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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—JUNE.

For the conversion of the Jews. *Rom. xi. 12-15.*

Success of the Wesleyan and McAll Missions in France.
Eccles. xi. 6.

That we may not lose interest in our work during the summer
vacation. *Gal. vi. 9.*

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Rom. i. 16; ii. 10; xi. 12,
15, 23, 30, 31; xvi. 27.*

JAFAN WORK.

FROM MISS HARGRAVE, KANAZAWA.

In reference to the new school at Kanazawa, Miss Hargrave writes: That after delays and disappointments in the completion of the building, the opening exercises took place on the evening of the 5th December.

Of two who gave short addresses, she says they were baptized a few Sundays ago, having first heard of Christianity through their children who attend the school. Mr. Y's little boy was also baptized.

There were thirty-five children present and quite as many parents. My heart was rejoiced to see so many, and to see them listen so attentively to all that was said. Compared to our former building this is a little palace, and yet everything is exceedingly plain. The glass windows which let in heaven's free sunshine are such an improvement.

The average at the Sunday School has been 25, at the day school 21. When I look back and recall the wild, uncultivated little ragamuffins who came to our first Sunday School, I can see an improvement after the six months' training in this school; however, there is yet so much to prune I do not feel like saying more here.

You will remember the sewing teacher whom I visited last year. I have had seven meetings at her house this fall, with an average attendance of six. She and her daughters have decided to become Christians. She has been opposed by her husband and her relations, and has withstood it all.

It would make your heart rejoice to hear her tell how she would try to tell them the story of Jesus when they began to expostulate with her about becoming a Christian. They have given up persecuting her now that she is so decided, and her sister-in-law has asked if she may come over and join the meeting. She said her mother would not allow her, but she would make some excuse out and come over secretly. I have been invited to go and meet the husband when he returns on his Christmas vacation.

One place where I have visited twice a month has been at the home of a blind man. We first learned of him last winter through his son, who came to our house to sell paintings. He had been sent by one of our Christian women. The father was then in the hospital being treated for his eyes. The mother was trying to give this son a course at the Art School, as he was their only future dependence.

When I returned this fall and found the father had left the hospital almost completely blind, I went to visit them, and arranged to go and teach them about the Bible every other Saturday. They have attended the morning service and Sunday School quite often, and are anxiously seeking the truth.

The poor father carries a very heavy heart on account of his affliction. The mother told me the last day I was there that he could not sleep for more than an hour at a time, and

he had no peace in his heart at all. She said they would give anything if he could have one moment's peace.

One Saturday in October our lesson had been from Luke xii. 22-24. Many were their questions and exclamations when they heard that God cared for the birds and the flowers.

As we were about to leave the mother said to me, "Tomorrow is the great feast day at our temple, so we will not come to church, as we must go and offer prayers before the gods." I leave you to imagine my feelings.

I tried to explain to her that God would not reveal Himself to her while her heart was going out after false gods, etc. All she would answer was, "What shall I do?"

At last the father and son spoke up and said they understood "The God of the Bible has nothing to do with the gods at the temple, so we will not go to the temple."

I was delighted to welcome them at church next morning, but I heard afterwards that the mother had followed her old custom and had gone to the temple to burn her incense and worship the idols.

NOTE.—Since this report was written, Buddhist opposition has succeeded in reducing very materially the attendance at the school, and the health of our devoted workers is not what it was. Let us help by our prayers.

INDIAN WORK.

FROM MISS S. L. HART.

PORT SIMPSON, April 6th, '93.

The quarter just closed has passed quickly and quietly by. We had another wedding—the fourth girl married from the Home this winter. They all seem very happy in their new homes, often visit the girls, and still attend our class-meeting for our girls here in the Home.

The parents of one of the girls lately taken into the Home gave us some trouble about their child, which resulted in her returning to her own home.

Most of the people from the village have been away at the

Naa3 fishing for some time; will not likely return yet for two weeks. They gather from all around for the spring fishing.

From Tongass, from the interior, as well as the coast villages, we hear blessed accounts of the revival work going on there.

I was so glad to hear of one of our girls who left the Home a few years ago, Rebecca Star by name, from Tongass, who has been converted and is acting as interpreter. Her friends who are yet in heathenism are being brought to the light.

Our girls are all well and in good spirits. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Redner, who arrived the 30th of March.

CHINESE WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FROM MISS FLORENCE G. WICKETT.

VICTORIA, 100 Cormorant St.,
April 20th, 1893.

As you doubtless know, I am now comfortably settled in our Chinese Home, and find it indeed a very happy one.

On the second morning after arriving here we began school regularly, and find in reading and writing some of the girls do very well. I am so pleased to feel that they are all anxious to progress in their studies, and though unaccustomed to our Ontario methods of teaching, they only need time and patient instruction to master their studies. It does me good to see with what glad spirits they hear "Position for mental arithmetic," or "Put away books for calisthenics." These latter exercises serve as a good recreation in the middle of the morning's studies.

Although my scholars are 27 in number, there are at least five classes among them. The lowest really needs more attention than the others, seeing she understands very little English. Laura, formerly called Ah Quai, is the one to whom I refer.

As you know, she is our newest girl. We find her quite a bright, lovable child, though with rather a too keen sense of the ludicrous. At times, however, she is quite serious, and

always so grateful for every kindness shown her. Every night she thanks God for bringing her to this happy Christian home.

