed pleased with what he saw here, and remarked that he had seen no such congregation as this in Africa, and in a letter since leaving says: "I carry away with me quite one of the pleasantest recollections of any of my little travels," (India, Africa, etc.,) "and the picture of your village and your dwellings and the behaviour of your people were more refreshing than any tonic."

Our gardens are just now doing well, and this is fortunate, as we are feeding from six to eight hungry white men and cannot get our supplies from the coast.

We visited Ceyuka on the last Saturday of the old year and spent the two following days there. Our Sunday service was held, but for want of seats about three fourths of those present sat on the cold bare mud floor. Part of the rest came carrying stools and chairs on which to sit. Only a few could find room on the rough benches. In the afternoon I examined fifteen chapters of our Catechism with very encouraging results. These all profess faith in Christ. Mr. Moffatt, who was with us, attended to putting in door and window frames. The evening, until nearly midnight, was spent in conference with the chief and some of his men on Christian topics. The chief has asked permission to build one or two adobe houses in connection with our hospital, for the use of his people when here for medical treatment. Mr. Campbell of the English Mission has given five pounds (£5) to purchase medicines for Ceyuka.

All the work here is moving along as well as the conditions of life in this country will admit. Kind regards to all our friends scattered throughout our churches in Canada.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—It has not been revealed what shall be done at this Station, but we observe the clan of Kole is increasing. We now have dwelling here old Kole, whose wife died and went to Canada; young Kole, one of the homeliest boys in the country, but a bright little fellow for all that,

and Napole, one of the prettiest little dark-skinned girl-Bihe. The latter two were born soon after we came here & given our name among the natives.

The doctor said he had sixty patients the other day, and think that is proof he did not come here before there was for him to do.

Mr. Moffatt is now putting doors and windows into houses of influential natives living in several districts, and of our young men have gone with him to each place as help but chiefly to preach the Gospel.

A number of boys and young men from the Cisamba will have recently begun to attend school here, and we expect number to increase until such time as we can build a school house on the other side of the Ukolonga River. Then we have a third station.

The hope has often been expressed that we would go rapidly, but we fear if the work grew more quickly than now doing we would not be able to take care of it. You make no mistake if you send us another lady teacher with matrons who expect to join us next dry season.

At Ciyuka, January 28th, a number of old people attend service for the first time, and the area from which the congregation there is drawn seems to be steadily increasing. Each we remained in conference with the Chief and others nearly midnight. Some of them have a decidedly Bihean of looking at Christian truth. One man thought "Christ put to death because He was an only son; if He had been blessed with a number of brothers, they would not have allowed the Jews to treat Him so." Just as the early training of Greeks colored, at least, their conceptions of the resurrection so the thoughts of this people in past days presses itself forward to interpret for them the Scriptures; sometimes their ideas quite helpful, and at others they tend to grievous error. Sabbath quiet talks at night enable us to untangle some knots & straighten out some paths.

Some of our men went to have a talk with the Chief Katakola, the other day. He told them he wanted to accept our words, but did not know what to do. He was willing to go back to Cepeta or to stay here and build a school for his people. We now send young men to conduct morning & evening worship, and over eighty have already been reported at an evening meeting. The Chief has also been here to ask us to help him build an adobe school-house this year. He says his people are willing to do what they can, and he wants us to tell him what he ought to do to be saved.

So now there are four places where morning and evening

is regularly conducted by representatives of this Station. Day is steadily growing to be a day of rest. The Gospel is being preached in many places, and everywhere there are signs of a golden harvest.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. CURRIE.

Letter from Kumba.

ONDONA KOLE,—Kumba writes to you to know how you are. I want to tell you, also, a little of our work, here, at Chivuka. This school there are now one hundred and two pupils. When Sandavelo and I first began to teach we had only forty-four. Many of them can now read in the book, there are also a good many who read from the blackboard. Some of them are reading the Gospel of John. Every Saturday we go to Chisamba, and return here each Monday. We do this every week.

Kumba and Kanye, and Cipilika leave Chisamba every Friday to go among the villages preaching. They return on Saturday; and so the words are being spread among many villages. The people now a-days like to hear them. On Sundays great crowds come.

My father, now, has agreed to follow Jesus. No one works Sunday any more, in his village. And Nana sends some one, in morning and evening, to read for them. When Lukamba (my best brother) and Kapusee (cousin) went to the coast, my father told them not to bring back any rum. Also he has thrown away his fetish charms and torn down their house. Please pray to God that the Holy Spirit may remain with them, and that many people may hear the good words.

Yesterday we went to a village to visit a relative of father's. I explained the words to the people there and they were very glad. As we came out of the village we saw a woman carrying a medicine to her field. I asked her "What is that for?" She said, "To make the corn grow." So I said to her: "Not this is God who gives the crops. When He pleases He sends days of rain, and days of sunshine that the corn may grow well. Do not throw it away." And she threw the medicine away and said: "That is true. God alone can do all things."

