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Subjects for Prayer.

India. All Mohammedan countries.

CHINA.

From Miss Brackbill.

CHEN-TU, *March 31st, 1898.*

NEED OF NATIVE HELPERS.

Regarding native helpers, how I do wish I could say, "Yes, we have them in view," as there is nothing we more need. It would not be wise to bring one from farther down the river than Chung-king, on account of the difference of the language, and when I came back after the riot, I enquired at every place to see if it were possible to obtain one, but each mission was feeling the same need. At present, I can see no prospect but by training them our-

U selves ; and we ask your prayers that women suitable for this work may come forward, and that necessary wisdom may be given us for the training.

The woman who has been teaching in the school knows the Bible, and can explain it well. She is an enquirer, and has recently asked for baptism, but I do not think she is a genuine Christian. We think it is rather from policy, and should persecution arise she would not be one to be depended on. Can we not pray for her personally, remembering the promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven;" and also remembering the definite answers to prayer we have had in the past. I would gladly give her up for this work if she were fitted for it, *i.e.*, a true earnest Christian.

R We have now *ten* little girls. Two others were in for several days, when their father came to see them, and they made such a fuss, wanting to go home, that he thought it would be best to let them go for a time at any rate. They may come back ; but as they are accustomed to do about as they please, and have never had any restraints in study or anything else, they may not.

I have taken in two children for the Jennie Ford Home since this work was authorized, one a child over *two* years old, and the other a baby of only a couple of months. Miss Foster is looking after these children, as well as the building of the Home, and each alternate week she takes the morning prayers.

The idea at present is to receive only those children who are thrown out on the street to die, and who are too young to do anything for themselves. The street official has been called in in each case, and has given us papers stating that should anyone lay claim to these children in the future, they would be obliged to pay for their keeping before they could take them away. Counting care and all, we could make out a larger bill than they would be likely to pay. This is for the protection of the child, and to prevent imposition.

You will be glad to know that the Home is nearly completed, and a neat little building it is.

I As to the language. I have heard gentlemen, who have

been here thirty years, say they were just beginning to find out how little they knew about it ; so one would not expect to become proficient in four or five years. However, as I have been the only foreigner to depend on most of the time since we moved over to this place, and have not only had the school work to look after, but the exhorting or preaching, the entertaining of guests, the classes and prayers, the different workmen to oversee, and direct personally the bargaining with the merchants for all material needed, and have made myself understood by both women and men, I am not very much discouraged. I would greatly enjoy more time for study, and the being able to study as persistently as when I first came out, but that cannot be expected.

A large number of outside children, as well as women, come in on Sunday afternoons, so we have recently started a regular Sunday-school here, and the ladies have each taken a class. We have had fully fifty children, and as many or more women for some weeks back.

Dr. and Mrs. Ewan are expected at any time, and we are looking for Dr. and Mrs. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Endicott for their mission meeting the 1st of May.

From Miss Morgan.

100 CORMORANT ST., VICTORIA, B.C.,

March 26th, 1898.

A week ago this evening I returned from an eleven days' trip, having visited Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Wellington and Union. My stay in each place was necessarily short, but I feel that the last was the best trip I have yet made. I left here Tuesday evening, March 8th, spending Wednesday and Thursday in Vancouver among the Japanese and Chinese women.

In company with Mrs. Eby I visited Mr. and Mrs. Shimigu, the new Japanese consul and his wife. They were both very friendly. The *Empress* arriving that morning brought a number of Japanese, who were also calling at the consulate, so that I had only a few minutes' talk with

Mr. Shimigu. Later, in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Kaburagi, with whom I stayed in Vancouver, took me to see three new Japanese women who live in a part of the city I had not been in before. They were bright and interesting, and listened attentively to what we had to say. While talking about Heaven, one woman said, "I want to go."

The women from Moodyville having moved to Vancouver, I had one place less to visit. The greater part of Thursday was spent in Chinatown, where I had a real good time among the women. Since my visit in September two have returned to China, but I met one new woman, whose husband, seeing me in a store, took me to his home. The woman had been very ill, and still looked very delicate. I tried to tell her of Jesus and what He could do for her. She repeated after me several times, "Jesus loves me." The husband said he sometimes went to church, but I could see he was not much interested in Christianity.

I was very warmly welcomed in one home where I have not been allowed to enter since my first visit, a year ago; there I saw several beautiful children who are attending the public school, and very proud the father was to have one little girl sing for me in English. I was disappointed to find that one old woman, who always was glad to see me, had gone away.

In another home the room was so dark where a woman sat that I could not see to read, so I asked her to go into a front room, where I found five men, who were soon interested in the story of Bethlehem, which I explained by picture cards. Two or three others came in, and we had a little meeting not such a one as you would have in church, as three of the men were holding opium pipes in their hands, and others were smoking tobacco; but, as I had gone uninvited into their midst and was kindly received, I had no reason to complain.

I believe the heaven is working, in so far as I am welcomed as the "Jesus woman" now where before I was barely tolerated.

In New Westminster Mrs. Thom had invited the women to the mission, and we hoped to have a meeting there; but they failed to come, so house-to-house visitation was necessary. While we were in Chinatown, one woman went to

the mission, but did not wait our return; however. I had a nice visit with her the next day. A woman who occasionally attends English meetings has an organ, and Mrs. Thom is teaching her to play. Some of the brightest women I have yet met live in New Westminster.