A few days ago, when Mr. Gardiner was speaking of the poor Chinese girl whom her "owner" is trying to land here, Laura said in an earnest tone in Chinese, "Oh, do all you can for her, that she may also know the Truth!" Do you not think this quite an evidence of her own enlightened condition?

Several times she has expressed a strong desire to be baptized, and as we all feel she has really emerged from heathen darkness, the glad ceremony is to take place on Sunday.

During each of my visits to Chinatown I have become more deeply impressed with the great need of much missionary work among its many dark little hovels.

Yesterday I had quite a conversation with Annie's husband. It seems for some months he has prevented her coming to our Home, but now he has promised to let her come to Sunday School. They both promised to read their Bibles more regularly. I was so pleased on leaving to hear his hearty "Come again, won't you?"

How delighted I shall be when able to converse freely in Chinese. Then I hope to gain admittance to many more homes where probably no Christian woman has ever been.

Three times each week Mr. Gardiner gives me instruction in this very strange language. Though its many peculiar sounds and tones are very difficult to retain, I find my new study very interesting, and am looking ever for my Saviour's help to enable me to conquer all difficulties.

Sarah is the only one of our girls who has a fairly good pronunciation; thus Mr. Gardiner does not wish me to receive any help from the rest.

I trust that frequently you will bear me up in prayer to our loving Father that I may have in greater power the enlightening of the Holy Spirit.

Ever since coming here I see and feel that a great work has been and is still going on even more manifestly in the hearts of our girls. A similar change we earnestly covet for the many hundreds in Chinatown.

Please give my kindest regards to the members of the Central Branch of the W. M. S. M. C.

Suggested Programme for July Meeting.

1. Silent prayer for special blessing on the meeting.
2. Hymn—"I need thee every hour."
3. Prayer—"For the utter destruction of the liquor traffic and the opium trade: that these blights and impediments to the progress of Christianity may no longer disgrace professedly Christian governments and countries."
4. Responsive Scripture Reading, Prov. xxiii. 15-23, or Bible Reading, 1 Cor. viii. 9-13; Golden Text, Gal. vi. 2.
5. Three prayers (one minute) for God's blessing upon His Word.
6. Hymn—"Standing by a purpose true."
7. Minutes of last meeting—Treasurer's report—Correspondence—Unfinished or new business.
8. Hymn—"Hark, the voice of Jesus calling."
9. Paper (five minutes), "The evils, growth and cost of the liquor traffic,"¹ followed by discussion.
10. Solo—"Where is my wandering boy to-night."
11. Monthly letter, or Temperance Reading selected—"Never too late, Tom."²
12. Hymn—6th verse of "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling."
13. Paper (5 minutes), "Opium."³
14. One minute testimonies taken from personal observation, on the evil effects of using liquor and opium.
15. Sentence prayers, asking God to help the young men of our land to become total abstainers, and that we may stand true to God on this question.
16. Pledge taking.
17. Hymn—"Dare to be a Daniel," second and fourth stanzas.
18. Mizpah benediction.

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HOME READINGS.

ON THE LIQUOR AND OPIUM TRAFFIC.

"The Drink Curse in France." *Christian Guardian*, Mar. 29, 1893.

"John Wesley on the Liquor Traffic." *Message*, May, 1893.

"Statistics of Intemperance." *Message*, May, 1893.

"The Story of the Opium Curse in India." *Gospel in all Lands*, June, 1891.

A paragraph on page 334. *Gospel in all Lands*, July, 1892.

A paragraph on page 877. *Missionary Review*, March, 1891.

A paragraph on page 5. *Missionary Review*, Jan., 1893.

A paragraph on page 389. *Missionary Review*, May, 1892.

"The Opium Curse." Page 508, *Missionary Review*, July, 1891.

"Selling Opium Pills to Children." Page 965, *Missionary Review*, Dec., 1892.

"Society for Suppression of the Opium Curse." *Missionary Review*, Oct., 1891.

"A letter from Rev. R. H. Nassau, M.D., West Africa." *Missionary Review*, Aug., 1891.

From the Supply Committee.

Newburgh Auxiliary sent a box of clothing, valued at \$35, to the North-West, by the Rev. E. R. Young.

REVIEWS OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

She Hath Done What She Thought She Couldn't.—This leaflet tells you how you can do this very impossible thing; how you can secure the help of others and get them so much interested in our missionary publications that they will become subscribers; how a zeal in the cause has its reflex influence upon others, and in the true spirit of consecration our talents may be increased and multiplied. We would cheerfully recommend this leaflet to all discouraged workers. Price, 1 cent.

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 New Leaflets.

The Literature Committee has just issued a very useful publication entitled **RULES OF ORDER**, which it is hoped may be found helpful in the conduct of the various meetings in which, as members of the W. M. S., we take an active part from time to time. It would also be of service in business meetings of the Epworth League. Price, 5 cents each, 30 cents a dozen.

There is also in course of preparation a series of Leaflets on *Our Work*, of which the first and second numbers are

now ready. No. 1, *Our Work in China*, and No. 2, *Our Chinese Rescue Home, Victoria, B.C.*, contain the history of our work in these two fields from its beginning to the present time. Price, 1 cent each, 10 cents a dozen.

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