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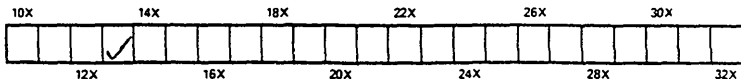
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"For comfort and support."—Isa. 66: 13; 1 Pet. 4: 13; Deut. 33: 25; Phil. 1: 19;

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

February—Outlook for Christ's Kingdom in Turkey.

March—An hour in Spain.

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We welcome to the Ottawa Branch the "Girls' Own" Mission Band of the 1st Congregational Church, Kingston, Ont., Miss Lillie Scott, 307 Johnston St., Secretary. Are there not other "Mission Bands" and "Missionary Societies" who are ready and willing to join the C.C.W.B.M. The Board needs the help of these Societies and they need the strength that comes by union.

We would draw attention to the letter from India. Miss Jeffery is a missionary of the "International Missionary Alliance." She is a member of the Congregational Church, Pine Grove, Ont., where her mother and friends worship.

The librarian (Miss Edith Cochrane, 294 Drummond St., Montreal) of the "Minnehaha Memorial Library," writes: "The Missionary Library is not drawn upon as it should be. Every Auxiliary should at least once a quarter draw out a book, and get some one to write a paper on it or give an address based upon the contents. In writing for a book give second and third choice in case the one you first select is out."

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From Mrs. E. Jenkins, President.

YARMOUTH, N.S., Dec. 17th, 1896.

On behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society of N.S. and N.B. :

DEAR SISTERS,—We feel that the courtesy extended by the C. C. W. B. M. in sending our beloved sister, Mrs. W. H. Watson Hamilton, Ont., to visit the Woman's Missionary Societies of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, calls for an expression of gratitude from us. Your interest in our welfare has taken a very tangible form, sending one so dearly beloved for her labors in the past, and one so well qualified (by reason of those labors) to do efficient work in the Maritime Provinces. We trust the outlay will prove a rich investment, when the reckoning day comes. Dr. and Mrs. Watson arrived at Fredericton near the middle of August, intending to begin work at Keswick Ridge. Circumstances prevented their visiting the latter place and the work commenced in the old historic church of Sheffield on the bank of the beautiful St. John river. There they received a warm welcome from friends whose kindness will linger long in their memories. Dr. Watson preached on the Sabbath. The Local Secretary writes: "We had a feast on Sunday"—on Monday Mrs. Watson met the ladies and gave us useful and practical advice, counselling us to form a Maritime Board, and take up foreign, as well as home mission work. We enjoyed their visit very much, and hope it will be the means of doing much good. An interesting meeting in the evening with a good collection, closed the work in Sheffield. On Tuesday a trip down the "Rhine of America" in a pouring rain brought them to the City of St. John. There Mrs. Watson extended the greetings of the Woman's Board to a goodly company of ladies gathered in the home of our General Treasurer, (Mrs. C. H. Dearborn) urging the formation of a similar Board, and explaining its work and methods. In the evening, at the vestry, the claims of Foreign Missions were well presented to a large and appreciative audience.

Travelling by rail and stage they reached Economy, N.S. Five churches were visited in this group, Economy, Truro, Noel, Lower Selmah, and Kingsport. Owing to wet weather, bad roads and faulty connections, the work was prosecuted under difficulties; it was, however, faithfully done. Meetings were held in each place, discouraged societies cheered, and new ones formed at Lower Selmah and Noel.

While on the way to form another at Selmah, the boat which conveyed passengers to Kingsport unexpectedly arrived at the wharf, and they were obliged to leave then, the alternative

being a forty mile stage drive to Kingsport. This church is the oldest in the Union. The Pastor's wife (Mrs. E. C. W. MacColl) writes: "We had a pleasant meeting with Mrs. Watson in the afternoon; in the evening both Mr. and Mrs. Watson addressed the meeting, and their addresses were much enjoyed; we were glad to meet them, and hope their visit here will be an encouragement and help." Passing on to Queen's Co., meetings were held at Brooklyn, Milton, Beech Meadow, and Liverpool. These societies were strengthened by wise counsel and cheering words; especially were the meetings enjoyed at Beech Meadows; old friends met and new plans were formed. From Liverpool Mrs. Watson continued her journey alone, visiting Pleasant River and Hemford (the Dr. returning to Hamilton). Her labors were so much appreciated in one place that she received a call to remain and minister to the spiritual wants of the people.

