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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER—MAY.

The Chinese Empire. That the way before our missionaries may be opened up and difficulties removed. 1 Chron. xvi. 24.

That the prayer for additional workers may be speedily answered. Dan. xii. 3.

All the Chinese on this continent, and our work among them in British Columbia. Matt. ix. 37, 38; Isa. xlii. 16.

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Spencer.

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

The winter has rapidly glided away, and the warbling birds and rippling waters have announced the arrival of spring. We, as usual, have had a very busy winter. An epidemic of measles has added a good deal to the doctor's work; I have been similarly engaged in the hospital. We have had quite a number of patients, involving considerable

work for me ; I manage to get through my work when I have no night work ; some of my patients, with a few directions, can help very well. I thought for a while my health would fail, but thanks to my heavenly Father, I feel quite strong again. The Lord's work is still progressing ; so many of the Indians have caught the fire from the great revival which at present is refreshing this great country. We have had patients from villages along the coast and from the Hydah country, and there is scarcely one but shows signs of the awakening. May this great work go on until *all* the heathen shall be brought to a *saving* knowledge of Christ. We are earnestly praying for the uplifting of this people. I praise my heavenly Father that He has made me worthy to work for Him. Several villages are asking for a missionary, and so many of the Indians are going down to sin and death.

“ Shall we, whose souls are lighted
 With wisdom from on high,
 Shall we to men benighted
 The lamp of life deny ? ”

We are *glad* so many of these people have accepted Christ, and also for those who are groping in the darkness and enquiring for the light. Our hearts are saddened for the many who are out of Christ. May the time soon come when

“ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 Doth his successive journeys run. ”

From Miss Clarke.

COQUALEETZA INSTITUTE,

CHILLIWACK, B.C., *March 12th, 1894.*

After the long waiting time we are at last settled in the new institute. We removed from the mission house, where we had spent more than two years, the 9th of February.

Though the school had prospered during those years, and Mr. and Mrs. Tate had done all in their power to make it comfortable and home-like, both for teachers and children, still we were glad, very glad, to get into our new home.

During the last three months of our stay in the mission house, the place was very much crowded, and when, for the first time, we saw our children tucked away in their nice beds in the airy dormitories, you may be sure we heaved a sigh of relief. The day of bunks and crowding had passed, and we were all thankful, probably none more so than the children themselves.

The quilts and other bedding sent by kind friends are doing good service, though the stock is almost exhausted. There are a great many pretty quilts, and the variety of colors in the dormitories is very pleasing. Visitors never fail to notice and admire them, and to us in the school, they are a continual reminder of the loving service of many hearts and hands.

Pupil number fifty-two arrived a few days ago, making eighteen received during the month. Nine new ones came the day we removed; the others have come by ones and twos, and there are more to follow. So many coming, while we were in the midst of getting things into order, has made it very busy for everybody, still we were very glad to see them all, even though at times the question of apparel proved a problem difficult of solution. However, we have, up to the present, been able to provide. A large proportion of the new boys are pretty well grown, still it is surprising to see how quickly they fall into the ways of the school. They are willing to work and anxious to learn. The boys number twenty-nine and the girls twenty-three.

The public opening of the institute has been appointed for March 21st, but may have to be postponed until a week later, in order that the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province may be present.

The work of the institute is beginning under most favorable auspices, and the prospect before us is bright with hope. We are encouraged to work on, believing that the Lord is well pleased with this undertaking of our missionary societies.

MONTHLY LETTER.

FRENCH WORK.

 From Miss Matthieu.

 EAST END MISSION,
 MONTREAL, *March 20th, 1894.*

During the month of February, our school number has been somewhat lessened, owing to sickness among the pupils. We have had an attendance of ten boys and eleven girls, the greater number having been Romanists.

I am happy in realizing the progress my pupils are making; some of them are so eager in acquiring knowledge, they study and recite Scripture texts with interest and devotion. I feel as though the dear ones are deserving some reward, were it only an Easter card. Am sorry to say I have failed in visiting all my pupils in their homes during the past month. This neglected duty is owing to my absence, being suddenly called away to nurse a sick and dying sister, who has passed on before to rest with the glorified. The dear Lord is abundantly comforting and sustaining in these days of sore affliction. May God direct me to be wise and faithful in the efforts put forth to instruct the young under my charge.

 JAPAN WORK.

 From Miss Cunningham.

 SHIDZUOKA, *Feb. 19th, 1894.*

Six towns outside of Shidzuoka I visit regularly twice a month. In four of these places, in addition to our Woman's Meetings, we have started meetings for children. The children we gather in from the streets. I walk out and soon collect a crowd. They follow me as boys at home would a circus. I must confess I don't like this part of the work, but if we sat still and waited for the people to come to us, in

some towns, at least, we would always have empty rooms. So I walk along the street, gather my crowd, enter the room; the crowd, after considerable coaxing, follows. We then teach singing, which is always an attraction, tell simple Bible stories, and send them off with a prayer that some of the words spoken may take root in their hearts. People at home hardly realize how hard it is to work on week after week, and see so little result. The women attending the regular meetings are nearly all Christians, and in three places at least, I think I can see signs of growth, and an increased earnestness in the study of the Word.

Our new church was opened in November. It is a prettier church than the one in Azabu, and is quite an ornament to the town.

We spent a very pleasant Christmas season this year. On Friday, Dec. 22nd, Miss Robertson and I took tea with the pupils in their dining-room. They enjoy very much having us take tea with them, and sometimes invite us to do so, especially when they think they have something in Japanese food that we like.

