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SUBJECT FOR PRAYER.

For increased spiritual power to come upon the membership, upon all missionaries and teachers, that secret believers in the mission fields may be taught of the Spirit.

JAPAN.

From Miss Blackmore.

AZABU, TOKYO, Nov. 5th, 1896.

The next Canadian steamer will probably bring us an account of the Board meeting. You were remembered here in earnest prayer while the meeting was in session.

Misses Preston and Crombie are both very much improved in health since I wrote last, and promise to be able to go through their year's work all right.

We have had to make one change in our appointments. Miss Cunningham has not been very well and needed a more

experienced worker with her, one who could take a larger share of responsibility. So Miss Belton and Miss Wigle changed places and work.

Miss Munro has just gone out to attend the wedding of one of our former pupils. She is marrying a Christian, and Dr. Macdonald is to be the officiating clergyman. Recently there have been several marriages of Christians with non-Christians, which have pained and disappointed us exceedingly, so we feel it a cause for special thankfulness when one of our girls makes a real Christian marriage.

S—, who was a supported girl in this school, and who has been teaching in the Shidzuoka school for some time, is to marry one of our young ministers, Mr. K., this month. This will leave Shidzuoka a little short of workers, but Mr. K. has promised to allow O. S. San to continue two of her women's meetings for a time at least, as they are to reside in Shidzuoka district. That will give us time to find another worker to take her place.

From Miss Hargrave.

KOFU, JAPAN, Oct. 12th, 1896.

Just a few lines to tell you of my safe arrival in Kofu. We had a very disagreeable trip—rain all the way. [See Miss Blackmore's letter in the December LEAFLET.] The school was a very welcome sight, for we were tired and dirty after being out in the mud and rain for three days. In my first trip I realized all the disagreeables I had ever heard about the journey to Kofu.

I am glad to say I enjoy the prospect of working here. I like the school, home, etc., very well so far. I have charge of the evangelistic work, as you know, however. I had charge in the school until Miss Preston returned, so have hardly gotten hold of the outside work yet. I have seen enough to know there is much more than we are going to compass with our present force.

It is nice to be in the school work again. I enjoy the teaching and being with the girls so much of the time.

Miss Preston has been back a little over two weeks, and

is feeling encouraged about herself. She has endeavored to compass too much in her work in the past, but is wisely trying to be satisfied with less now. She is not doing full teaching in the school yet, and may not be able to do so for some time. We will be good to her, and give her a chance to gain strength, for she truly deserves it for her faithful work here in the past.

We are looking forward to a visit from Drs. Macdonald and Scott. The new Kusakaki church is to be opened next Saturday, and Dr. Scott is to preach. Then they both preach in Kofu on Sunday.

We have sixty-two girls in our school, and know of two others who are coming the first of next month.

I have eight meetings a month. Two other places want me, but I am saying "No" until after Christmas at least, as I must devote time to study.

I am very well. It is so good to be back again in the work, and to feel equal to one's duties. I know you do not forget me when you say "Our Father."

To-night is "the feast of the moon." Every one (who can) eats sweet potatoes for supper, and goes out to gaze on the full moon. The streets seem to be very gay and noisy.

We will all remember you at the coming annual meeting. May the Father guide and direct you all.

From Miss Alcorn.

14 TORJI ZAKA, TOKYO, Oct. 23rd, 1896.

I should have written you before, but knew you were going on your trip to the Maritime Provinces. To think you were in Sackville! and of course saw our Colleges. Every inch there is dear to me. For seven years it was my home, and my training for life was received there.

You told me in your last note I would be gladly welcomed here. We were met with tears. Miss Munro had so hoped for help, that when she saw it really had come there was a reaction. All fears and doubts that troubled me on nearing a new and untried sphere of work, were soon dispersed in the joy of being where there was such a need of workers.

I often wondered at Mount Allison of what use certain experiences could ever be to me. Now I see one should be well tried before going to a mission field, and feel thankful for the lessons learned. It would be a loss to the mission work to have to train workers here.

