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INDIAN WORK.

From Mrs Redner.

PORT SIMPSON, B.C., *March 21st, 1894.*

We have thirty-six girls at present. I let one of the girls go home yesterday who has been sick for some time. Her face was very much swollen from scrofula. The doctor told me yesterday that he feared her lungs were being affected by it, and if so, she will probably never recover. She was the oldest girl in the home—had only been in six months when I came.

In regard to the other girls, they are all well and happy as can be. They are improving very much in their work, and in their Christian life I can see them steadily growing. They take such a great interest in studying the Bible; nothing I can suggest seems to give them as much pleasure as a Bible lesson, and it is surprising how they will hunt up a

command or a promise in connection with any line of conduct. In trying to help the girls, my own soul has been richly blessed. I am very often led to cry for more wisdom, that I may know the very best way of discharging my duties in connection with the girls.

Measles has been in the village for two months, very few children escaping. Eight children have died, and several are left in a very weak condition. We have no sign of the disease yet, and are beginning to hope we may escape altogether. Of course, we have not been able to go in among the people as we would like during their sickness, for we feared bringing trouble to our own children, and two or three have such poor constitutions that we feared their life might be at stake. We feel that we have very much to be thankful for in every way. True, we meet with some difficulties, but we also meet with many blessings.

CHINESE WORK.

From Dr. Gifford.

CHENTU, *March 27th, 1894.*

I have now been in Chentu over a month, and have had a little time to look about and see something of the work that is being done. Saturday evening I had a talk with Dr. Hart over the prospects of getting land in the vicinity of the hospital belonging to the General Board. Dr. Hart agrees with us in thinking that it would be better to have our hospital entirely separate from theirs, but he thinks it would be an advantage to have them as near to each other as possible. There are several lots for sale in the vicinity at present; two of them are very suitable; one is a little dearer than the other. The buildings on them are very good, especially those on the larger of the two. Dr. Hart thinks the buildings could, by some changes, be made to answer the purpose of a dispensary and residence, until the funds were forthcoming for proper hospital buildings. The cost of the lot would be somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,200, and additional expenses connected with the purchase, amounting to about \$100 to \$130. Dr. Hart thinks it wiser to purchase early, as the rent soon amounts to the cost of the land.

I have not opened dispensary work yet, although I have seen a few cases. All advise me to spend a few months longer on the language, for as soon as the regular work is begun my time will be so occupied there will not be much opportunity for regular study. In this country the book language and the colloquial differ very much, especially is this the case with the women. The majority of the men are educated to a certain extent, while the majority of the women are entirely without, and if you address the latter in the language of the books they will not understand you. I am talking with the women as much as possible, in the Chinese language it is by constantly using what we get from day to day that we acquire more. I also spend six hours a day with my teacher.

Miss Brackbill and I have each employed a teacher. We find, for the present, at least, it is necessary, as so much of our time is given to study.

From Miss Brackbill.

CHENTU, March 14th, 1894.

The Sunday before we arrived, Chinese service was held in the new chapel, and I have been told there were fully two hundred and fifty women out. Dr. Hart says that he knows of no part of China where the prospect for work among the women is so good.

The new chapel was dedicated the day after our arrival. The services were continued until the following week, and were interesting, especially to us, who had been deprived of this privilege for so long.

Probably you will wonder how we are situated here. For the present we have been able to rent rooms in the compound where Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell are living. We have decided to take our meals with them this summer; we will have more time for study by so doing. We received a very warm welcome from all the friends, and begin to feel quite at home.

I have been told that all the day school pupils that one can attend to can be secured as soon as the language is acquired. If this be so, the prospect for a boarding school, should you desire it, is very good. In any case, whether for day-school or boarding-school work, and also for evangelistic work, a

knowledge of the language is necessary, and this requires some time, as it is truly a difficult language to master. The tones are very different here from those we were learning in Shanghai, but I find the time I spent there on the character is serving me a good purpose.

There is a very good school of girls started here on this compound, and Mr. Hartwell will be willing to give them into my charge if the society is willing to bear the expenses. The teacher is paid 5,000 cash, which is something less than \$100 per month. The schools are kept open twelve months during the year here.

March 29th.

As to the School.—It seems to me an evidence that God is going before, opening the way for me in thus finding my work ready for me to a certain extent. A place mentioned by Dr. Hart as desirable is just north of the hospital grounds, facing the east, with a frontage of 60 feet, and running back 160 feet. It would make a very good school property, as it would be suitable for building purposes, and still have a fair-sized playground. There are three or four large trees and a house on it which could be utilized as a dwelling. The back yard adjoins Dr. Hart's back yard, and as it is near the wall we could get out there for exercise. Dr. Hart said he could buy it for 600 taels, which is about \$450 gold, and surely that is far cheaper than renting.