The condition of the roads at this time, owing to the prevailing wet weather, made travel very fatiguing on the old fashioned stage coaches still used in Queen's Co. Mrs. Watson arrived in Yarmouth weary and ill; here she rested a few days, before resuming her labors; old friendships were renewed and pleasant memories of her visit will linger long with us.

Her addresses in Yarmouth and Chebogue were practical, forcible and inspiring, giving an impetus to our local work and begetting a greater interest in missions generally. Letters were coming in from the various Societies, telling of the interest aroused and the good work done on every hand.

We feel grateful for the information and help afforded through the medium of our sister's visit.

Lions were sometimes in the way, but she bravely met and overcame them, and succeeded (with one exception) in carrying out the plan she had marked out. After a short rest in Yarmouth, completing a two months tour, one bright morning found her en route for the "Kingdom called Home," where bright smiles and loving hearts were waiting for her. Her words and work will not be forgotten.

From Miss Helen J. Melville.

CISAMBA, W. C. Africa, Oct. 5th, 1896.

We are all well and so thankful for this continued good health. I have fever now and again, but very light attacks. Last Saturday we had a long walk, for about two hours, and visited quite a number of villages. There is quite a work to be done in visiting the women in their own homes; we can do so little and there is so much to be done; the women so need the light of the Gospel. O do pray for us, that in some way we

may help them. Our lives sometimes seem so selfish—so many things we want to do, but have to be careful or our poor bodies would suffer. If we only were fever-proof, and yet do I use to the utmost the opportunities I have. I was reading the other day the parable of the man who came seeking fruit on his fig tree and found none, he said “cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?” The gardener answered, “Let it alone this year, and I will dig about it and dung it, and if it bear not fruit, cut it down.” I thought He had come many years and found little or no fruit in my life. Oh, may He dig about, and remove all that is not in accordance with His will, and enrich with His Spirit, that much fruit may be borne to His glory this year. I do so long to be used more of Him. We often have discouragements—three of the girls have returned to their villages; they may come back to us, but we do not know yet. They are girls of many, many prayers.

Kumba has written to you; he has gone to the coast to do evangelistic work amongst the carriers; he is a good true Christian; his wee wife will miss him.

Oct. 15th.—It is some time since I wrote the first part of this. We have been making jelly and jam from a native fruit called “oloheugo;” it makes very nice jelly, and as we can get it only every three years, we are anxious to lay in a good stock; we are also drying some, when I come home I will take you some; it is something like a plum with a cling stone, has a slightly tart taste, and makes jelly something like red currant in color, but with a different flavor. We use as much as possible native fruits and thus do without importing. We have been very successful with our meat; the corn beef we are using is very nice, and it is nearly five months since it was put in the brine; our bacon is all nice; and we have chicken now and again, which makes a nice change to the salt meat.

We expect Mr. and Mrs. O'John, of the English mission, on their way to the interior. They are colored people, and have a baby named “Lily.”

Oct. 21st.—Our visitors came as we expected. Dr. Wellman also came to visit Mr. Currie; he returned on Tuesday. We expect Mrs. Wellman and Mrs. Sanders day after to-morrow. The girls I told you about have returned, and seem ashamed of their conduct. Do pray for them.

From Miss Margret M. Melville.

CISAMBA, Oct. 22nd, 1896.

DEAR MRS. FREELAND,—I was much pleased to receive your letter last mail. We are again in our own house. I wish to thank the ladies for their gift of \$50 to repair the roof. It has

been done, and we hope will keep out the rain, for it is not pleasant and certainly not healthful to have it pour in in piles. But we hope those days are past. The rainy season brings to an end, or almost so, our visits to the villages. It is almost needless to go except in the afternoon after three o'clock, for the women are away at their fields planting. It is the season for cultivating, and every woman and girl has her field, going very early in the morning and returning in the late afternoon. We are holding no school at present, as the boys have so much work to do before the heavy rains come, and the girls have their fields to cultivate. We, however, expect to begin again next month.

The industrial work of the station is going on well. The boys are hauling logs to be cut into boards for tables, seats, etc. The new workshop is almost completed, fences built, the brook gardens planted and the others begun.