On Monday I took the boat for Nanaimo. We were three hours late starting, so that it was seven when we reached Nanaimo. Dr. Tou had arranged for a meeting that night at the mission. I went there directly, and just had time for tea before the meeting began. Dr. Tou has a very interesting wife and two beautiful children, Gershom and Lucy. I have been very kindly entertained by them on my two previous visits to Nanaimo. The meeting was not very largely attended, but we had a nice time. Dr. Tou provided refreshments, which made a very pleasant closing to the evening.

On Tuesday I drove to Wellington, seven miles from Nanaimo; found there four Chinese women—one has lately gone from Victoria. As I did not know where to find Chinatown, Rev. Mr. Sutherland our minister, kindly accompanied me. In one house, where there are two women and a number of men, we had a nice little talk. My visit to Wellington was too hurried, but I felt I could not allow the opportunity go of seeing the place, and ascertaining how many women are there. On my return, about three o'clock, I visited the women in Nanaimo, six in number.

The next morning at seven I left for Union, where I was met by Oyama San, our Japanese evangelist, and Rev. Mr. Hicks, pastor of our church. It was too late to do anything at either mission that day, so I enjoyed an English service in the evening.

On my way to Nanaimo I met a very intelligent Chinese merchant returning to his business in Union. He was present at our meeting in Nanaimo, and promised to give me what assistance he could in finding the women in Union.

Armed with his address, I set out for Chinatown Thursday morning, and had no difficulty in finding his store. Through his kindness I gained an easy entrance to the homes of the three women there. A little neighbor boy, of perhaps five years, called while I was visiting the first

woman. He was greatly delighted with my pictures, and willingly conducted me to his mother and another woman, heralding my arrival in both cases by calling out, "She comes and she speaks." I did enjoy seeing these three women very much. They all made me so welcome. One, in her desire to be hospitable, treated me to nuts, and then offered me a brandy bottle.

After a little talk with some of the merchants, I went on to the Japanese quarters, a mile farther on, with Oyama San, who had come to meet me. I forgot to say that the boat stops at Union Bay, twelve miles from town, which we reach by rail. At the Bay I saw a Christian Japanese woman, whose husband is also a Christian. The Japanese are a little colony by themselves at Union. They have a neat little mission, with school-room, and house for evangelist behind. The Sunday previous three boys were baptized. I had a delightful time visiting the six women for three hours, and then we had a meeting at the mission for both men and women. It was six o'clock when I returned to the town, tired, but feeling that I had had a good day.

In the evening I was at the parsonage, where any ladies interested in missionary work were asked to meet me. Owing to sickness in several families, only three were present. These ladies are in hearty sympathy with the work, and will do what they can to awaken an interest in others. We hope to organize an Auxiliary there. The next morning, before leaving Union, Oyama San gave me an envelope containing money "from my Japanese sisters and brothers," to help defray my travelling expenses.

The weather being perfect, we had a delightful trip to Nanaimo. Saturday an early start was made for Vancouver, where we arrived about 10 a.m. At 1.30 p.m. I left for Victoria, glad to turn my face homeward, and feeling that I had done enough itinerating to last six months.

INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs. Redner.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

I wrote you in January concerning my trip to New Westminster with Nellie Tenas (see MONTHLY LETTER for May), and have been waiting to get a statement of court expenses before writing again. I enclose our lawyer's bill (\$75.00), which has been receipted, as you will wish to acknowledge it. I might just say here that our lawyer, Mr. Harris, is the gentleman whom Miss Jessie Crosby recently married. My own and Nellie's travelling expenses and board bill while waiting for trial I have entered in report, but part at least will be refunded.

We have reason to believe that the case, ending as it did, will be a great help to the standing of the Home in the future. The members of the Advisory Committee, and in fact all our workers here, were so pleased that such a victory had been won for our work. Nellie is still with us, and seems happy and contented.

We have been expecting Miss Elliott for some time, and hope to see her very soon.

The Woman's Missionary Society will very highly appreciate the generous donation of Mr. Harris, and many a heart on reading the above will pray, "God bless him and his fair young bride."

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Special Notice.

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Suggested Programme—August.

Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month :

“African and Jewish Missions.”

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

I. Opening Exercises: “The evangelization of the world is as peculiarly our work as the redemption of the world was the work of the only Begotten Son.”

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. The Watch-Tower.

“Watchman, tell us of the night,
What the signs of promise are.”

V. Readings: “Africa for Christ.”*

VI. Prayer.

VII. Reading: “Cicero’s Call.”*

VIII. Hymn. Benediction.

* Literature for this Programme. Price 5 cents, at Room 20 and the Depots. Cannot supply map of Africa.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands. —August.

Subject for the Month : Africa.

(To be read at opening of meeting.)

* Obtain Map of Africa and *study it*.

- I. Sing : "I want to be a Worker for the Lord." Hymn 185 of Canadian Hymnal.
- II. Repeat Psa. 23 ; Leader taking first part of each verse, Children the second.
- III. Prayer—Lord's Prayer. All together.
- IV. Minutes of last meeting. Read by Secretary.
- V. Roll Call.
- VI. Exercise on Africa. † "Four-and-Twenty Blackbirds." U
- VII. Sing "I Love to Tell the Story"—296 in Hymnal.
- VIII. Reading by leader of the Band.
‡ "Cicero's Call."
- IX. Recitation :

"Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians,
That Africa walks in night?
That Christians at home deny them
The blessed Gospel light?
The cry goes up this morning
From a heart-broken race of slaves,
And seven hundred every hour
Sink into Christless graves!"
- X. Sing "Rescue the Perishing"—163 in Hymnal.
- XI. § Readings No. 1, by member of Band.

" No. 2, " "
- XII. Payment of Fees, and distribution of "Palm Branch."
- XIII. Benediction.

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