Work on the hospital is going on rapidly for work in China, where one's patience is often tried by the slowness of the laborers. For the last two or three days we have been having some rather warm weather—only a taste of what it will be later, no doubt.

TOKYO.

Report of the Japan Council of the W.M.S. for the quarter ending March 31st, 1894.

School—number of pupils on the roll: January, 74; February, 73; March, 72.

The work during the past term seems to have been filled with "doing whatsoever the King appoints." The girls have needed a great deal of disciplining, which has taken

much spiritual and physical strength, but the spirit in which the reprimands were received showed that the faults were seen and there was an earnest desire to overcome them.

The need of reprimand has not been among the pupils only—the school servants, too, have had their share. One man found charging two sen more than was due upon a parcel he was sent to post, when questioned about the matter smilingly said, "It was a little mistake;" but we could not pass the matter by so lightly, as he had been told in the beginning that we expected those employed here to be honest in such small matters. It took some time to convince him that *sin* was *sin* in God's sight whether great or small, but the lesson, as well as the punishment inflicted, did their work, and since then there has been a marked improvement in the man's conduct.

The tinsmith employed about the school to do the many bits of making and mending that are required, was influenced by one of our number to attend church. He is much interested in the teachings of Christ, and now he is seldom absent from his place in church on Sunday morning. Some few weeks ago he, with the servant above-mentioned, went to our pastor and asked for baptism. The latter, for some weeks, has shown an earnest desire to walk worthy of Christ, and more than once we have seen him alone in one of the school-rooms reading his Bible and praying to our Father in secret. This man's wife has been a Christian for some years—said she became so because she was living in a Christian family; of late, she, too, has shown a desire to walk uprightly before God. Truly, the seed sown in His name, though often sown in weakness and trembling, "does not" return unto the Master void.

There have been no baptisms this term; but the little acts of unselfishness when no one seemed to be looking, the bright, cheerful faces after reproof, instead of the sulky ones of former days, the patient, helpful spirit with the little ones, the absence of grumbling when class-rooms were upset on account of repairs, and the many little signs of secret faults being conquered, and all with an eye single to His glory, have encouraged and cheered us very much in our term's work.

One of our Japanese ministers bore a strong testimony

to the faithful work of the girls sent out from our school, and he speaks from experience, as he has been closely connected with them in work for some years. He said: "I do not know how you do it, but the workers you send out are trained so that they do fine work among the women and children. They will get a meeting wherever they go; they are not above going out into the streets and bringing the people in; they are not found sitting in their houses 'waiting' for seeking souls to come to them."

The attendance at the three Sunday Schools carried on by the girls continues good, the average being 110. The preparation for the Sunday teaching is very thorough; each girl prepares the lesson before Wednesday, when one is called upon to give an outline before the Normal Class; then follow suggestions for application or illustration, and the review on Saturday enables them to present their lessons in a way that would be acceptable in any Sunday School in the homeland. Our Japanese teachers are expected to attend church every Sunday morning; nearly all of them attend Bible class as well.

The King's Daughters' School has had an average attendance of 35; the highest attendance was 53.

Some three years ago a student, who had been with us about two years, left the school. After a time she was married, and removed to a distance from Tokyo. During the time she attended school she gave no evidence of any interest in the "Old, old story," although her three elder sisters were all earnest Christian women. About three months ago she was confined; for a time her life was despaired of; her mother was her nurse. One day, when the fever was at its highest, the parched lips were opened to sing; hymn after hymn poured forth; this startled the mother, who could not understand why the delirium had taken this form. Later on, one of her Christian sisters arrived, and kneeling by the bedside, heard from the sick one of how Jesus had come to her and brought to her remembrance the lessons that had been taught in school, and trusting in Him she had found *sweetest rest*, Christ had become the altogether lovely One to her. Now we have the joy of knowing that the mother desires to know more of Him who brought such comfort to her sick child.

From another direction comes the joyful news that the mother of a former pupil has lately received baptism, led by her daughter, who bore much persecution in her home for two years rather than forget the command, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

"O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God; how unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

EVANGELISTIC.—During the past quarter there has been more or less sickness among the Japanese workers; but the Charity School at Shitaya has suffered more than any other part of the work. The teacher was forced to rest through February; a substitute was found, but the school hours had to be changed. Ushioda san began work again in March, but again gave out ere the end of the month, the Bible woman of that district taught for a week, and then we had to close. Last week we succeeded in getting a new teacher, and we hope in a short time to have things running in good order again. In January a mother's meeting was started in connection with the school; this also has been interrupted by the changes, but at the last meeting there were four women and a number of children present.

