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June—Land yet to be possessed.

July—Young peoples' work.

THE MONTHLY LEAFLET.

All communications and letters from the missionaries intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor, Mrs. Sanders, 25 Mackay street, Montreal, P.Q.

Editorial Paragraphs.

The C.C.W.B.M. has ended its twelfth year, with pledges all paid and a small balance of \$146.84 for the General Fund in the Treasury. The President has written a report of the annual Meeting and made an appeal for larger contributions. New work was recommended which must be taken up as specialties; many regretted that the plan of regular work could not be extended and enlarged. For the coming year our missionaries (the Misses Melville) were retained at the increased sum of \$487.50 each for their support. To pay our share of the expenses of sustaining the Cisamba Station (for 1897 it was \$10.50); to pay \$70 for the Canadian Scholarship (Galene Myrna, Turkey); To pay the C.C.M.S. \$600 for Home Missions; to pay the "Congregationalist" \$15; to pay for four pages in the year book \$6. We hope all will be loyal to the Board and send all donations whether for the regular or special work through its treasury, so that a correct account of what is being done by the women in our churches may be kept. Received up to date 1763 subscriptions, "Monthly Leaflet," 4th volume. Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, 207 Bloor Street, Toronto, Ont., is the new secretary, Mrs. Freeland having sent in her resignation, it was reluctantly accepted. The other officers were re-elected.

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*Twelfth Annual Meeting, C.C.W.B.M.,
June 2nd and 3rd, 1898.*

Our first experience of meeting west of Toronto was declared to be a decided success. The auxiliaries of the Paris and Hamilton branch responded right royally in the large deputations sent to the meeting. Paris was beautiful in all the freshness of its early days of June. Its hills and valleys and rivers, its charming residences, lawns and parks were a fruitful source of remark and admiration, and will continue to be "a joy forever," often as memory recalls its scenes; also the beautiful church and its decorations in honor of our coming; the bountiful tea provided by the ladies of the Church and thoroughly appreciated by the delegates; the hospitality of its residents and the thoughtful kindness received on every hand.

A delegation of 45 responded to the roll-call. Our young Auxiliaries, Brantford and Scotland, cheered our hearts by the large number of ladies who came as visitors.

Our genial delegate from Winnipeg made us feel that the great city she represented was not so far away as we thought and when she so cordially invited us to meet there next year nothing save the thinness of our pocket-books could induce us to say No.

We were pleased indeed to welcome from the Toronto Branch two new women who are felt to be an acquisition to our band of workers: Mrs. Wookey, whose solos were found to be so helpful, and Mrs. Wood, who gave response to Mrs. Silcox's address of welcome. The prayer hours, led by Miss Dougall and Miss Wickson were helpful and inspiring.

Our programme was full—too full, some one said; there was not room for discussion. We had bright glimpses of the lives of our faithful Missionaries at the front, and of our Missionary Churches at home, as well as the work to be done in the North-West.

What our denomination has done in foreign lands through the L.M.S. and A.B.C.F.M. was well told. The Leper Mission enlisted our sympathies as Mrs. Ross told of its needs.

"Story of the Delegates Return," from the Student-Volunteer Convention at Cleveland reminded us of the use the young people make of what they hear at Conventions. "How to build a Programme" set us all thinking of our failures in the past and suggested improved methods for future use.

The Children's hour was full of interest, the curios from Africa being passed round for their inspection. They listened well while Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Knight addressed them and Miss Cassidy sang "Jesus loves me" in Chinese.

Mrs. Knight, returned missionary from China, spoke very touchingly and instructively of work in that land, its difficulties and encouragements.

Our plans for the new year all point to forward movement. Let us not be satisfied this year to raise less than \$3000; let us not allow one church however small, to drop from the roll of the denomination.

Invitations for our thirteenth meeting of the Board were received from Embro, Winnipeg, and Ottawa, the latter city (D. V.), be where the meetings will be held.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung, and benediction pronounced by the Pastor. The last, lingering good-byes said, and one of the best meetings of the Board was a thing of the past.

(Mrs.) J. MACULLUM, President.

From Rev. W. T. Currie.

CISAMBA, March 21, 1898.

DEAR MRS. SANDERS,—We are not able to find carriers for our goods these days in this part of Bihe; hence we are working the Valuimbi on the other side of the Kukema River to get our goods from the coast. Last week we sent down 35 and in a few days expect to start as many more in charge of the Station boys. The medical work has occupied most of our time during the last month so that even the preaching had largely to be left to our native helpers. Some of the cases we had to treat were very serious indeed, and allowed us little time to rest by night or day. We had to bury a nephew of the Chief of Ciyuka the other day. His death was caused by a really serious accident that has happened at this Station. While trying to ride a half broken the beast took fright and ran into a small house, driving one of the sharp projecting rafters into his breast, and knocking him to the ground in such a way as to cause him internal injuries from which he died. We are all very sorry. The lad was a right manly boy and one of the finest looking blacks I have seen in Africa.

A very much larger number of natives now bring something to help pay for the medicines they get than ever did in the past, and it looks as if we were steadily moving to the line of self-support in the Medical Department. We plan to put up a new dispensing room in the dry season, and turn the building at present in use into a temporary hospital. It will have four light and fairly comfortable rooms. The cost of this will be met from the Hospital Fund, and a charge will be made for the use of the rooms so as to restore the money used, so that the whole Fund

will be available for use when we build the permanent hospital. To furnish the four rooms we have begun to make beds; and will also make tables in the carpenter shop. The sheets, pillow-cases and other articles being sent out will do the rest that is required, to provide such comforts as our patients must have.