The beauty in seeing so many of our girls such earnest Christians is inspiring, and a stranger to the foreign work is so impressed that the labor has not been in vain. The greatness of the work overcomes me, and I am striving to remember, when this thought comes, that the work is God's; mine is to do faithfully and well just what lies at hand—with the individual and not the multitude, for a soul fully converted and filled with the Christ spirit can go out as leaven among her own people and accomplish what a foreigner can never do.

I myself am looking for the witness of the Holy Spirit in my heart, for I believe God's Word is true. He has promised it.

Trusting that I may live worthy of my dear home friends, of my College association, but above all live worthy to receive at last the Master's "well done."

CHINA.

From Miss Brackbill.

CHEN-TU, Oct. 14th, 1896.

Work is going on briskly here, and good progress is being made. Mrs. Kilborn has one ward and the dispensary part, nearly completed. (It is the native building on the new property that is being fitted up as a hospital.) The upper part of the house, which we shall be obliged to use as living rooms until we have a house built, is arranged as they wish it for wards afterward. The wall surrounding the whole place is nearly half done, and would have been farther along had it not been for constant rain the last week or two. As soon as this place is enclosed, *i.e.*, wall finished, we will put up the gateway, "ting," and schools.

All are well, and we feel much more comfortable since getting in this house, as the other was old and musty.

Miss Foster, our latest missionary to China, writes from Ichang, Nov. 2nd, 1896 :

The Lord has richly blessed us with travelling mercies thus far, and we are trusting Him to go with us all the way.

We spent three weeks in Shanghai, making purchases for the trip. We will take a houseboat from Ichang, and hope that Mr. Hartwell will have all arrangements made, so that we can continue our journey in a day or so.

I have taken a few lessons in Chinese, and expect to study on the houseboat. Mr. Hartwell thinks we shall not be able to reach Chen-tu before the first of January.

So far I have had excellent health, and "am kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

CHINESE WORK.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Some time since Miss Morgan wrote :

The work I love already, although it is scarcely begun. Oh ! I feel as if I must "shake up" Chinatown. Now, does that sound conceited ? I don't think I can do it, but I long to. I have already visited enough among the people there to realize in a degree what work there is to be done. How it is to be accomplished is another question. Prayer is a powerful weapon, and faith is another. It is our privilege as workers to use both, and will not God honor them ? I want each day to live so near the Father that He will guide my every thought and action, and lead me as He sees best. It is glorious to be back in the work again.

Oct. 16th.—If more girls do not enter the Home the work in the future will be almost entirely evangelistic, unless we can start a school among the children of Chinatown. I have already spoken of that to some of the Chinese merchants. Most of the little boys go to the public school, and as yet the mothers do not see the necessity of educating their little daughters.

I hope something can be done after a while, but one has to work slowly and patiently.

Suggested Programme for February Meeting.

Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month.

The Indians of our Dominion ; the Methodist Orphanage, St. John's, Newfoundland.

(To be read at the opening of the meeting.)

I. Opening exercises.

" If so poor a worm as I
 May to Thy great glory live,
 All my actions sanctify,
 All my words and thoughts receive ;
 Claim me for Thy service, claim
 All I have, and all I am."

II. Regular business.

III. Hymn.

IV. (1) Read Annual Report from the Crosby Girl's Home ; name missionaries. * (2) Read Annual Report from the Coqualeetza Institute ; name missionaries.

V. Give short sketch (five minutes) of Rev. G. H. Raley's "Home" at Kitamaat. †

VI. Solo.

VII. Reading—An afternoon visit to the Methodist Orphanage, St. John's, Newfoundland. ‡

VIII. The Watch-Tower.

. IX. Hymn. Prayer.

* See Annual Report, 1895-96, price 10 cents. The President will please draw attention to the geographical position of our Indian Missions, as marked on the map in Report.

† See *Outlook*, January, 1896, and Annual Reports of the General Society. Cannot be supplied at Room 20, nor at the Mission Rooms.

‡ See *Palm Branch*, February, 1896, price 2 cents. Order from Miss S. E. Smith, 282 Princess Street, St. John, N.F.

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CORRECTION.

On inside page of the back cover of the Annual Report the address of Mrs. Stewart, New Brunswick, is incorrectly given. It should be: "Mrs. C. Stewart, care of Rev. Dr. Stewart, P.O. Bo. 121, Sackville, N.B."

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