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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.—December.

"All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."—Luke II. 10-14; Mark xvi., 15.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN LIFE AND LIGHT.

December—Important events of the year bearing on Mission Works.

January, 1896—Proportionate giving.

THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

All communications and letters from the missionaries intended for publication should be Addressed to the Editor, Mrs. Sanders, 125 Mackay street, Montreal, P.Q., and sent before the 18th of the month to insure insertion in the following issue.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

We are very much pleased at the reception given the little "Monthly Leaflet." To make it a permanent as well as an accomplished fact, its appreciation must be shewn in a more substantial and practical form than words. We willingly undertake the work of managing and editing the "Monthly Leaflet," and the universal opinion seems to be "it is just what is needed," but if the auxiliaries want to have it continued they must give it their support. The price fixed as a subscription for a year merely covers the expenses of printing the M. L., consequently the collections must be quickly and generally made as requested in the November issue and the returns forwarded before January 14th, 1896, as with the January number the free distribution ends.

Doubtless all will see the necessity for prompt action, and we hope none will be deterred from sending on account of the small amount subscribed; for instance, one dollar will give ten subscriptions for a year if 1,000 are printed monthly.

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Some of the large churches should send eight or ten dollars. If you have not appointed a collector please do so without delay.

The success or failure of the "Monthly Leaflet" now wholly depends upon the auxiliaries.

Another kind friend is paying for an extra 500 for December and also for January, so that we may send the "Monthly Leaflet," the same as the first issue, to the churches where there are no auxiliaries.

THIRTY-FOUR out of the forty-one auxiliaries answered the question, "How many are required to give *one* 'Monthly Leaflet' to every family in the church?" The total number of the answers received is 1,655. In many families there must be two or more women. Do you think the "Woman's Board" is doing, in accordance with this estimate, all that it could or ought for Home and Foreign Missions?

WE would draw your attention to the article on the "West Central African Mission," taken from "Mission Studies." The Rev. W. T. Currie, a graduate of the C. C. College, and adopted as a missionary by the C. C. F. M. Society, landed at Benguela with his wife and Mr. Fay, who was returning with a bride, on June 4th. 1886. Soon after reaching Bailunda Mrs. Currie (née Clara Wilkes) died September 25th, 1886. The sea voyage, the delay at the coast, and the long inland journey of two hundred miles had been too much for her strength. There are no carriage roads, the mode of travelling is in a tepoia, a hammock suspended on a pole borne by two men. It takes twelve or more days to go from Benguela to Bailunda.

The Woman's Board was organized on June 10th, 1886, and its first definite work was the raising of a fund for a school-house to be erected in Bailunda in memory of Mrs. Currie. The first annual report reads: "The idea of a Canadian memorial in Africa to our beloved missionary, which had been suggested by the society in Edgar, Ont., was eagerly received everywhere, and it soon became evident that the amount was likely to exceed the sum, \$500, which had been named. When the results were brought in at the annual meeting great enthusiasm was felt, especially as it was perceived that there would probably be enough to erect a second school-house in whatever part of the field might hereafter be deemed most suitable."

ON another page will be found a list of the books in the "Quebec Provincial Branch Circulating Library," Miss Cochrane, the librarian, writes: "There are now seventeen books in the branch library. These are all intensely interesting and will be found very useful in getting up papers, as well as getting

people interested in missions. Quite a few of these are tales of thrilling adventures told by famous missionaries themselves, such as John G. Paton, Robert Moffat and others."

All the auxiliaries should esteem it a great privilege to have a share in furnishing the "Communion set" for the church at our Canadian station, Cisamba. One individual or church could easily have given it, but the Quebec Provincial Branch thought that it would cheer and be a token of fellowship to our loved representatives to know so many had been thinking of them and their work. Only about \$20 is required to purchase the set and pay the ocean and inland freight. A five cent collection at any regular meeting (if announced) would be sufficient.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is our sad duty to record the death in Montreal on November 15th, of Agnes Carter, wife of the Rev. Wilberforce Lee, missionary of the American Board at Sakanjimba, West Central Africa, and daughter of W. B. Carter, Esq., Cowansville, P.Q., aged 23 years and 7 months. Mr. and Mrs. Lee arrived in Canada last August on a visit to her parents and for needed rest. They were married in Benguella, July 24, 1891. We tender the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and loss. ✓

From Mrs. (Rev) D. Macallum, President.