The Chief of Ciyuka is still with us. Nearly two weeks ago he took Ependavelo and went to his Ombola. While away he tore down two spirit-houses and had them carted away to the river. He also removed his symbols of witch-craft and brought them to us to do what we pleased with them. You never saw such a collection of dirty rubbish; yet the chief claims to have paid a heap of money for them. We are going to select a number of articles to send home, perhaps next month in charge of one of the English Mission. We trust the ladies in our churches will not fail to remember this man in their prayers. He is in poor health. One difficulty in the path of the chief is "what to do with the five wives who are mothers to his children." He is not now living with them, and those who have no children he has given to his young people; but none of them will dare to take those who have borne him children; and to send them home will cause the little ones to be removed from all christian influence.

We are well. Our sixth white patient this month came to us to-day.

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

CISAMBA, March. 21st, 1898.

DEAR MISS BLACK, MONTREAL,—As Mrs. Madley has been kind enough to send me the names of the young ladies in her class, I shall inflict upon you this time some account of our doings for the past month. Although, I have never seen Mrs. Madley to my knowledge, her name has become very familiar in the list of those who are doing their part in obeying our dear Lord's last request, and taking an interest in these dark children of His.

These days, being towards the end of the wet season, bring a great deal of extra medical work. We have dosed more people for fever during the past few days than we can readily count. I had a slight fever last night, so if this letter be incoherent and uninteresting you will excuse it. Mr. Currie keeps well in spite of the strain and anxiety of the past month. He has five Portuguese patients; they came one after the other; at one time three of them were in bed at the same time; all dangerously ill, two were delirious, one blind for a week; they came

from various districts, one being the "Commandante" of the fort at the Kuamza; all have recovered and gone home, for which we are very thankful. To-day their has come another, his trouble is epilepsy. There was also a serious accident case; a young nephew of the Chief Kanjundu (Hosi) mounted a half trained ox belonging to his uncle, the animal got frightened and ran away; the boy hung on till it ran into a small half finished house the projecting rafter of which struck him on the chest, pitching him with great force off the animal. The wound was a deep one, Mr. Currie put eight stitches in it; it healed almost at once, but the internal injuries caused death in a few days. He was the nicest looking native we ever saw, very tall, with regular features, bright and intelligent; he was a great favorite with the Chief and with the boys here, although he had been here only a few weeks. It is a severe trial to the chief for one special reason, but to explain more fully perhaps I had better tell you that the Chief has decided to throw away his fetishes. He has been staying here since Christmas, is learning to read very fast, and equally determined that his young people shall learn too. A couple of weeks ago he went home to His Ombala (head village) and tore down a couple of spirit houses, also the wooden erection on which they are accustomed to offer to the spirits. He collected all the fetishes and brought them here. You never saw such a dirty collection of things. Horns of various animals, girdles to prevent sickness, small turtles to wear around his neck, &c., &c., all covered with black mud and similar compositions (some poisonous) with a thick coating of castor oil to complete the mal-odorous effect. It was no small struggle that led to this, for the man, like all natives, is very superstitious. When he came back he looked worn and exhausted but said his heart felt lighter. He told one of our boys when going there that though he might die in the attempt, still it would be an example for his people, and make it easier for them in the future to obey God. But the testing time soon followed. A cousin who helped the Chief to destroy some and bring here the rest of the fetishes has been sick ever since, and the lad who has died was also his helper in the work of demolition. And so, of course, there are those who say that "the spirits are angry." Still, he shows no trace of anxiety, and we note trusting and praying that the loving Father will strengthen and cheer this babe in Christ. He is a delicate man physically, to-day has a sharp attack of bronchitis; pray for him will you all? and for us, that we may help and not hinder in the rightest way. As soon as the photographic materials arrive I hope to take a photo of him, and will send you one. Our schools go on as usual and yet we think there is a deeper

desire among the young people to learn than usual. Several young girls have come to stay. The Kindergarten has indeed become solely composed of little girls; the village boys calling it "the girl's school" with a very emphatic emphasis on "girls." So Miss Maggie Melville and I decided on a change, she takes the little girls in the schoolhouse as usual, and I have started a school for boys "only" in our kitchen, so that they need not be in the same building with the weaker sex. So far it has proved successful. There are fifteen on the roll, although it has only been two weeks in existence. They are all villagers, and in spite of the recent storms and the opposition of the elders of their villages, they come with fair regularity. I cannot call it a Kindergarten, several of the boys range from twelve to fifteen years of age. They themselves, call it 'our sewing school,' that being the attracting power. They also get reading and writing lessons. Some of the songs are quite suitable for boys, and they sing them more enthusiastically than musically. However, it is only a beginning and a few boys may yet be won so as to attend school regularly. For our own boys there are three different schools, one for juniors, another for seniors, taught by the Misses Melville respectively. The third is the evangelists', or preachers' school of which I have charge. These all meet at the same hour though in different buildings, from 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock p.m. From 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock are held the girls' school and Kindergartens.

But I must close now, hoping that you may in turn write to me, our young people would like to hear what you do.

Joined by Mr. Currie in kind regards to you and your classmates

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