After tea we went to the school room, where the girls had a literary meeting, lasting nearly an hour. When that was over, Miss Robertson invited them to our parlor to spend the rest of the evening. We had had a Christmas tree put in one corner of the room, and had hung on it bags filled with Japanese cakes, oranges, and for the elder girls, "Little Pillows," by Miss Havergal, and for the younger, "Little Dots" and the "Infant's Magazine." The girls were very much surprised and delighted when they saw the tree. We played one game and then had a Christmas talk about Santa Claus, the German Christ-child, and the Christmas joy and peace, which seems to be in the very air at home. Perhaps there is nothing we miss so much at the Christmas season as that Christmas feeling.

Christmas means so little here. It is only another holiday kept by the little band of Christians. After the tree was stripped, we sang some Christmas hymns, and then closed a very pleasant and profitable evening with prayer.

Several of our girls teach in Sunday Schools, which have been started in different parts of Shidzuoka.

On Saturday, the 23rd, with the exception of these, the girls all went home.

We had the wooden doors taken out between the two largest school rooms, had the centre of the room covered with soft matting, took our tree in, and trimmed it with bright Japanese toys.

On Sunday afternoons the girls gather the children in from the streets round the school and teach them. Generally about sixty or seventy come in, some of them with babies tied on their backs. A hundred tickets had been prepared, the Sunday School children had each received one, and on Saturday morning the girls went out on the streets and soon disposed of the remainder.

The children were invited to come to the school at 2 p.m., but two hours before they were at the door. When they came in and saw the tree, they were very much surprised. They had never before seen so wonderful a tree. Hymns were sung, and the girls told them bright little stories, after which they had a good Japanese meal.

It is the custom in Japan to provide the same amount for each guest, and what cannot be eaten is always carried home. Few of the little ones ate more than one-half of what was provided for them; the rest was rolled up and taken home so that their "mothers could have some."

It was a very pleasant afternoon, and the girls who had worked hard to prepare the feast felt well repaid for their trouble. One of the girls on being asked if she was tired, replied; "Yes, I am, but I feel perfectly happy."

It was, indeed, a joy to all the girls to know that they had helped to make one afternoon pleasant to one hundred little children, many of whom have very little brightness in their lives.

On Christmas day, Miss Robertson and I had a real home Christmas dinner—turkey, plum-pudding, vegetables and fruit. We invited the girls and the matron to take dinner with us. All seemed to enjoy the foreign food very much.

After dinner all the Sunday Schools met in our new church where we had another Christmas tree and an interesting programme, in which children from the various Sunday Schools took part.}

Christmas evening we spent at Mr. Van Dyke's, all the foreigners in the place, numbering five, meeting there. On our return home we found the foreign mail awaiting us, and as it brought a lot of Christmas letters, we felt we had all we needed to complete the joy of the day.

Suggested Programme for June Meeting.

I. Opening exercises.

II. Regular business.

III. Hymn.

IV. Subject of prayer for the month :

Missionary work in India ; all efforts to elevate the suffering and down-trodden women of that land. Isa. lviii. 6.

The extension of God's kingdom in Africa. Psa. cvii. 13, 14 ; Isa. ii. 20.

“ Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians,
That in India's far away land
There are thousands of people pleading
For the touch of a Saviour's hand ?

“ Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians,
That Africa walks in night ?
That Christians at home deny them
The blessed Gospel light ? ”

V. Responsive Scripture reading. Matt. xxv. 31-46.

VI. Prayer—That we fail not to keep “the fast that I have chosen.”

VII. Reading—“Woman's Rights in India.”*

VIII. Recitation—

What would *you* do if you woke some morn,
And how would the morning seem,
If you found that your faith in the Son of God
Was only a midnight dream ?

* “Woman's Rights in India.” Price, 1 cent : 10 cents a doz.
This leaflet should be read by every member of the W.M.S.

What if you knew in your innermost soul
 That there was no God on high,
 There was no Christ for the heart's deep want,
 No cure for its hunger and pain?
 If all of the light and all of the love,
 All that is good and true,
 Should go out of your life like a wind-blown lamp,
 What would *you* do?

- IX. Reading—"The Little Men and Women of India."†
 X. Prayer—That India's millions may be brought to the
 Light.
 XI. Hymn and Benediction.

HOME READINGS.

Present Aspect of Missions in India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , July, '94, p. 517. Aug., '94, p. 595.
Mass Movements in India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , Jan., '94, p. 50.
Caste Women of India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , Feb., '94, p. 99.
Christianity in India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , March, '94, p. 172. April, '94, p. 247.
The Religions of India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , March, '94, p. 179. April, '94, p. 254.
Child Marriage in India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , April, '94, p. 267.
Education in India	{	<i>Missionary Review</i> , April, '94, p. 270.

† "The Little Men and Women of India." Price, 2 cents, 20 cts. a doz.
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Special Notice.

The following notice is from Mrs Strachan: In view of General Conference assembling early in September, at which time a Quadrennial Report of our work must be presented, and, our fourth year not being then completed, the Auxiliaries and Mission Circles are earnestly requested to send their moneys and the number of members as far as possible, this year, in the June quarter, noting the latter item on the quarterly report card.

All must help in this if a correct report is to be made.

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When ordering MONTHLY LETTERS, it is necessary to give the name of the Corresponding Secretary to whom they were sent last year, as well as the Corresponding Secretary for the present year.

Orders for the MONTHLY LETTER for June should be sent before the 15th of May. If not, they will be too late for that month. It is very desirable that this rule be always followed when ordering the MONTHLY LETTER.

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NOTE.—Subscriptions to the *Gospel in all Lands* may begin any time during the year, but must continue till December and then end.

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