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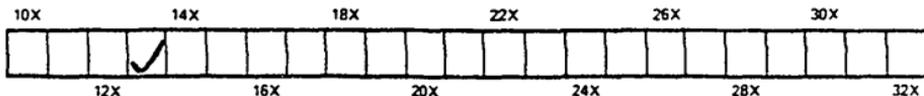
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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

"Power and Strength."—Isa. 40 : 29, Eph. 3 : 16 21; Eph. 6 : 10-11.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

October—Medical Work of the Board.

November—Thankoffering Meetings.

Notice.

The Treasurer of the C.C.W.B.M. will be absent from the office for some time. Mrs. G. A. Gurd, 65 McGill College Avenue, Montreal, P. Q., has kindly consented to act as the Treasurer of the Board until further notice. The Branch Treasurers will please send all remittances direct to Mrs. Gurd's address, and also make all money orders payable to her order.

(MRS) FRANCES A. SANDERS, *Treas.*

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, June 7, 1899.

MY DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—I have answered your last letter and now wish to send a few notes in regard to things in general at this Station. (No letter received, F.A.S.)

Goods.—Nearly all that had accumulated at the coast have been taken to hand, or are on their way here, and you will be glad to know that the stone for Miss Clarke's grave has at length reached in good condition. The machinery for the carpenter shop, however, is badly broken, but I think we will be able to repair it.

Building.—We are putting up a new carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, store and medicine room, and we hope to have them ready by the time reinforcements come, so that two of them may be used as temporary homes by the new comers, until they can build houses for themselves. They will cost the home churches nothing.

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Ciyuka Station.—The work there is steadily growing. About a week ago I spent three days there, and found everything moving along in a satisfactory way. I then laid out a new village in squares of 100 ft. with broad roads between them. In one of the squares I marked out the foundation of an adobe house of three rooms for the chief. I also selected a square for our own use, and arranged to have an adobe house of two rooms built for the teachers this year. The money for the teachers' home was sent us by a little friend in Milton, N.S., named Nora Hughes.

Cisamba Station.—During the past month one boy and three girls were born here, and four little girls from Miss M. Melville's class have become candidates for baptism, besides one boy from the Sunday School. Our congregations are good and the work is encouraging.

Our Preachers are not highly educated, but they do good. The chief said that Lumbo had preached well the last time he was at Ciyuka. On the following Monday a man came to him and said, "I want to chop down my owrilu wa kandundu," a high pole in the shape of a cross, which is climbed by the official during the worship of Kandundu, who is supposed to be possessed by a spirit, under whose influence he forced the people to climb the cross bar at the top of the pole. The chief told the man he had done away with such things, and thought no more about them, but he could do as he thought best. The man went back to his village and cut down the pole, and pulled down several spirit houses, leaving only those which he said he would destroy when he returned from the interior. The chief thought this was a fruit of Lumbo's preaching. I wish we had fifty young men like him to engage in evangelistic work, and we may have in the near future.

Courage in our boys is an element we try to encourage, without it there can be little stability of character, and we often get proof that it is not altogether wanting. On a recent journey some men wanted to know if one of the boys had no fear. I replied, "I don't know, I fear God, but do not see anything to be afraid of," and they were at the time, walking in the track of a lion, and had driven away a band of thieves the night before. Again, when retiring from the Barotse Valley, one man was leading a herd of cattle and two were driving the animals. A large lion came out of the bush in front of them and met them straight for the man, who began to shout and shake his gun at the beast, while the two at the rear fled, and climbed up trees. At length the man stood speechless, shaking a broken gun behind him and the lion with mane erect and tail curled over his back.

