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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—NOVEMBER.

Thanksgiving for the year's mercies. Confession of shortcomings. Prayer for increase of knowledge in regard to the needs of the world, and for increased liberality in our gifts to the missionary work of the Church. 2. Cor. ix. 8, 11, 15.

JAPAN.

From Miss Robertson.

KIN KARINZAWA, *August 29th, 1894.*

The girls Mrs. Large brought with her from Tokyo have been active in this and other villages. They go out every week to work in a town some distance from here. They also gather the children from the streets here, and have a week day children's meeting besides the Sunday School. Some of the children have continued very regularly in attendance despite an order from the principal of the school forbidding them to go.

It is beautiful to see how the girls have developed. The teachers of other mission schools are much surprised at the way in which the foreign teachers have the confidence of the girls, and what they are capable and willing to do. We have sincere, devoted Christians among them who are ready and willing to go out into the streets and hunt up an audience if one does not come to them to listen to the words of the Gospel.

The sacredness of the work, the honor of being laborers together with Him who has called us here is great, and yet not one of us is able to do all we wish and yearn to do. Our best work is training these girls, who understand and can work among their own people to much better advantage than we ever can. The all-round education they receive in our schools makes some beautiful characters among them. We certainly have cause to be thankful for the results we see.

From Mrs. Large.

TOKYO, *September 7th, 1894.*

Mr. T. was in yesterday. He says the war is going to make this a hard year in our ordinary Christian work; people are too full of war to think of church going and the social means of grace. We must be prepared to see hard times and perhaps much discouragement.

I told you the regiment to which our soldiers belonged had already left for the seat of war. They went only to Yokosuka, and were sent back; but their summons has come, they expect to leave any day. Yesterday, just as we sat down to dinner, Mr. Kumagai came suddenly; they had been given the afternoon in which to say good-bye to their friends. In his joy at getting a half holiday he had come away without any dinner, and had just gone first to see Mr. Takagi, the pastor, and then came here. He spent an hour with us and left. About an hour after, another soldier, Mr. Y., came to say good-bye. An hour passed, when he said, "Others planned to come and see you to-day, and I was to wait here. They must have been prevented, but, if I am not hindering you, I would like to stay longer; I have no

place else to go." Gladly I urged him to stay, so he spent his afternoon here. Three months ago this young man was drinking heavily, and showed his habits in his face. Yesterday he touched deeply Miss Crombie and I, as he spoke of there being no other comfort for him save that which he got from his Bible.

Saying good-bye to these brought the war very close to us, and revealed also the hold our soldiers had taken on us, as well as the influence we had gained over them by our Wednesday receptions. There is nothing left for us now but prayer for them.

CHINESE WORK IN VICTORIA, B.C.

From Miss Wickett.

VICTORIA, B.C., *October 3rd, 1894.*

About three months ago, I spent some real happy hours visiting the women in New Westminster Chinatown. Besides telling them of our great Redeemer, we had singing and prayer together. I consider this quite a triumph over their prejudices. As they were all so desirous of my visiting them again, and as no one visits them regularly, I am planning to do so every six or eight weeks, leaving here on Fridays and returning on Mondays. We are told there are from forty to fifty women and girls in Vancouver's Chinatown, so when at New Westminster I purpose taking the tram-car to Vancouver to disseminate still further the Word of Life.

Ere this letter reaches you, you will have heard that another girl has been rescued from Chinatown. We rejoiced that she was safe from the clutches of her so-called "owner," but, until yesterday noon, feared that she herself would dash our hopes to the ground, for, in spite of all our pleading and coaxing, she would not take a morsel of food, saying it all had medicine to make her docile, and would piteously cry to go back to Chinatown. Still the admonition, "Believe, and ye shall receive," was ever with me, and yesterday, at noon, again I endeavored to show her the

great folly of her conduct. Then she said the 'Chinese on the street shouted to her not to touch our "poisonous food," but it did not take long to make her see the reason for such words, and soon she was actually on her feet to examine the larder for herself. Then I felt like shouting, for the battle was won. The poor creature, however, considered eggs the safest to make a trial of, and, after we all solemnly declared not a drop of medicine was inside them, she cooked them herself, and quickly they disappeared. Since then she has begun to feel she can trust us, and has regularly partaken of the girls' meals. As no summons to court has as yet been issued, we are hoping the parties interested will not dare to attempt to obtain their so-called "property." I hope ere long she may be a willing learner at the feet of the meek and lowly One.

INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs Redner.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., *September 3rd, 1894.*

Our work during the summer has been encouraging in many ways, and many times it is perplexing in the extreme. While the Gospel truth is fast spreading all along the coast, from tribe to tribe, still there are those at home who are very trying.

In consequence of a school opening up at Skidegate, the children of that tribe have been taken from us; some of them had been in the Home for three years, and were very much benefited, while two of them had only spent one year here, consequently had made but little advancement, for until they have acquired a knowledge of English, they make but slow progress. The little girl whose spine was affected was one of the number taken. She was such a good child that we trust she may be made instrumental, in our Father's hands, of doing much good among her own people. This leaves us only twenty-nine children at present, but one of our Tsimsheans asked me yesterday about taking two of

his girls. He expects to bring them in to-day, and we hope, as the fall comes on, to take others in. It seems to me a great pity that there is no way to prevent them taking their children out until the time specified in the agreement has expired. This to me is the most trying part of my work, for sometimes, just when we see that the child is being influenced for good, why something occurs that she must go home.

The two deaths in the Home this year have been hurtful to us in many ways, but we know it is all right and will work for good, because it was our Father's planning. We will trust Him to bring good out of seeming evil.

Our hearts were greatly rejoiced a short time since by Olive's conversion. She has had a long and bitter struggle. She has told me so often that she has tried to be good and tried to pray, but God never heard her; and once she said she guessed there was no God, for He never answered her. We have made her a special subject of prayer for some time, for the child is particularly attractive and subject to many temptations, but, thank God, she has won the victory and now delights to tell of the love of Jesus and His power to save. She has so changed in her conduct about the house that we can but rejoice with her. There is only one large girl now in the Home who does not profess conversion. We hope the time is not far distant when she also will yield herself to Christ.

HOME READINGS.

(FOR DECEMBER.)

Medical Training for Women in India, - - - - -	} <i>Miss. Rev.</i> , Apr., '94, p. 281.
The Need of the Nations, - - - - -	
Woman's Medical Missionary Work - - - - -	} <i>Outlook</i> , Sept., '94, p. 132.
Report of Rev. Dr. Hart - - - - -	
	" Oct., '94, p. 151.

Suggested Programme for December Meeting.

I. Opening exercises :

"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Matt. ix. 12.

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. Subjects for Prayer for the month :

Medical mission and dispensary work, that through the healing of the body the soul may be touched. Our work in China, and the work of Dr. Bolton on the Pacific coast. Heb. x. 36.

To be Read.—"What does sickness mean to millions of our fellow-creatures in heathen lands? Throughout the East sickness is believed to be the work of demons. The sick person at once becomes an object of loathing and terror, is put out of the house, is taken to an outhouse, is poorly fed and rarely visited, or the astrologers, or priests, or medicine-men, or wizards assemble, beating big drums and gongs, blowing horns and making the most fearful noises. They light gigantic fires, and dance around them with their unholy incantations. They beat the sick person with clubs to drive out the demon. They lay him before a roasting fire, till his skin is blistered, and then throw him into cold water. They stuff the nostrils of the dying with aromatic mixtures or mud, and in some regions they carry the chronic sufferer to a mountain-top, placing barley-balls and water beside him, and leave him to die alone.

"The woe and sickness in the unchristianized world are beyond telling, and I would ask my sisters here to remember that these woes press most heavily upon women, who in the seclusion of their homes are exposed to nameless barbarities in the hour of 'the great pain and peril of child-birth,' and often perish miserably from barbarous maltreatment."—*The Missionary Outlook*.

In contrast to all this our trained medical missionaries go out with useful medicines, and knowing a great deal about the best cures for sickness. They have more than this—the love of the Lord Jesus in their hearts; and as they heal the body they bring forgiveness and peace to the soul.

