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Subjects for Study and Prayer for the Month :

That increased spiritual power may come upon the Church at home and abroad, and that secret believers may be taught of the Spirit.

China.

From MISS FOSTER, CHENTU, CHINA, Sept. 21st, 1899.

I THINK I wrote you that Dr. Killam had taken two of the girls from the boarding-school to the mountain for their health. We are expecting them back in a few days. It was hoped that the change would do her good as well as the children, as she has not been very well.

At present I am making bedding for one of the wards in the hospital, and having the wards cleaned so that when Dr. Killam returns two of them at least will be ready for patients.

The children in the orphanage are doing very well. The last baby received has had ulcers for more than a month, but she is much better now. Dr. Ewan has kindly treated her for over a week.

From DR. MAUD KILLAM, OMEI SOHAN, CHINA, *Sep.*
6th, 1899.

THIS is a damp day; the mist hangs over the mountain tops. Mrs. Hart and I have been spending it together in our comfortable rooms on the mountain-side. Dr. Hart has been down to Kia-ting for a few days, and we are watching for his return to-night. . . . At last he has come in, and so tired after a walk of ten miles and ascent of the steep mountain-side! He has certainly done well after having been so poorly. No chairmen could be got for it was a festal day, and people will not work then unless compelled.

Malaria is a great enemy to the missionaries in many parts of China. How glad we will be if Dr. Hart feels well enough to stay with us a few years longer. He is such a grand, good leader, and has had so many years of experience. It is a privilege to be with him and Mrs. Hart, both of whom I have learned to love.

I should not be away from Chentu this summer except for two sick school children. They needed the change so much; their trouble is tuberculosis of the lungs. One has not improved in health yet very much. She is very bright and such a sweet child.

Dr. Smith was up here for some time before me and after I came. Since his return home I have had about as much medical work as I had in Chentu. Patients come every day. It is a great pleasure to be among these country-folk. They seem much like country people at home—friendly and hospitable and unsuspecting. Some are afraid of our medicine but not of us, and most seem to have no fear at all. They listen so willingly to the Gospel story which I and our good school woman try together to tell them. Quite a number of mountain expressions are very different from those used in Chentu. Sometimes the woman cannot understand them, and they do not understand all she says. I try to tease her then by calling her a foreigner. These people are very grateful for what is done for them. They bring presents of walnuts, eggs, beans,

corn, cucumbers, and squash. When I offer money for the same they seem almost as much displeased, and make me feel almost as ashamed, as a foreigner would.

Though without newspapers, they communicate quickly with each other. It does not seem as if there could be many more children around that have not had medicine. Some have come quite long distances and they stay around for half a day—very many have sore eyes.

When out walking with Dr. and Mrs. Hart the people would give us most cordial invitations to go into their farm-houses and visit a while. All seem to respect Dr. Hart so much.

We stay in temples when we go to the mountains, there there being no other place. The houses are of mud with thatched roofs and no floors. You would be delighted to know the old priest of this temple. He is very friendly to us and thinks so much of Dr. Hart, who also esteems him highly. Though owning this temple and a lot of land and farm-houses about it, yet he does not appear the least bit proud, and he is educated. You would be the more surprised at him if you knew how much above any manual work the ordinary Chinese scholar feels himself. I have seen the old priest down on his knees to wrap up some parcels of tea for me; have seen him help to carry in a charcoal stove for our convenience, and running to more quickly bring me a spoon to serve a patient. He is a doctor himself, but of course his drugs are all crude, and he does not know much about the body. He seems to succeed pretty well, for patients are continually coming to him. He is so patient and glad to serve them. Still more, he is not a bit jealous, and brings a great many of these patients to me. I give them tracts in his presence, and he knows that I preach to them. Surely a priest more lenient to us and our religion could not be found, and I am afraid we will never know his equal. If patients come from a distance and have no medicine bowl he seems delighted to lend one. Oh, that this dear old man, with so much of goodness and kindness towards others in his heart, might come to know the one Pattern of all goodness! He makes me feel ashamed sometimes because he is earlier at prayers before the idols than I am before the one true God.

Some time ago I was watching a man at worship in the temple. He had a book, and was reading and offering the prayers of some of his neighbors. He seemed in earnest. Every little while he would play a bit with the cymbals which he carried. Leaning over from the gallery above I almost breathed a prayer that he might be in earnest in his devotion. I seemed unconscious that he prayed before idols. Then I started, and asked myself what I prayed—did I, or did I not, want him to be in earnest? Then it seemed to me right that I should pray that he might be in earnest while true to his highest idea of right, until more light was given him. Human beings everywhere have so many traits in common. The Chinese express themselves in many ways just as we do.

We pray that God may pour rich blessing upon the members of our Board who labor so faithfully at home. Would that I were more worthy of you all.

Japan.

From MISS BLACKMORE, 31 SANGENYA, AZABU, CHINA,
November 2nd, 1899.

I THINK I have not spoken of Miss Green beyond saying that we hoped to be able to secure her services. She comes to us for ten hours of English teaching per week. She takes all the heaviest work—except the Bible lessons—I mean the subjects which require the most time outside of class for preparation and correcting exercises. She is a very painstaking teacher. It is a great help to have so much of the English teaching provided for. Then Mrs. Borden has come to our help in teaching the English Bible lesson three times a week, and in the evangelistic work she takes the weekly woman's meeting in Azabu. This is a very real help, for every Bible lesson demands uninterrupted time for preparation.

Miss Veazey and I do not pretend to study the language at present. And so we hope to be able to "hold the fort" until you can send us help.