ood pawing the ground a few feet in front of him. Our lad putulume ran up to within a few yards of the beast, and put charge of buck-shot into his side from a shot gun. The animal turned round, but fortunately took his own path back to the bush, as dirt had got into the joints of the gun so that he could not close it to fire another shot. At a short distance the lion fell, and Lumbo ran up with a rifle, but the beast regained his feet, and made for cover before the lad could get aim at him. The two then started in pursuit, but the chief called them back saying, "The savage beast is wounded and has made for the bush, let him go; we did not come to seek lions, we came to seek cattle, and have enough to do to look after our tame animals, without running after wild ones." The boys were disappointed, but they took comfort from the fact that they had brought down two buffaloes, some large deer and other animals for food. Some of the Barotse people told Lumbo that "if he lived with them he would be made a big man and given the daughter of a chief to wife, and would not believe that he was a Bibeau," but he told them in his modest way, "I am a Bibeau and a pupil in Nance.Kole's School." Yes, and his teacher loves him, and thanks God for him. He is as kind to a little child as a mother, and though but a very small man, the chief of Ciyuka says, "he fears neither man nor beast, and knows nothing of business."

Troubles.—We have them in all shapes. A couple of soldiers plundered some of our carriers the other day. I sent some of the boys to enquire into the case. They threatened to shoot the lads and tie me up if I came near them. I seized a rifle and went after them, followed by all the boys. We caught and handed the rascals over to justice.

One of our lads, a member of the church, inherited a lot of debts by the death of an elder brother; to try and pay them he had to borrow two loads of rubber, and put himself in slavery. He was then ordered to leave us and live at the village of his master. I have paid the rubber and put him to work to earn enough to pay his debt.

The very cold weather lately, made our lads grumble at ramping mud for brick. I would do the same myself in their place. It is nasty hard work at this season, but we cannot give up. So we got hot coffee ready for them at six o'clock in the morning. This worked like a charm, and to day they made the largest number of adobe they have made any day this year, and were finished one hour before the time to stop work. I told them they were men, and I was proud of them; they do not often get such a compliment from me, and they made the place ring with a shout of pleasure.

One of our young women is an epileptic. She let a foal fall in a fit and it died. A couple of weeks ago, she had another little boy given her. Yesterday she had six fits, and was compelled to feed the baby by hand. This will be a great expense, for our cattle give no milk, and we will have to use condensed. A gift of twenty dollars, however, sent by Nora Hughes, came to hand by last mail, and we are using it to pay for baby's milk. The father is Kumlo. The mother is a member of the church. We hope the baby will yet be a preacher of Christ.

From Miss Maggie W. Melville.

CISAMBA, June 4th, 1888.

MY DEAR MRS. CUSHING, — I was pleased to receive your letter, and when our dear friends in the home land write me, I like to tell them something of our work here.

To-day is Sunday, and with it came the work of the week. But to us it is really a rest day as compared with the six days of the week. We had a very good congregation at the morning service, and also at the Sunday School which followed. I have 46 little girls in my class. Four of the girls, all about ten years of age, have just gone into Mr. Currie's class for preparation for church membership. How one's heart burns as we see these little ones thus coming out and declaring themselves accepting Jesus as their Saviour. The heart goes up in prayer that they may in truth learn of Him and take Him into their lives in every action. Two of these young girls are engaged, two of the young lads, Wanga and Ngola. These two lads are both church members. Three of these girls read quite well, and the other reads fairly well, not having been at school long as the others.

Last Sunday, Mr. Currie spent at Ciyuka. He found a good congregation at the morning service, I think he said about 100.

The chief Kanjundu is very earnest but he has some difficult problems to solve, for going from heathen darkness to Christian light leaves many, many things which were not visible in that darkness. He is busy having a new three-roomed house built for himself, and has a new village laid out where he wants to have those build who are intending to have new houses.

The school is going on as usual, and good progress is being made. His wife with her twins is here now, for the babies are sick and so cross. Poor woman she has her hands full with them. However, she quietly sits and reads when her turn comes with perhaps both kicking on her knee.

We thank you for your prayers for we have felt the strength given because of the prayers of God's people in our home church.

From Miss Margaret W. Leitch.

RIVERSIDE FARMS, NEWPORT, N.H., Sept. 11th, 1899.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—I write to express my grateful thanks for the kind donation forwarded by you to Mr. Wiggin for the use of the General Medical Mission in Ceylon. As a money goes so far in that country, this will do much to help on the Christ like work in which Dr Scott is engaged. I have written to him of your gift, and hope he will send you a letter from one of the nurses. An interesting Annual Report of the work has been sent to the American parlour rooms, and doubtless a printed one will reach Rev. and Mrs. Macallum in due time. I hope you will get a reading of it.

