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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.-July.

"Righteousness, Peace and Joy."-Rom. 14: 17; Is. 32: 17; James 3: 18; John 14: 27; John 17: 13.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS IN "LIFE AND LIGHT."

July-Jaffna, Ceylon. A Bird's-eye View of the Work; Heathen Festivals.

August-Kindergartens; in Turkey; in Japan; in Other Countries.

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To THE READERS OF THE " LEAFLET."

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DEAR FRIENDS, - We wish you could all have been with as at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board at Kingston. Although until that time there was no Auxiliary there, the ladies of the Congregational churches entertained us most hospitably. In the name of the Board we offer them sincere thanks for their We hope that they found the convention as pleasant tindness. nd helpful as we did. The programme was carried out successilly and the interest well sustained throughout. At the close Auxiliary was formed in Bethel Church; Rev. R. K. Black. istor. We gladly welcome this new accession to our numbers, ad hope that the ladies of the two other churches may soon also in our ranks. Miss Lyman's addresses on India, and Rev. E. L Hill's illustrated lecture on Africa gave much valuable formation which was new to many in their audiences, who armly expressed their appreciation. The Kingston ladies gave nee very practical papers on "Systematic Giving," while the eds of the neglected continent, South America, was brought before us by Toronto delegates, and the Montreal ladies gave a exercise, question and answer, "A Year-Book Symposium." Mrs. Currie, Toronto, read a carefully compiled paper giving full and interesting account of the year's work at Cisamba. The Secretary's report was encouraging. The work of our Board is growing, both at home and abroad. Our Missionaries in Africa Miss Helen Melville and Miss Margaret Melville, are busy and happy in their work. Galene, our pupil in Miss Macallum school, Smyrna, is making good progress in her studies, preparin to assist her father, who is a native preacher. Our work at hom has been much helped by the MONTHLY LEAFLET. Let us a work to increase its circulation until it is in the hands of even woman in all our churches. Then, in the resulting increase of interest in the work of the Board, shall our editress see the reward of her labours. Above all, let us pray that in the coming year we may be enabled to give ourselves more fully to the Lor for the extension of His kingdom. This thought seemed to be the most prominent throughout the convention. K vi M fa m

Yours in His service.

J. MACALLUM, President. MARY L. FREELAND, Secretary.

Editorial Paragraphs.

ne vi -The Tenth Annual Meetings have been held-the record good-our plans carried out and our payments made according to promises-the MONTHLY LEAFLET an established fact-th fre Armenian sufferers helped, and special donations forwarded India, Turkey and other places.

-Now that we are entering upon the new year, will all the Řı Auxiliaries resolve to do greater things? With more effort auge systematic giving the contributions might be largely increased vi If each Auxiliary, instead of giving in a haphazard way-or Ь́Н year a small amount and the next a large or vice versa-would he pledge or promise that a certain sum (say double what has been we previously given) shall be its standard, the benefit would but a greater interest would be developed for Missions in the Auxiliary, and the Board would be enabled to undertake month work. The Treasurer acknowledges only money passing through the treasury. It is important to take note of this In the blank form distributed at the close of the year only money for warded to the C.C.W.B.M. is asked-these contributions on w appearing in the Treasurer's financial statement.

-The regular work of the Board for the ensuing year is to part the salaries of the Misses Melville, \$950 ; Home Missions, \$600 re the Canadian Scholarship, Smyrna, Turkey, \$70; and for Mr ain Macallum to visit the Churches and form Auxiliaries, \$20, the usual Thankoffering Services to be held as near Thanksgiving Day as possible, and the gifts to be donated to pay the salaries. —It was decided to use the "Ella F. M. Wiliams Memorial Fund" to build a hospital in Cisamba. Several hundred dollars will be needed to erect a suitable building; the Auxiliaries are therefore requested to make liberal gifts for this special object. —The Auxiliaries are also asked to make a suecial collection.

without delay, for the Armenian sufferers.

-The Auxiliaries are also urged to secure a larger number of subscribers to the MONTHLY LEAFLET. If 1,800 or 2,000 can be obtained for the next volume, each issue can be enlarged to twelve pages.

From Miss M. Melville.

CISAMBA, W.C. Africa, March 14th, 1896.

DEAR MRS. NASMITH :- My sister and myself have been at Kamundonga for two weeks' visit and rest. We enjoyed our visit, spending one week with Miss Fay and the second with Mr. and Mrs. Sanders. The situation is very pretty, on the face of a hill at the foot of which flows a small stream. Tt is much quieter than Cisamba, there not being so many villages near. On Saturday we went with Miss Fay to the group of villages to invite the people to church. The villages in this country are enclosed by a fence made of the trunks of small rees, placed so close together that not even a small dog can pass brough. They are very irregular, and one can easily become ewildered and probably neglect to visit some of the houses. But our homeward journey was perhaps more interesting, at east for us. The distance is about thirty five miles, the path ving across level country, through woods none of which are at all dense excepting after dark. A short distance we went along the Portuguese waggon-road leading to the fort. We rose at ive and were ready for our journey shortly after six, but the nist that had been hanging over the stream changed into a heavy rain. However, after an hour of weary waiting the clouds began to break, and the sun shone out; but still the rain poured. and a rainbow appeared, showing unsettled weather. At 7.10 ve placed ourselves in our tepoias and started, enjoying our ride mtil one o'clock, getting out now and again for a little walk, as me gets very tired lying still for from ten to thirteen hours. We had our luncheons so that we could eat them while traveling. While crossing a river, over half of which there is a bridge of native make-being of sticks tied together with bark stringve had a very small shower, but about one o'clock we heard the ain coming. In about five minutes it was upon us, pouring

