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Subjects for Prayer.

The Indians of our Dominion. "The Stranger within our Gates."

INDIAN WORK.

It is a matter of regret that the following letter has been unavoidably held over for such a length of time:

From Rev. G. H. Raley.

KIT-A-MAAT, B.C.

At this station there has been a most pitiable condition through an epidemic of measles, complicated with other ailments, and the strain upon Miss Long has been most severe. Mr. and Mrs. Raley have striven to lighten her burdens as much as possible. After narrating some of their sad experiences in watching and nursing, Mr Raley writes under date of September 30th :

Last night, as I was about to close this, I was called by Mrs. Raley, and found a very undesirable state of affairs;

the baby had croup, consequently we were up all night with him ; this morning ne is quite relieved. Our children at the home have a much brighter appearance. Seven of them, how-ver, were unable to get up to breakfast—quite a hospital. I hope in a few days all will be around again. Miss Long is patience itself with them, and an excellent nurse. I have shared the burden with her as much as I could, taking my turn to watch at night. We have been obliged to have a native woman in occasionally, as the children were unable to do their work, being so weak.

Other mission work is progressing favorably, and the meetings are well attended, the Christians taking part with an enthusiasm that would astonish you. Last Friday night a chief, whose little boy is dying, came to the meeting in anguish, feeling the burden of sin and seeking help. He was tortured with the idea of his sinfulness, and also that he was going to be separated from his little boy. Before he left the meeting he was a new man, he found forgiveness and help, and was reconciled to his loss, stating in his language, which is very expressive, "God lent me my boy for a little while, and now He is calling in 'His lend.'"

Another man, who was a slave, has given me many an anxious hour. He is so wild. The Indian agent threatened to put him in the chain gang at Nanaimo if he heard further complaint. He threatened to shoot a man a short time ago; and he got his head cut with a knife in a row. Poor fellow, it is hardly all his fault. To-day he came and asked me to write down his promise to live a different life with the help of God. He said he must have broken all God's laws and man's laws as well. He cried when I explained to him how enormous crime was in the sight of God. He is quite anxious, and I expect him at the meeting to-night. There is so much to encourage, that a missionary's lot in the Divine call of duty is a happy one.

Mrs. Raley writes, Dec. 11th, 1898.

"It is needless to tell you we are gratified by the action of the Board; we are deeply grateful, and most heartily thank the ladies.

"Just after hearing from you a steamer came in with

freight, and Mr. Raley having to visit Hartley Bay, availed himself of the chance to go out by steamer rather than by canoe. He expected to return some days ago, but is still away; the boat is to bring him back with lumber. The people were much pleased to know that he was going to enlarge and improve the home buildings.

When I wrote last the girls were sick. Soon afterwards they began to improve, all but little Mary, who was ill for weeks, wasted to skin and bone; we do not yet know what was the matter. We thought she would die, but she pulled through and gained so that she was able to return to school last week.

Three weeks ago Miss Long was one night taken suddenly ill. She managed to get down to the mission house next morning, and was confined to bed for eight or nine days. We feared that typhoid fever was setting in, but she providentially escaped. For about two weeks she was unable to go to the Home, and we had to get our former teacher to look after it. Of course Mr. Raley was about, but he had the school as well, and we were so anxious about Miss Long. I never sat down for days, save at meals. Miss Long is considerably thinner, and not strong yet, but she is improving and her spirits are better. We tell her she worries too much, but she is very conscientious and feels everything keenly. She must go away next summer for a change. She sees now that she missed it in not doing so last holidays.

"We are preparing for Christmas.

"The boat on which Mr. Raley left, brought us a new teacher, Miss Walker. We like her, but she is wishing Mr. Raley would return, and get things in running order. She is much interested in the 'Home'."

From Miss Morgan.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 14th, 1898.

You will be sorry I am sure when you hear that I cannot return to Japan, but from what the doctor told me I am afraid it is not possible. All things considered, perhaps it is all for the best that I am to stay here. During the past four

weeks the importation of Japanese women for immoral purposes has been appalling. There have been a few here all year, some staying just a few days or weeks before going to the States, others taking positions as servants in Victoria.

Thirteen Japanese women came over on the *Tacoma* and stayed here for a while. I went to see them as soon as possible and found seven with as many men crowded into two small rooms at one of the boarding houses. I saw at a glance what they were like, and said everything in my power to turn them from their evil ways. The next day I went again and had a meeting with them. So far as I can find out these have all left the city. Three more arrived since at the house and one at another. Then at still another boarding house, where I hope the man and his wife are good, there are now three women. They have been here at the Home several times—all coming for English every morning.

They went to the Japanese Sunday School with me. Two of them are very nice women. They and their husbands have been in Honolulu six years working on a sugar plantation, but until last week they had never heard of Jesus.

Since the middle of September I have seen about twenty-six new Japanese women. Then there must be six or eight who live here all the time.

We have reason to fear that one man who keeps a boarding house meets all the boats from Japan and inveigles men and women to his house. They know no English and depend on him for everything. He keeps them in ignorance of when the boats leave for San Francisco, then they are obliged to stay longer than they at first intended, get into debt for board, and their wives must stay and work. One poor fellow came here crying one night. He had lost his wife just as they were about to start for Vancouver.

At our Advisory Committee I suggested that a committee meet all the steamers from Japan and as far as possible see that the women (and men too) go to proper boarding houses. I do not know to what extent this work will grow, but I am sure something must be done to stop this nefarious traffic.