Ever gratefully yours,

Margaret W. Leitch.

S.—Please thank all who united in making the sum sent by me. May Christ reward them.

Woman's Board of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Woman's Board of the Congregational churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, held their second annual meeting at Amherst, N.B., in connection with the Congregational Union, on Oct. 10-11. The officers and delegates present were Mrs. A. Mans and Mrs. E. E. Braithwaite of Yarmouth, N.S.; Mrs. C. Dearborn of St. John; Mrs. W. Coburn and Mrs. A. Ross, of New Brunswick Ridge, Mrs. J. Austen and Miss Ida Barker of Amherst; Mrs. Godfrey representing Brooklyn, Beach Meadows, Amherst, and Liverpool, N.S.; Mrs. Anthony of Lower Selma and Amherst, N.S.; Mrs. Whyte of Pleasant River and Hemsford, N.S., Mrs. Coffin and Mrs. Hill of Kingsport, N.S. A half hour prayer meeting was held every morning at nine a. m., and there were a number of business meetings for the discussion of amendments to the constitution and other matters. The life membership fee is \$25, and societies may become Auxiliary to the Board on the payment of 25 cents for each member, undesignated. The Treasurer reported the sum of \$458.00 raised during the year, \$285.00 for Home Missions, \$123.00 for Foreign, and \$70.00 for the College. The Public meeting was held on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Jenkins in the chair. Mrs. Austen gave the address of welcome and Mrs. Godfrey the response. Mrs. Currie spoke of the life of the women of Africa, from the cradle to the grave, showing photographs. Miss Dougall spoke of the work of the C.C.W.B.M., and the Rev. T. S. Smith, of the American

Board, spoke of missions in Ceylon. The following officers elected.—President, Mrs. Jenkins, Vice Presidents, Mrs. of Selma, Mrs. Dearborn of St. John, and Mrs. Harvey McL. of Brooklyn, N.S.; Secretary, Miss Ida Barker, and Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Kerr of St. John, Miss Adeline Burpee, of Shelburne was appointed Superintendent of Mission Band; Mrs. Brewster was appointed delegate to the meetings of the C.C.W.B. at Embro, Ont., next June.

Mrs. Currie having mentioned her desire for a cornet for use of the bands of young men who go out to hold meetings in African villages, it was decided to invite the Sunday School to contribute money for the purchase of four cornets, that each of the four bands might have one to help in gathering their congregations. The money for our cornet was, however, contributed in 25 cents subscriptions at the last meeting of the Union, one of the pastors present pledged another. Contributions for the remaining two should be sent to Mrs. Wm. Kerr, McPherson Pleasant, St. John, N.B. Mrs. Currie's visit was very highly appreciated and will result in a new interest in foreign work. Meetings were further arranged for her at St. John, Yarmouth and Chebogue.

A Word for Secretaries.

The first thought of one who stops to take account of the duties of the proffered secretaryship she is considering, or of a new position she has just accepted, will be that she is to attend to the minutes of each meeting. Surely in this does lie a fundamental duty toward the Society, but if it is the beginning, it is by no means the ending of responsibility for the efficient and conscientious secretary. Even in the keeping of minutes does whole or half-hearted devotion to work show itself. Here is an opportunity to make a dry record of facts, or to so clothe the record of the meeting, yet without too much amplifying, that it is heard and hearing it shall think, "What a good meeting that was!" "How much I lost in not having been there!" Here, too, is the secretary's option to sit idly enjoying the meeting as it proceeds, trusting to her memory afterwards to supply the facts necessary for the minutes, or to write down diligently everything as it occurs, making an exact record of every motion made and of all important features of the discussion, and of every appointment for individual or committee service. The alert, efficient secretary carries in mind the business of the auxiliary as well as does the president, and is the president's right hand support at all times and to aid her when needed by reminding her of the matters which should be brought before

ety. The meeting over, the careful secretary makes it her business to write out fully the minutes which were of necessity hurriedly taken, and to inform all committees or individuals appointed for special service that they are so chosen, forgetting to tell chairmen of committees of their appointment to that particular office.