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD,—Just a few words of greeting as we begin our winter's work for the Board.

We regret that our report has been so long delayed this year, but under the circumstances it could not be helped. We hope it will be in the hands of the ladies before this Leaflet is out.

Our Work for the year is clearly defined and consists of home missionary work, the support of our two lady missionaries in Africa, the scholarship for our young Greek girl in the school in Smyrna, Miss M. Melville's outfit and travelling expenses, and Mrs. Williams' memorial fund.

This memorial will likely take the form of a hospital in Cisamba, and no more fitting monument of our late beloved treasurer could be erected, or a more beneficent work done for the people of our mission. As it thus serves a double purpose we hope that each auxiliary will take a share in it.

May we take up our work heartily and seek to enlist every lady in our churches in it. May we ever be ready for sacrifice or for service, and may we each in our own circle win some soul for Christ.

We hope our Leaflet will be a means of strengthening our fellowship as well as keeping us in touch with our workers in the home and foreign field, and we trust that every lady in our Congregational churches will rally to its support and make it a power for good and may we "pray always with all prayer" that this world for which Christ died may speedily "become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."

Yours in the work,

J. MACALLUM.

From Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, Secretary.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR AUXILIARIES.

DEAR SISTERS,—It has been suggested that it may be well to lay before you a sketch of the work which has been planned out for this year. It will help us in our efforts to raise money if we understand exactly what our Board has pledged itself to do and also what objects are before us as deserving of help, though we may not be absolutely pledged to assist them.

The work to which we are pledged includes the following :

(1) The Home Missionary Society, \$600, to be used by them according to their own discretion.

(2) The salaries of our two missionaries in Cisamba, Miss Helen J. Melville, \$475 for the year, and Miss Margaret Melville, for eight months, \$317 ; total. \$792

(3) The support of "Galene," Miss Emily Macallum's pupil, in her school at Smyrna, Turkey, \$70.

(4) The cost of Miss Margaret Melville's outfit, \$250. Part of this has already been sent in by the auxiliaries, and \$400 for her travelling expenses, which has been paid from the balance on hand

The objects suggested as worthy of our assistance, though we are not actually pledged to aid them, are as follows :

(1) The Cisamba Building Fund, \$10 per share of stock.

(2) The Ella F. M. Williams Memorial Building at Cisamba. It has not yet been decided whether this building should take the form of church, hospital or school, but funds may be sent to the treasurer towards its erection.

(3) A communion set for the church at Cisamba.

(4) Boxes of clothing, etc., for home missionaries. Any branch, auxiliary or individual willing to prepare such a box, or any home missionary willing to accept one will please correspond with Mrs D. Macallum, Maxville, Ont.

(4) Last, but not least, the "Leaflet," whose pages you are reading. We are most anxious to keep this up, as we feel it is

much needed, and trust that every lady in every Congregational church in Canada will become a subscriber (10c per year).

Trusting that we may all have more than ever of the missionary spirit, not only in giving, but in working and in praying.

On behalf of the Executive,

C. C. NASMITH, Sec C. C. W. B. M.

From Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Currie.

Miss Currie, of Toronto, has sent the following extracts from her sister-in-law's last letter for insertion in the "Monthly Leaflet."

CISAMBA, W. C. Africa, Aug. 16th, 1895.