At Ondona we cannot forget your love to us, and your kindness. We want you back again and we will thank God when you come. We remember how you taught us to sing when you were on the organ. I do not forget, do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, do.

When you come, will you bring some rice seed? we could grow some.

The house of the chief here at Chivuka is being finished.

Nana and Mofata came here last week to put the roof on. Their little son Petulu is beginning to creep a little. Nana has him well. He laughs a great deal and is very cute (the word used here, "lunguka," means clever or shrewd, when applied to adults). Perhaps when you arrive at the coast I may go to meet you.

Nana is very well, so are the others, also the "Olondos" (the Misses Melville).

That is all. I have not time to write more, but I wish you would write to me again. Greet all your friends (!)

I am, your child,
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News from other Stations in West Central Africa.

It may be of interest to some of us to read these items taken from the *Missionary Herald* (April 1900) from these workers at the other stations in Western Africa :

CONTINUED GROWTH.

Mr. Stover reports that on November 5, three new members were received into the church at Bailundu, and several are waiting to join the class of catechumens. Of Keto, their best native preacher, Mr. Stover says :—

"He has preached with unusual fervor for some time, urging the church to greater activity. He has evening prayer and a night school at his village, and thinks they ought to do the same at Chilume. It would be better for him to urge them than for us." Mr. Stover reports an incident which indicates the heathenism prevailing about them, and at the same time the fervor of Christian young people, and the beneficent character of the mission.

"Last week we had quite an excitement here. The mother of one of the young women who lives here was taken for her performances, and was likely to be put to death. The old chief, the prime minister, and several others who had her in charge, passed by here with her on their way to the capital. They took her to Chilume. Our young people rushed out in a body to protest. One ran for me. I went out, but by the time I reached the scene of action they had liberated the woman. They were taking her to her daughter's house on my compound. The chief's men following, probably intending to take her again. I ordered them to leave, which they did *instantly*. We are aware that the captain-general has forbidden all performances which involve the taking of life, and that the chiefs were doing this secretly. I do not believe that it is wise for us to act the

judge or divider, but our place is always a refuge for any who fleeing from wrong and oppression, especially from being into slavery. We protect all such who come to us without question. And our rights are respected, both by the fuguese and the natives."

A HEATHEN CEREMONIAL.

Mr. Read, of Sakanjimba, reports an attempt on his part to the ombala or capital of the Ondulu country, a long day's to the north from Sakanjimba. On reaching the ombala he and that the people were about to observe the obsequies of the chief, and the inducting of the new one into office, and the people on all sides were coming to attend the ceremonies. Mr. Read says:

I saw and learned much about the heathen ceremonies connected with these events. The practical knowledge of heathen tradition, which is gained by actually living in the midst of it days, is a great advantage. I witnessed most of the heathen performances from the time the crier of the dead chief warned people to secure their animals and their children during the ceremony, lest some might disappear. The widows of the chief commenced their wailing on the third night before the funeral, continuing it until the corpse was buried in the chief's compound, and the new chief, after previous consultation with the people, had taken from it the keys of the chief's enclosure as insignia of his assumption of royalty. The power of the idols of slavish superstition is appalling. There seems to be no respect for the native life, social or religious, but what is connected with fetishism. It was a privilege by conversation, or singing and speaking, to make known the better way—to tell of the one who alone is able to break such bonds, who alone has the power of life and death. I had personal talks with the chief and his resident counsellors, and many of the chiefs from the out-districts. On the two Sunday mornings I was there I held services before the chief and old men, and a large company. I was accompanied by one of our Christian lads, and together we held daily services morning and evening in the compounds of the ombala, taking them by turn. These took for the most part a conversational phase, and many an opportunity was thus afforded to explain and apply the truth which could not have been otherwise occurred. After the ice was broken the chief and old men were very friendly, and when I announced on leaving that this was but the beginning of many such visits from myself or others, the message was received with evident interest and pleasure. It is not unlikely that the substance of the Gos-

pel will be carried by the visitors at these ceremonies to their homes, and our purpose in dwelling here will be widely understood where it was not known before."

Treasurer's Acknowledgments from March 20th to April 20th.

TORONTO BRANCH.—Toronto, Zion Auxiliary, 36 subscriptions M. L. \$3 60; Toronto, Bond Street Auxiliary, for the Melville's salaries, \$30.00, for support of their boy in Africa, \$10; Toronto, Olivet Auxiliary, 5 subscriptions, M. L. (additional), 50c.; Toronto, Northern Auxiliary for Home Missions, \$15, for Mrs Knight (China Island Mission, to be paid to Emily Thompson), \$5.

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