If duties between meetings the secretary has no lack. She keeps a complete list of the names and addresses of all connected with the society. Friends and acquaintances will assume a new attitude in her mind as she realizes that they are members of the same auxiliary, and, like herself, pledged to its interests. She will keep herself in touch with these members for the work's sake, and, that she "might by all means win some," will try to present the cause wisely and tactfully to those not yet enrolled upon its list of adherents. Sent members, too, will be affectionately inquired after by her watchful secretary, and made to feel that somebody cares if the work does suffer if they are not in their places. Since few of our auxiliaries have recording or corresponding secretaries, we will consider all the duties of both officers under one head, and suggest that this one, who is such an important part of her society, may greatly add to her usefulness by corresponding occasionally with the Branch or Board. Obtaining from them the latest information regarding the work to which her society is especially pledged, she will pass on all such information at the next meeting. The secretary who does this will be sure to see that all notices of meetings are promptly and early given, and will never fail to bring before the auxiliary every matter of Branch or Board interest which is sent her, as secretary, from headquarters for this purpose.

As far as possible she will be personally present at every meeting of her Branch, and never will her society's report be held for in vain at the annual meeting of the Branch. She will feel alike a special responsibility and a special delight in being at the meetings of the Board which come within her reach, and in reading printed reports of those which are held far away as to be inaccessible to her.

Not as though any of us who are secretaries had already attained, but as all striving after the realization of our ideals, we bring together and offer for each other's pondering these responsibilities of our high calling. — *Life and Light*.

Treasurer's Acknowledgements from Aug. 20th, to Sept 20th 1899.

TORONTO BRANCH.—Toronto Northern Auxiliary, from Mrs. (Rev.) R. Robinson, for Cisamba Mission, \$5, and from the

Auxiliary to constitute Miss Hattie F. Clarke a Life member \$25.

OTTAWA BRANCH. - Kingston Junior C.E.S. of Bethel church to aid in the support of a boy at Cisamba, \$5.

Total for Ontario, \$35.

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Africa—“Story of my Life” (Bishop Taylor). “Realities and Romance in South Central Africa” (Johnston). Moffatt’s “South Africa.” “Livingston.” “Khama’s Country.” “Story of Uganda” (S. G. Stock.) “Mackay of Uganda.” “Lone Wanderer in Africa.” “Among the Matabele.” “Thomas Comber.” “Bishop Crowther.” “Missionaries and Martyrs of Madagascar.” “Round Africa.” Miss Whately’s “Egypt.” “Among the Zulus.”

China—“Chinese Character Sketches.” “Corner of Cathay” (Adelphi Fielde). “Tung, or Five years in South China.” “Among the Thibetans” (Isabella Bird Bishop). “From Far Formosa” (Mackay). “Demon Possession” (Dr. Nevius). “Ten years in Manchuria.” “A Cycle of Cathay” (Martin). “Among the Mongols.” (Gilmour.)

India—“The Child of the Ganges.” “The Old Missionary” (Hunter). “Pomegranates from the Punjaub.” “Wounded Soldier” (A.L.O.E.) “Seven years in Ceylon” (Miss Ives). “Our Heroes of India.” “Alexander Duff.” “Adoniram Judson.” “William Carey.” “Tales of the Punjaub” (F.A.S.)

Japan—“Joseph Neesima” (Davis). “The Ainu of Japan.”
The Isles—“Islands of the Pacific” (Francis). “Among the Maories.” “James Chalmers.” “Bishop Patteson.” “E. Lyman, the Martyr of Sumatra.” “John G. Paton.” “Lionel from the New Hebrides” (Mrs. Paton).

Persia—“Justin Perkins, D.D.” “Woman and the Gospel in Persia.” “Henry Martyn and Samuel J. Mills.”

Turkey—“Dr. Shaufler.” “Rule of the Turk” (Griffiths). “Armenia.”

By Dr. A. J. Gordon.—“The Holy Spirit in Missions.” “The Ministry of the Spirit.” “How Christ came to Church.”

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