The pastor at Kakigara-cho speaks very highly of the work of the new Bible-woman, Mrs. Hayashi. We have another worker on trial at present, Assai O Hana san, a young woman of about twenty-two years of age. She has been working with Yoshida san among the poor of Azahu. Her uncle was afraid that her desire to work was only a "fancy" that would soon wear off, so was anxious that she should be put to work that would try the spirit that had prompted her. She has done well, and shows no signs of growing weary, though the sights that have met her eyes have been beyond anything that she had ever dreamed of as being possible, even among the "very poor" of this earth.

We have held in all one hundred and five meetings since January 1st. The week-day meetings have had an average of six grown people, and in some districts three or four children as well; and the Sunday evening meetings an average of ten women and thirty children; so that weekly, at our meetings alone we reach at least sixty four women and fifty children.

(To be continued).

SUPPLY COMMITTEE WORK.

In response to the request made in the March monthly letter, the P.E.I. Auxiliary asked if they might supply the needs of the Chinese Home. The Committee was much pleased to grant the request, and immediately and systematically the Secretary of the District canvassed for contributions, with a most encouraging result, as they have sent to the Chinese Home \$40 worth of sheets, pillow cotton, cotton for underwear, flannelette, knitting cotton, towels, print and flannel, making a very valuable box, and one that will give great pleasure and comfort to the matron and inmates of the Home.

In addition to this they also sent \$19.25 worth in cotton, hats, print, table-linen, towelling and sheeting, to the McDougall Orphanage, making a total of \$59.25.

The Auxiliaries contributing were Charlottetown Auxiliaries, first and second churches: Tryon, Bedeque, Montague, Margate, Victoria, York, Highfield, West Cape, Vernon River, Wright, Union, Murray Harbor, Pownal, Bideford, Cherry Valley, Winslow, Summerside, Searltown, Cape Traverse, Mount Herbert and Kensington, Mrs. W. W. Wellner and Mrs. J. J. Colter.

Cases and parcels have been sent from Stratford Mission Band and Junior League to C. Croker; from Littlewood to Muncey, value \$43. Thornbury sent bale valued at \$156 to Nelson House. Oakwood and Prescott sent box and parcel to the Gibson Reserve. McDougall Orphanage received \$10 from W. H. Doel, Toronto; \$5 from Orphan's Friend, Iowa; parcel from Hamilton, per Mrs. Rosebrugh, \$19.25 worth of goods from P.E.I. District. Newmarket sent bale to Oxford House, valued at \$20.

Chilliwhack received small box from Norwood, Hawley, Victoria, P.E.I.; 50 yds. print from Thomasburg; bedding from Holmesville; quilt from Mt. Pleasant; parcel from Goderich; 30 yds. rag carpet and quilts from Maple; quilts and sheets from St. Catherines; 20 yds. rag carpet and bedding from Hilton Auxiliary, total valued at \$26.00.

Alliston and Sunderland sent barrel and bale to Christian Island.

Suggested Programme for August Meeting.

I. Opening exercises.

"He who would keep his own heart fresh, his own piety glowing, should carry in his heart and remember in his prayers the welfare of the whole world."

II. Regular business.

III. Hymn.

IV. Subject of prayer for the month :

The speedy conversion of the Jews. Jeremiah xxiv. 6, 7. Missionary work in Palestine and among the Mohammedans.

What do we owe to the Jews?

Much every way. "They were intrusted with the oracles of God." (Rom. iii. 2.)

The best and brightest examples of holy, God-fearing lives, which God has set before us for our imitation, are those of Jews. Read the Galaxy in Hebrews xi.

A son of Abraham, a son of David - the King of the Jews—redeemed us with His precious blood.

The Apostles who first preached the Gospel, and who sealed the truths of Christianity with their lives as martyrs, were Jews. God has a glorious future in store for the Jews, and through them for the Church. Rom. xi. 11-15.

The Jews are to be again the great messengers of the Gospel to the world. (Isa. ii. 3; Zec. viii. 20-23.)^a

V. Prayer. For the speedy conversion of God's chosen people.

VI. Conversation. "False faiths degrade woman with an infinite degradation."

Sub-topics—Hinduism, Religions of China, Mohammedanism.†

VII. Hymn.

VIII. Sentence Prayers and Benediction.

^aWe suggest that this number be an address (not a reading), with additional exposition on the subject from the Bible.

†Give origin of each Faith and teachings with regard to woman. See "Woman under the Ethnic Religions." Price 2 cents.

HOME READINGS.

Problems of Jewish Gospel Work	}	<i>Missionary Review</i> ,
		May, '93, p. 349.
Medical Missions in Syria and Palestine	}	<i>Missionary Review</i> ,
		Sept., '93, p. 641.
Missions in Palestine	}	<i>Missionary Review</i> ,
		Dec., '93, p. 899.
Evangelical Work in Palestine	}	<i>Missionary Review</i> ,
		Dec., '93, p. 906.

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