Our own Dr. Bolton writes from Port Essington, B.C. :

"I came here June 6th, found many patients waiting for treatment; a few needing operations which have greatly alleviated their sufferings, and some in the last stages of consumption, who, with others dying of cancer and more acute diseases, have shown great resignation and drawn comfort from long-established communion with God."

V. Bible Reading :*

"He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke iv. 18.

"Surely he hath borne *our* griefs (sickness), and carried *our* sorrows." Isaiah liii. 4.

What are we doing to lead our sisters, "who sit in the shadow of death," to this Great Physician?*

VI. Prayer.

VII. A glimpse of Dr. Bolton's medical work, Port Simpson, B.C.†

VIII. Hymn and Doxology.

* Bible Reading : An exposition of these passages of Scripture.

† See "Our Work," No. IV. Price 1 cent. Or let some member who has heard Dr. Bolton speak on this subject, tell it for the benefit of those who have not.

REVIEW OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

"Murdered Millions" is the title of a booklet written by Dr. George D. Dowkontt to prove the need and value of medical missions. "It is a book of revelations," and its aim is "to right the wrongs of the One Thousand Millions in heathen lands." The treatment of the sick in Africa, Alaska, Arabia, Burmah, China, India, Korea and Siam is dwelt upon and the cruelties practised related; a heart-sickening record, which shows indeed the necessity of more consecrated workers. Our over-crowded cities could well spare some of their physicians. "In the city of New York there are over 3,000 physicians to attend to the physical needs and suffering of about one million and a half people, or one doctor to every 500 persons, while in heathen lands the proportion is one medical missionary to three millions of people," equivalent to two medical men for the whole population of Canada.

A perusal of this little book will, we trust, lead some of our consecrated young women to the study of medicine, with the end in view of going to the foreign field, to heal the bodies as well as the souls of the dying millions.

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EXTRACT FROM "MURDERED MILLIONS."

KOREA. — The ignorance prevailing amongst the people of this country may be somewhat realized by the fact that, about seven years since, when a war was raging, a nephew of the king was wounded in the thigh. The best native skill was at hand, and when Dr. Allan, the medical missionary, was summoned he found no less than thirteen native surgeons present, in the act of pouring molten wax into the gaping wound to stop the hemorrhage. As he brushed these "doctors" aside and ligated the bleeding arteries, they were simply astounded at his wonderful skill. The prince said to him afterwards: "My people say 'that doctor did not come from America, he must have come from heaven.'" Was that an echo of the Saviour's words: "Heal the sick, and say unto *them* the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you?"

Recently a terrible case was brought to the knowledge of some of our missionaries at Korea.

A parent was dying and the "doctor" demanded the hand of the patient's daughter "to be cut off and stewed" to make broth for the patient, and it *was done*, and the poor girl-child was not only thus terribly tortured and butchered (without any anæsthetic), but all through her future life she will bear the mutilation, not simply as an example of ignorance and cruelty on the part of her own people, but she will go about with her *handless arm*, because the Gospel and medical science *have not been given* to her people as they *could and should* have been. This is not an isolated case by any means; there are many such maimed daughters in Korea.

Will Auxiliaries Please Make a Note of This?

The Board of Managers at its annual meeting in Cobourg decided to retain the names of members in the Annual Report, and to increase the price to ten cents.

The Literature and Publication Committee has pleasure in announcing that it will be prepared to fill orders for the Calendar for 1895 by the 1st of December. The Calendar will contain photo-engravings of our missionaries, together with the subjects for prayer and texts for each month of the year. Price, 25 cents each; posting and wrapping, 10 cents per dozen additional.

New Publications.

The Literature Committee has pleasure in announcing that it has placed two new leaflets and a music-book on the list:

"Our Work," No. V., by Rev. D. Jennings, on *Manners and Customs of Indians of Port Simpson District, B.C.*, is one cent for single copies, ten cents per dozen.

Methods of Work and Suggestions for Mission Circles, by Mrs. B. Dickson-Daly, is placed on the free list.

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