I had a talk with the Japanese Consul in Vancouver. He says the law forbidding the exportation of these women from Japan is very rigid.

CHINA.

From Dr. Maud Killam.

CHENTU, Oct. 18th, 1898.

I feared lest many rumors should reach you, and that these together with what Miss Brackbill had already written, might make you anxious concerning us, but to-night all seems quiet within and without. Miss Brooks and I took a trip to Kia-ting in the first part of September. On the whole we found the people not unpleasant. At one place we were accused of eating children.

On reaching here we learned that a special messenger from Kia-ting had outrun us to complain of many unfavorable rumors there, and to learn about the state of things here. While we were on our way up, placards had been posted against foreigners, and the talk on the street was very bad. One day had been named for the destruction of our houses and ourselves, but it had passed; another appointed day was yet to come. That day also went by and we were undisturbed. The unpleasant remarks continue, but are not quite as many as before. We have been very little alarmed, however, despite all the rumors, because the officials seemed to be doing their very utmost to protect us from any disturbance. For a while soldiers were stationed at each foreign compound.

The man who posted a defamatory placard, not the one who wrote it, was convicted and beaten.

The soldiers were here not because of any mob or disturbance, but for prevention. Now they do not seem to be about, but the officials are on the alert, and very frequently one rides by. The soldiers were also on guard in Kia-ting and in Sin Foo for a while.

The uneasiness seems mostly in the neighborhood of Chung-king, quite a distance from here. There they were alarmed enough to send the ladies out of the city for a few days. At one place near Chung-king the foreigners' places were destroyed. This time the officials mean to protect us, but the rumors and disturbance have come because of some insurrection in the province. These insurrections seem to have particular enmity towards the foreigners. Just how

large these forces are we are not able to say, but Chentu is the capital and is protected by a high, broad stone and earthen wall, which is kept in splendid condition. We naturally feel safe here, and have no real expectation of having our work interfered with.

The only definite rumors I have heard are that we eat children, and that we can see thirty Chinese feet into the ground. These words are very commonly and extensively reported. Of course there are many more things said. However the two dispensaries in town are pretty well attended, and there are patients enough applying to fill the hospitals.

The Sunday services are also well attended. I forgot to mention that favorable placards were posted by the officials outside our gates.

We are not quite decided whether or not it is wise to open our work promptly in November. We will see how quiet it is then, and do what the majority think is best.

We have been used to walking over to the compound of the General Board on Sunday and other days. Our way is over a quiet street and across a common. We have walked very little elsewhere, except on the wall. Now we think it not wise to walk out until there is less talk.

We realize at all times we are under the Father's watchful eye, and that whatever comes to us is best.

The continual viewing of the darkness of heathenism, the continual and intense disappointment in the lives of those who are descended from generations of darkness needs to be, must be, is counteracted by the thought of the never-failing, always patient love of our Saviour.

We are thankful for some brightness and gladness in our own hearts, and homes, and in each other.

A Correction.

We regret exceedingly that through incorrect punctuation by the printer the last sentence or two of Miss Munro's letter in the January Leaflet conveys a different meaning from what she expressed. The period should be at the close of the words "rejoice to have it," when the next sentence begins and continues to the end.

Suggested Programme—March.

Prepared by Mrs. W. E. Ross, President of the W.M.S.

Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month :

“ Papal Countries and French-Canadian Missions.”

Pray that a pure Gospel may illumine all lands, especially our own land. Pray for the conversion of the thirty-eight boys and the thirty-seven girls now in residence in the French Institute, as well as those in our day schools, but above all ask that competent young men and women may be called unto this important work.

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

I. Opening Exercises :

Doxology, Scripture Lesson, Hymn, Members remain standing and repeat our Lord's Prayer.

II. Regular business.

III. The Watch-Tower.

IV. Hymn.

V. French-Canadian Evangelization—what does it seek to do?

(Answer to be read by Cor. Secretary.)

ANS —“1st. It has nothing in common with destructive forces and elements which are subversive of all order and authority. It aims at order and contentment by aiming at morality and intelligence. 2nd. This movement is not inspired by fanatical hatred of Romanism. The speaker personally recognized all that was good in that system, and declared his decided preference for Romanism over infidelity. 3rd. It seeks to replace the Word of God in its proper sphere, where St. Augustine located it, in Christian thought and faith, as superior to tradition and councils. 4th. It seeks, by feelings and methods which are spiritual and charitable, the conversion of souls, and in this work all the principal Protestant churches are engaged, striving to put Christ in the place of the priest, the gospel in the place of tradition, the crucified in the place of the crucifix.”—*Dr. W. I. Shaw.*

“ Our country's voice is pleading,
Ye men of God, arise ;
His providence is leading,
The land before you lies,
Day gleams are o'er it brightening,
And promise clothes the soil ;
Wide fields for harvest whitening
Invite the reapers toil.”

VI. Short paper on "Wherein does the Teaching of the Roman Catholic Church differ from that of the Methodist Church,"* or on "The Effect of Roman Catholicism upon a Country where it is the Dominant Religion;" take, for instance, South America, Spain, or the Philippines, now of such intense interest, and where for nine years the Bible has been excluded by the Spanish priests.†

VII. Reading: "Facts about our French-Canadian Mission."‡

VIII. Hymn.

IX. Prayer Service.

NOTE. Will Presidents and Programme Committees kindly observe that the prayer service is at the close instead of the beginning of the meeting, for the reason that many hardly know the subject for prayer, and after discussion, it is thought more intelligent prayer will be offered.

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