The evangelistic work is being done very well. Each week two of the preachers go to distant villages and preach, sometimes returning on Wednesday, and sometimes remaining away all week. If they return on Wednesday two others go on Thursday and return on Saturday. In this way many villages can be reached where the sound of the Gospel has never before been heard. Sometimes, however, they have listened to the preaching of others, as in one case Kumba told us of, they knew the dream of the King of Egypt, but only as a story. Each Sunday afternoon the boys go to the near villages and preach. We cannot count how many of these words take root. It is for us to plant and God will give the increase.

Our medical work is much as it was, not owing to lack of patients, but because of lack of proper accommodation, and Mr. Currie is too busy with so much else to do, he cannot devote much time to it. This work cannot grow until we have a hospital and a doctor. But I believe there are some funds already raised for a hospital. We ask you especially to remember our church here in prayer.

From Miss Sarah A. Jeffery.

J. M. A. MISSION,
Khamgaon Berar.

INDIA, Dec. 1st, 1896.

DEAR MOTHER,—When I wrote you last I told you Miss Yoder was going to Narsinghpur to bring back some of the famine children. She went and returned after a ten days' visit with eighteen children, twelve girls for us and six boys for the Akola school. It would make you shudder to hear her tell of some of the dreadful sights she saw while there. People are

dying by the roadside. The girls she brought are mostly very thin and quite sick, but all except one are of good size—from eight to twelve years of age, I should judge. Not many people here know how old they are. I went as far as Jalamb to meet her with the girls, and Mr. Culter went to meet the boys. They had been all night in the train and most of them sick, so you can imagine how tired Miss Yoder was and also how the children looked. They had no clothes, so she simply tied pieces of cloth about them. As soon as we got home we gave them some milk and bawker (bread) and then set to work to cut their hair and scrub them. They were filthy, indeed; their heads were just alive, past all words to describe. We took twenty bangles off one girl's arms and numbers off the others. Most of them had to be broken as they had been put on when the hands were small and now could not come off. Then we had a time getting clothes to cover them. All the girls in the school willingly lent their dresses, but they had few to lend, as but a short time before they had given all they could for the other lot of new girls. As soon as we could we went into the bazaar and bought some cloth and also some bedding ready for that night. Their beds are first a square of bamboo matting, then a sort of rug in appearance, like a bit of rag carpet, but very strong. Then they have a kind of cotton cloth of divers colors as a quilt or covering. These are very strong and much cheaper than blankets. The nights are now cold, so some covering is really needed. We have not been able yet to buy for all, so two or three sleep on one bed. We are all still at work making dresses for them. They are made plain so as to take as little cloth and time as possible. They are not dressed in native dress until older, as we could not afford it. They seldom have more than the dress, though a few of the sick ones are so frail that we got some shirts for them. Their bones almost come through the skin. Two of them are still bad with the famine, sore mouth, and one especially bad. One of the boys at Akola died from this a few days ago. His teeth fell out and his gums, bit by bit, and then his lips began to drop off in pieces. The girls are not so bad, but still as I wash them every day large bits of flesh drop off their gums and lips. The smell is dreadful. They have great difficulty in taking any food and yet are so hungry and starved. At first we had to be so careful in feeding them, and it was so hard to refuse them food when they cried for it. Some of them still cry for bawker whenever I come in sight. Our school now has numbers forty-two, and that is a good number to care for properly. We are crowded, too, for sleeping room. I have given up all but my little bedroom. I have had to separate those with itch and other skin diseases, so that it makes it more diffi-

ult. There are now eleven very bad with itch, two with sore mouths, one with scalded face and neck, and a number with more or less fever each day. Miss Yoder only stayed three days and then left for Akola. She is needed there as nurse for a time, but I hope not for long, as there is work for her here, and this is her own work now. However, I get along very well, the only trouble being that I have to give up studying for the present. Mrs. Fuller talks of sending Emosrie up from Bombay. She would be a great help, as the new girls are not able to understand the Marathi, and she can teach the Scriptures in Hindustani. Sagoonabia has her hands too full to do all this work, and there are so many opportunities of getting out among the people.

"The Maxville Church had been itself a Home Mission Church until it began to give to Foreign needs. Then the people said: 'If we can give to the foreign work we can support ourselves,' and they did."—*The President C. C. W. B. M.*

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