You will see by the heading that we are not yet in our new building. Another delay came from a short, sharp typhoon on October 6th; the scaffolding and some unbraced timbers fell again, but we were glad to see the part in which the bracings were complete stand the strain. This time we feel that no fault lies with the contractor—many unfinished buildings in Tokyo came down in that half hour. A large temple in Tsukiji, on which they have been working more than four years, was wrecked; the beautiful carved pillars snapped off like pipe-stems. It was disheartening to watch the scaffolding of our building going up for the third time, and we are thankful now to see it safely beyond that stage.

It seemed we never before had so many rainy days in October, but, then, I certainly never watched the weather so closely before.

AN IDEAL VOYAGE.

Miss Crombie, writing on her return to Japan, says: "The voyage has been an ideal one; the weather most pleasant, the passengers exceedingly agreeable and delightful. I am told that we have the largest number of missionaries that have ever crossed the Pacific on one steamer. I think there are forty-nine, most of whom are going to China. Among the passengers is Mrs. Little, the wife of the British consul at Tien Tsin, returning with her husband to China. She is a woman of character, most unselfish and self-forgetful, a judge, and has interested herself much in the games and amusements. She addressed us Sunday evening on the subject, 'The Hope of China from Her Women.' Mrs. Little is the originator and founder of the 'Anti-Footbinding Society' in China. She spoke with warmth and feeling on the subject, and gave ore the impression that her sympathies are with the Chinese, and that in her they have a warm friend who has been most energetic in trying to serve them, and who will do all in her power so lift them up, and, to use her own words, 'set the women of China on their feet.'

"One afternoon we had addresses on 'The Future of China' from an educational standpoint, by Mr. Tewksbury, a returning missionary, from a naval standpoint by another passenger, and from a political standpoint by Mr. Little, who spoke very kindly and hopefully of the Chinese. We missionaries were delighted to hear people in their position express such interest in the country where they live.

"Miss Wilkinson, a Methodist missionary returning to China, is my room-mate, and we enjoy each other's company very much. There are three other Methodist ladies going to China and one to Corea. The majority of the missionaries are Presbyterians."

On board ship between Yokohama and Kobe.

Chinese Work in British Columbia.

A FEW lines from Miss Morgan, dated Victoria, November 21st, mentions a trip to the mainland, and she says: "I had a very good time among the women in Vancouver and New Westminster, of which I intend writing you more fully. Everything is going on nicely in the Home, and you will be glad to hear that my work in China town is growing. We have had meetings in four places, and hope to be able to open one or two more before the end of the year. Dr. Chung comes for English every day, and in return she gives me help in the evangelistic work. I have enjoyed better health the last two months than I have had for years.

MISS ALICE JACKSON, of Oshawa, a missionary candidate, is in attendance at the Methodist Deaconess Home and Training School, taking the required course of training. Her name was unintentionally omitted from the list of candidates given in the December *Monthly Letter*.

Increase.

Bay of Quinte Branch—Campbellford District. Zion Auxiliary, Bethel Auxiliary.

Suggested Programme—February.

Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month :

The Indians of our Dominion.

“The Stranger Within Our Gates.”

- I. Opening Exercises {
1. Doxology.
 2. Read Subjects for Prayer and Study.
 3. Responsive Scripture Lesson.*
 4. Hymn.
 5. Prayer.
- II. Regular Business.
- III. Hymn.
- IV. The Watch-Tower.
- V. Poster of the Indian Work.†
To be read by the Watchman of Indian Missions.
- VI. {
1. Name the members of the Committee on Indian Affairs.‡
 2. Read the Recommendations of that Committee to the Board.
- VII. Half an hour at Kitamaat.§
- VIII. Prayer Service.

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† Price, 5 cents, at Room 20 and the Depots.

‡ See pages 6, 11, 12 and 16, Woman's Missionary Society Annual Report, 1898-99. Not sent unless specially ordered from Room 20.

§ See "Nan-na-kwa," price, 1 cent, at Room 20 and the Depots. "Nan na-kwa" is a quarterly, issued at the Indian village of Kitamaat, B. C.; published, edited and printed, Rev. G. H. Raley. Select six readings (of five minutes each).

Two cents additional for postage and wrapping.

Leaflets.

“THE CANADIAN DOUKHOBOR SETTLEMENTS.”

Any person who wishes to give attention to the second part of our subject for Study and Prayer for February, “The Stranger within our Gates,” should read the series of letters by Lally Bernard, reprinted from *The Globe*. These letters cannot fail to arouse an intelligent and sympathetic interest in this persecuted people, whom we have invited to share with us our blessings of land and liberty.

The pamphlet may be ordered from Room 20, or the Depots (for addresses, see foot of last page). Price, 15 cents; two cents additional for postage and wrapping.

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The following leaflets are recommended from practical experience, as of special value to Organizers: "Our Work Series," Nos. 2-12, "Foot-Binding in China," "Do they Understand?" "Bricks for Builders," "Duties of Auxiliary Officers," "Constitution for Auxiliary and Mission Bands," "Methods of Work, and Suggestions for Young People's Societies," "Scattered Helpers' Leaflets and Cards," "Thoughts on District Work," "The Watch Tower—How Conducted," "The Auxiliary Member Between Meetings," "An Appeal to the Women of the Methodist Church," (the new edition is entitled, "Another Appeal," etc.), "How Much Do I Owe," "The Responsibility of Not Doing," "Why Our Society Did Not Disband," "God's Tenth—A True Story," "Ten Reasons for Tithing," "What We Owe, and How to Pay It," "Missionary Standard of Living, and What It Means to Be a Foreign Missionary," "Organization and Work of the W.M.S." "Arguments For and Against Missionary Work."

TWO NEW FREE LEAFLETS.

Organizers will find "Another Appeal to the Women of the Methodist Church," by Mrs. Dickson, both interesting and helpful. For a programme, it would be effective if cut apart, and read by as many persons as there are divisions in the leaflet.

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