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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

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For Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands; Executive, Supply and Literature committees; Conference and District Organizers; and representatives to Annual Conferences.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READING TO BE USED AT MONTHLY MEETINGS OF AUXILIARIES:

Gen. xviii. 25-32; Phil. iv. 1-9.

JAPAN WORK.

From Miss Cunningham.

KANAZAWA, KAGE.

I started a training class for Bible-workers in October. Three women attend. One is Mrs. Tamazake; I wrote frequently to Miss Lund about her last year, and through Miss Lund you have probably heard of her. Her brother opposed her becoming a Christian, threatening to send her away from his home if she did. When she told him she would go, and take her mother and daughter with

her, he told her that if she was determined to become a Christian he would say nothing more about it, and that she might stay. She has become a whole-hearted Christian, is now a teacher in one of our Sunday-schools. She is well educated, and is a very strong character. We will find her a valuable assistant in whatever kind of work we start here. The three women are always on hand at every meeting, take part quite freely at the church prayer-meetings, and are studying the Bible so earnestly that it is a real pleasure to teach them. The prayer-meeting, last Friday evening, was a particularly interesting one; there was not a moment lost during the hour; the prayers were all so earnest, and the women especially prayed for the descent of the Spirit. It is not so long since these women did not know how to pray. I remember so well their first attempts; but now they pray with such earnestness that it seems to me God must hear and answer. We have seven Christian women now, and some others are studying Christianity earnestly. Our Sunday-school entertainment this year went off very pleasantly. Our programme was short, consisting of Scripture recitations, singing of hymns, and one or two short speeches. My heart was very full that night; it seemed to me that the Lord had done so much for us in one year. A year before we had not one Christian, except the evangelists; this year the whole work of preparation was done by three young men, two of whom wish to become evangelists, and the other is now principal of Mr. Saunby's school; all have been baptized during the year. Three of the ten boys, who caused so much trouble when the Sunday school was opened in Nagaōhei, are now Christians, and have frequently gone out preaching with the evangelist during the summer. The most clever one of the three, and probably one of the ring-leaders in mischief a little over a year ago, is now attending the mission school here. Mr. Saunby is paying for his education. The teachers speak very highly of the way he is acquitting himself. At the Sunday-school entertainment he delivered a short speech; he told why we kept Christmas as a holiday, spoke about Christ's life, and His death, and spoke so earnestly that tears were in the eyes of several.

I was very glad to welcome Miss Hargrave here; two

months of living alone I found quite enough. The winters here are very disagreeable, we suffer so much from cold. I don't see how the Japanese live at all; the sun rarely enters their homes, and when we go to visit them they bring in a hibachi with three or four coals in it. A lady said, after making some New Year's calls, that she thought if they lit a match it would heat the room about as much as those hibachi did. It seems to me that she was about right. Miss Hargrave and I went out one bright, sunny morning to make some calls, and with taking our boots off and sitting in their damp rooms, we got so chilled that we had to take a brisk walk to heat us up. But in spite of the snow, rain and damp I love this place, probably because I have been here almost from the beginning of the work, and because I know every man, woman and child in the church. While I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to going home next year, I know it will be hard to drop the work even for one year. It will be very pleasant to meet many that I now know only through correspondence.

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss S. Hart.

PORT SIMPSON, Jan. 13th, 1892.

You will have received my letter written after the sickness, and will know that matters are improving. Thank you so much for your kindly sympathy and prayers on our behalf. The Lord has indeed heard and answered those prayers.

It was indeed kind of the Board to pass a resolution of appreciation of my services, and I heartily thank them, and do trust that I may be worthy of their appreciation. It is not my work, but the Father working through me; that is the thought that comforts me, that Christ designs to work through us.

A hospital will be opened the first of May, a house rented till the hospital can be furnished. Mrs. Bolton will manage the domestic part of the hospital. Miss Lawrence, who

came to me, is with Mrs. Bolton now, and will remain, if all is well, a year, as helper.

Miss Beavis arrived a week before Christmas; we were so glad to welcome her. She is getting used to the work and children now, and will, I feel sure, be a valuable and pleasant worker. We had a very pleasant Christmas and New Year. On New Year's day the children were all out for the first time since the sickness began; and now that school has opened, all but the two youngest attend.