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down in torrents The men struggled on over the slippery path, for the clay makes it so. Of course the men had no protection from it, but went bravely on. Soon it passed and was clear for a short time, but another shower, heavier if possible than before came up, with loud thunder. Being near a village, the men car ried me to the gate. We went into the village, and sat in the onjango or sitting room of the village This is an open hut built of sticks placed in a circle, uprightly, covered by a roof thatched with grass. The men ate the roasted corn which then brought with them. My sister said, in the village in which her carriers rested they offered a gourd of beer, which all drank but the station boy who accompanied us. Resting half an hour, we again resumed our journey. The rain soon poured again. I you can picture a hammock swung on a bamboo pole, with a top or cover attached to protect one from the sun; but when the rain comes in a slanting direction, as it generally does, it soon wets everything I had my waterproof on, but it soon became useless, and my sleeves could easily have been wrung. The remains of my luncheon was soaked with water. I, however kept it, in case I should not reach Cisamba that night. On w came, very slowly, the rain getting heavier. The men wen splashing through the paths filled with water; once both the men slipped at once, and of course I found myself lying flat or the ground, but only laughed, as it was very difficult for them to walk. Soon it became so dark that one man had to walk just before the tenoia and call to the men who carried it what lay it i the path. The most difficult part of the path was descending small hill where the path was very rough, and the men carrying the tenora had to feel each step with their feet before going on You can imagine the very slow progress we made. At the foo 1 of this hill is a stream, and my sister says her men had to search t i for quite a while before they could find the bridge. My tepoi 1 crossed before it was quite dark, so they could just see it. Th men wanted to stay at a village, but we were not three-quarter e i of an hour from C.samba, so I said "Go on " The next an last stream was difficult, being deep, but not very wide. Jus 6 k after we had crossed, we heard my sister's carriers singing , had not seen her since 11.30 A.M., as she had taken a differen 8 path. We were glad to hear them singing. We were, of course met a short distance out by the boys, who had heard the me t singing-which they always do in entering a village with a tepoir ١ Arriving in Cisamba at 8.30, about thirteen and a half how after leaving Kamundonga, we were glad to eat a warm support Į ۶ and retire.

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We are thankful to say we are none the worse of our wetting and feel the benefit of our visit.

School opens again to day after a month holidays, and we hope the interest will be continued as formerly.

Mr. Currie is just proparing to visit the new Captain at the Portuguese fort and pay his respects. He will be absent for four days, returning in time for Sunday service. Yesterday we had a very good congregation, and good attention. The stream has been high, or rather, the bridge broken, between here and the villages, so that crossing was difficult; now, however, the bridge has been mended, but children had to be carried over as they could not wade. The visiting of the villages at a distance in order to do etrangelistic work has not been carried on for a short time, as there has been smallpox, and Mr. Currie thought it best not to have much intercourse with the station and those villages it will soon be begun again. The visiting of the near villages on Sunday afternoons has been carried on, the people always hearing the word gladly. Pray that they may soon receive it as their own.

From Miss Emily McCallum.

SMYRNA, May 7, 1896.

To the Ladies of the C.C. W.B.M.

My DEAR FRIENDS : - Mrs. Sanders has asked me to write a short account of Galene's progress this year. Galene, as you will remember, is 1. w twelve years old, and she has been in school just two years. When she came she knew only a few words of English, and began with the First Reader : she is now in the Fourth Reader, and is also studying English grammar. She can translate with great ease either from English to Greek or Greek to English, and she speaks English very nicely indeed, much better than many girls who have been four or five years in the school. She also seems to have no difficulty in understand ing English sermons; and for a year now she has been reading English books such as "Jessica's First Prayer," "Bible Stories." etc. In Greek she is reading Zenophon's "Memorabilia " She is by far the youngest in the class, all the other girls being from sixteen to eighteen years of age, and yet Galene is one of the best scholars. Besides this, she has Bible lessons every day, geography, Greek history, fancy work, and on alternate days writing and gymnastics. She is also having music lessons so that she may be able to play the organ in her father's church. Some people might not approve of her having music lessons, but we feel that it will be a great help to the work if she is able to play for the services, or for singing in her school. It proves a great attraction, and often people are drawn in by the sound of singing who would not come any other way.

Galene is a good child. Her greatest fault is carelessness ; but

this may be partly due to her age, and I think she is trying to overcome it. I hope you will remember her in your prayers, that she may grow in grace as well as in knowledge.

Thanking you most heartily for your kindness to Galene.

P.S.-I am delighted at the stand the Witness has taken in regard to the Armenian troubles; and the "Relief Fund" is doing splendidly. My brother in Marash has not been able to get any papers through for a long time, but fortunately he thought of asking me to re-mail from here, so I am sending on the Witness and Congregationalist, and they reach him safely. The Turks are not so suspicious of something mailed from Smyrna. One cannot see any end to the help needed, with the thousands of people in such sore need of help, and hindered on all sides by the government from resuming their occupations. Quite a number of refugees are coming into Smyrna now, so we shall have a share in the relief work. The German Deaconesses have offered to take 50 orphans into their orphanage. They will keep them for eight years, and give them a thorough training-a certain amount of education-then also train them as nursemaids, cooks, or something of the kind. We are trying to help in the money for their travelling expenses. The Armenian community here has promised to care for 100 orphans.

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MISCELLANEOUS.—Per Rev. E. M. Hill, Montreal, P.Q.: Rev. W. T. Currie, for a stone to mark the grave of our late missionary, Miss Clark, in Cisamba, \$5.

Total for Ontario, \$117; Quebec, \$5.00. Grand total, \$122. (MRS.) FRANCES A. SANDERS,

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