"To-day we sent off a caravan to meet Miss Melville's sister. Eleven of our boys have gone with them, one of them, Cipilika, goes as chaplain, that is, he will carry no load (the others will bring up loads), but his duty will be to look after the lads, advise them if needful, gather them together morning and evening for worship. If they get sick he has a few medicines, bandages, etc. It is a new departure and there is considerable anxiety entailed by it. What effect will this trip to the coast (likened to Sodom) have on the future of these young fellows? All of them, save three, are church members, and two of the three are church candidates. Yesterday was Wednesday and so we had our weekly afternoon prayer meeting, and it was quite touching to hear the prayers of the older lads that those who were going should act on the journey as they would if here. They counselled each other as well to act kindly towards each other, to pray constantly and to remember that those left behind would daily pray for them and think of them.

In three or four weeks Miss Melville and I hope to start for Bailundu and spend a week there before the new comer arrives from the coast. Mr. Fay, from Kumindongo, has gone to the coast to meet her. Mrs. Fay and the three children (Janette, Erni, Albert) are now at Bailundu, so when we arrive we shall make a large party. I wish my husband could go, too, but it is impossible. He may meet us at Sakanjimba. The memorial school-house is not quite finished yet and the rainy season is expected to begin early this year. It is a fine building and the boys have worked well at it. While I write there is a small crowd of girls back of my chair, three of them live near and have brought some visitors from a far distant village to see the sights of Wana's house.

AMY JOHNSON CURRIE.

From Miss Jessie M. Wickson.

TORONTO, 16 Macpherson Ave, Nov. 11th, 1895.

MY DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—Of course the letters I receive are home letters, but Helen always tells me something of the work and little references to her home life may not be uninteresting. The same mail that brought the one I have copied from Helen brought one from her sister Maggie, commenced just a few days before she reached Benguella and finished on September 5th, the day after they landed and after she had met Mr. Fay. The letter gave us considerable anxiety, as there had been three cases of smallpox on board and she had been much exposed to it, so much indeed that the first sentence expressed a fear that perhaps she should not have written, and advising me to destroy the letter. I read it through and committed it to the flames with regret, for there were twelve pages descriptive of places and people that were exceedingly interesting. Naturally she was rather anxious as to the results of her exposure to infection, and when the "cases" were removed on reaching some point on the coast and she wrote, "*I am the only woman on board,*" I realized how greatly she needed a strength beyond her own, but she wrote in good spirits—*ready for any future that God had in store for her.* She was well and getting ready to start inland as soon as the Cisamba caravan arrived. Some of the boxes were too large and had to be re-packed. Yours in the work,

JESSIE M. WICKSON.

N.B.—Letter from Miss Helen Melville unavoidably omitted.

Treasurer's Acknowledgments—Oct. 17th to Nov. 18th, 1895.

TORONTO BRANCH.—Rugby Auxiliary for membership fee, \$10; Parkdale M. B., \$1.50; Toronto, Broadview Avenue M. B., for Miss M. Melville's outfit, \$2; Broadview Avenue Auxiliary, 25 cents; Toronto, Broadview Avenue Y.P.S.C.E., for one share of Cisamba Building Fund, \$10; Pine Grove Auxiliary, for Miss M. Melville's outfit, \$2, and for the "Ella F. M. Williams Memorial Fund," \$2; Toronto Zion Church Y.P.S.C.E., for Miss M. Melville's outfit, \$2.

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Workers for Christ's little ones," for membership fee, \$5; Montreal, Zion Church S. S., Mrs. Medley's class for the education of a boy in Rev. W. T. Currie's School, Cisamba, \$2.50; Montreal, Zion Auxiliary, for membership fee, \$10, and for Foreign Missions, \$5; St. Andrew's Ladies' Missionary Society, for Miss M. Melville's outfit, \$10; Montreal Calvary Auxiliary, for Miss M. Melville's outfit, \$5; for "Monthly Leaflet," \$2; for communion set, Cisamba Church, \$2; and for Miss Helen J. Melville's salary, from Miss Cooper, \$5; Montreal Emmanuel Auxiliary, for Home Missions, \$30.24; for Foreign Missions, \$30.24; Thank Offering, for Foreign Missions, \$24.15; and for the communion set, Cisamba Church, \$2.55.

MARGAREE, N.S.—Ladies' Missionary Society, for Foreign Missions, \$3.

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