Between Christmas and New Year's, Lucy, the girl that had been with Mrs. Bolton for a time, was married; I was glad to see her settled, and trust she will be happy and useful, a help to those who have not had the training she has enjoyed.

I enclose the financial report.

From Miss Clarke.

CHILLIWHACK, B.C.

Miss Clarke writes, in reference to the proposed new home:—

“Concerning the location, I think a more desirable site could not be obtained than the one offered. The water supply and drainage are excellent, and the soil of the best quality. The children are all in excellent health, a fact for which we cannot be too thankful, as there has been an epidemic of measles among the children of the vicinity. We would not particularly object to measles under more favorable circumstances, but we do feel that in our present situation, it would be an affliction indeed.

“We are deprived the privilege of exerting a personal influence over a large number of the children so lately under our care, still the good work goes on, and the seventeen with us are receiving regular instruction in the different departments.

“I feel much benefitted by my vacation, and was pleased to meet and confer with Miss Leake and Miss Cartmell.”

PRAYER CARD LEAFLET.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER
AND SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS.

JUNE.

For the conversion of the Jews. (1) Hosea iii. 4, 5; (2) chapter xiv. 1, 2; (3) chapter ii. 19, 20, 23; (4) chapter vi. 1-3; (5) chapter xiv. 4-7.

For the success of the Wesleyan and McAll missions in France. Acts xvi. 9, 10; Isaiah xxxii. 20.

That we may not lose interest in our work during the summer vacation. Galatians iv. 18.

Conversion of the Jews.

The fortunes of the Jewish people form perhaps the most thrilling drama in the world. Their history, their origin, their ruin, their dispersion, their chastisements, their humiliations, their preservation, their long exile, their extermination so often begun, and as often repaired, their imperishable nationality, their being everywhere over the face of the globe; their infusibility with other nations, their synagogues where each Sabbath they read the prophecies which condemn them; their extraordinary wealth unceasingly plundered, and yet ever repaired, their reverence for the Scriptures, the desolation of their land, the richest part of the globe, and yet uncultivated for over 1800 years; the cessation of the sacrifices of bloodshedding since the sacrifice of Jesus Christ; they have liberty to roam over the earth, but strictly forbidden on the sacred spot Mount Moriah where they were commanded to offer sacrifice. Then their wonderful race identity is again an astounding miracle, and still proves the word of Jehovah, "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations." Go where you will *they* are there, but their country is nowhere. "They circulate through all parts" says Bishop Newton, "where trade and money circulate, and are, I may say, the brokers of the whole world."

"Tribes of the wandering foot and weary breast
How shall ye flee away and be at rest?
The wild dove has her nest, the fox his cave,
Mankind their country, Israel but the grave."

Now this wonderful people whose power of endurance is great, whose intellectual capacity hews to none, from whose ranks has come the finest statesmen, the profoundest thinkers, from whose

soul has come bubbling up some of earth's sweetest melodies, in whose ranks we find Abraham, Elijah, Moses, Samson, Elisha, David, Solomon, Peter, James, John, Paul, Silas, and the Lord of Life and Glory, the Son of man. All from the seed and stock of Israel. O who DARE despise the Jew whom God hath not despised, though long and sore chastised. Does not our compassion extend her arms to shield, to tell the old, old story, of His love for them, of Him, who wept o'er Israel? Does not justice call out "Pay back the debt you owe the Jews?" What do we owe them? Every thing! Whom do we worship as the only Name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved, as the only Mediator between God and man. It is the Man Christ Jesus, and who is this Man? He is a Jew, He is Emmanuel, very God, and very Man. As Paul tells us after the flesh, Son of the patriarchs, God over all, blessed forever, Amen. Why have we such peace and happiness in this loved Canada of ours? Why floats the Union Jack over a soil where tyranny is uncountenanced, where home is a safe retreat, where law and order reigns? Why? Because some of these Jews were the first missionaries that carried the glad tidings afar, till distant lands took up the glad refrain, told by Jewish lips, written by Jewish pens, while the Jewish prof-martyr Stephen, sealed it with his blood, as the Jew-Man Jesus stood at the right hand of God to welcome home the released spirit.

There are many reasons that might be given for preaching the Gospel to the Jew. It was Christ's command, and to them the Master went first. There is still another reason, viz.: the signs of the times. An extraordinary increase in the Jewish people, also in the civil condition of the Jews, also the newly manifested love of Protestant Churches to the Jews, also the disposition of the Jews to listen to Christians, also the world-wide expectation of the Jews, also the numbers of conversions that have taken place among them, and the world-wide attraction that is now centred in Jerusalem.

This subject is vast. Suffice to say that as Methodists, let us awake to the all-glorious privilege we have of preaching the Gospel to earth's aristocracy—the Jew. Their harps of joy are now hung on the willows, but when we have taught them of Jesus and His salvation, and the Holy Spirit has opened their hearts to the truth, they will take them down again and tune them to the song of Moses and the Lamb. Once more shall Hosanna to the Son of David resound from Jewish voices, and missionaries of the seed of Jacob, shall go to the isles afar off and declare the glory of God among the Gentiles.

E. Y. SAMS,

Secretary Prayer Circle for Israel.

The Gibson Mission.

Mrs. Gibson writes:—

French Roman Catholics are anything but shy and reserved by nature, and lively, old fashioned Methodism suits them exactly.

In our new hall at Rue Clairaut, there seems to be a special interest awakened on the subject of Methodism. One converted Romanist begged for a life of John Wesley, and another requested a conversation on the work of the Spirit, which she thought we dwell much on in our teaching.

Everywhere they enjoy the class, and the fellowship and prayer-meetings. In the society classes we often hear delightful testimonies, and the total absence of stereotyped phrases is very refreshing. At times, some extra-original remark will provoke a general laugh, which, however, soon subsides into seriousness. The people have plenty to say, and are so eager to say it that often two or three begin together; and blessed be God, there is more praise than plaint in their experiences.

The other night one poor woman said: I had forsaken God and was living without a thought of Him until I came here (Rue Clairaut) for a meal, and was invited kindly to stay to the meeting. In that meeting God spoke to me and brought me back to Himself. Glory be to His name!

Another, who lives in a tiny attic, with no furniture but a broken-down bedstead, assured us confidently that she was the happiest woman in the city. Blessed religion, that makes one so independent of circumstances!

The McAll Mission.

The twentieth anniversary of this mission has recently been celebrated. What has twenty years done for France? In these years, it is certain, the face of France has greatly changed. Every door is open. Bigotry and misconception are shrinking away. Above all, the Protestants are full of courage, and hard at work. Towns and villages are open and eager for the Gospel. The only limit is that imposed by lack of men and women. Wherever a New Testament or Bible finds its way, wherever a meeting is held, the vital power of the seed is witnessed in creating at once a want for more light and more life. A volume could be written on the witness of the Spirit to the truth of the Word in the South of France.

A soldier in Marseilles received a New Testament and carried it into the mountains of Danphiney. It fell into the hands of a plain but earnest man, and a new light illumined the entire community. Five Christian churches and calls for more are the result.

A shoemaker comes into a meeting in Marseilles; he is converted, and returns to his home in Corsica with the New Testament in his hand and the love of God in his heart. In a few months the *curé* is driven out of the village, and the shoemaker has evangelized the entire community.

Extracts of Letters to Supply Committee.

The Rev. J. Simmens, of Winnipeg, writes that "the bale from Newcastle has been received. Owing to the risk of wet in re-shipping north, I have packed the goods in barrels, and they now await chance of transport to the missions. The work of re-packing gave me an idea of the quality of the articles given, which is first-class in every respect. That which is second-hand is clean, and the greater portion is new and of best quality. I can fancy the gladness which the warm and heavy quilts will inspire, when the day of distribution comes, and, judging from the memories of what I have seen and heard in other days, it would be a privilege to stand by and see the happy recipients with smile-wreathed faces and tear-dimmed eyes, bear away to their modest homes these proofs of the Christian charity of Newcastle. I shall be pleased to have you express my personal gratitude on behalf of my dusky brethren in the north."

Rev. S. Huntington says: "I cannot convey to you in words a description of the good which has been accomplished among the poor Indians and white people on this district, by the charity of your patrons. Some cases of extreme destitution and suffering have been relieved thereby, and in consequence many, especially little children and aged adults, helpless through infirmity, have been encouraged and comforted by this proof that God's goodness and Christian benevolence are not merely names of extinct moral qualities. May God reward the noble women associated in this labor and work of love performed in the Master's name."

Acknowledgments of gifts of goods have been sent direct to Brockville, Perth, Guelph, and Grimsby, and will be sent to Prescott, from Mr. Huntington.

The needs of the McDougall Orphanage are being generously supplied. The Orono Auxiliary sent a box weighing 425 lbs., and valued the contents at \$98. Some of the ladies set to work and preserved apples, which were soldered up in tin pails.

The Auxiliary at Ottawa has also sent a valuable bale. The clothing for boys will be especially appreciated. Total value of bales was estimated at \$173.14.

The Carlton Street Mission Band sent twenty flannel under-garments, made by the members of the Band.

Davisville sent \$5 in cash, and Scarboro' \$10.

The members of Rev. Mr. McKee's congregation, at Eglinton, sent a splendid large stove, valued at \$44.

A letter from Mr. Butler, dated March 29th, acknowledges receipt of boxes from Carlton Street Sunday-school, Wicklow Auxiliary, Keene Mission Band, and Winchester Epworth League, which were very acceptable; the stockings and socks they were greatly in need of, but the boots were the great attraction.

In last month's number an error occurred giving to Sutton the credit of having sent a box of clothing, valued at \$18.50, to Thessalon. It should have read Luton; there is no Auxiliary at Sutton.

Boxes or bales weighing 100 pounds can be sent direct to the North-West, or British Columbia. Smaller boxes and parcels can be sent to the Methodist Book Room, Richmond Street West, Toronto, addressed to

21 Grenville Street, Toronto.

MRS. W. BRIGGS,
Secretary.

The Life-Membership Certificates for Mission Bands are now ready, and in design and workmanship are a credit to our Society and the lithographer. They can be ordered from Miss Ogden, and are free except postage and wrapping, which will be five cents.

Members of our Society can receive *The Gospel in all Lands* from now until the end of the year by sending 60 cents to Miss Ogden, who has lately received special rates from the publishers, Hunt & Eaton, New York.

For the information of those ordering mite-boxes to be sent by mail, we would say that the postage on the stiff pasteboard boxes is 36 cents a dozen, and on the folding boxes three cents a dozen.

Reviews of Useful Leaflets.

"Unemployed Talent in the Church." The Auxiliary has still to be heard from, we think, in which this leaflet could not be appropriately used. The truth impressed is, that to each of us God has given some talent to use in His service, and that it is for the right use of the talent entrusted to us, that He will hold us responsible, *not for the one given to our neighbor.* We must "stir up the gift that is in us."

It is not easy to imagine what "**Winding up a Horse**" can have to do with missionary work, but the Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, makes it quite plain that between this particular horse, at any rate, and some good people, there are many points of resemblance. The title suggests something in the machinery line, but no! it is an amusing account of a real, live horse, who, having been frightened the first time he was started in a carriage, ever afterwards balked at starting, till his master, after many trials, hit upon the plan of *winding him up.* The operation was performed by passing a loop of cord through a hole in a bamboo stick, slipping the loop down to the roots of the left ear, and gradually twisting the stick round and round. As the pain increased, the animal's attention was abstracted—he forgot the carriage and walked off. From time to time the severity of the operation was lessened, but to the very end of his life, his ear had to be touched before he could, or would, start. If we can find nothing appropriate to our own case in the application of the story, we can all, probably, think of some of our neighbors who require to be "wound up" before they will take an active part in any good work.

In "**Ways of Working,**" under the heading of "**Mission Bands for Boys,**" we have something that will, no doubt, prove a timely help to many of our workers who are anxiously seeking an answer to the question, "*What can we do to interest the boys?*" It is a bright and pleasantly written account of the workings of a successful Band, and is full of helpful and practical suggestions, which could be utilized in our Bands for girls, as well as in those for boys.

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