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**Subjects for Prayer and Study for the Month :**

"Missionary Work Among the Indians."

## Japan.

KOFU, Nov. 22, 1900.

*From Miss Washington.*

"A MERRY Christmas and a Glad New Year!" How near it makes Christmas seem to be writing the season's greetings already! The weather is like an ideal October at home: cool, sunny, sometimes hazy, sometimes clear, with an occasional rain. We, in the evangelistic work, are particularly thankful for fine days and good roads, that is, as good as we can have them in Yamanashi Ken.

I usually go to one or another of our five or six most distant places of regular work on each Wednesday and Friday. I am away from morning to night, calling and holding sometimes one meeting, sometimes two, and seldom fail to come home still more happy than tired with my day's work. On the other days in the week I study, teach in the school, hold Kofu Women's meetings, and sometimes those in the suburbs, besides making calls. I have good helpers, but wish I had one or two more. The people in this province hear the Gospel

gladly, though they are not so ready to receive it really in their hearts.

We enjoyed having Dr. Scott, Mr. Borden and Dr. Killam very much. Among the meetings held was a Women's Temperance meeting, which was well attended and very interesting. We hold a W.C.T.U. meeting in the church once a month. My helpers and I always attend, and help in every way possible. As I cannot really join the society, being already a member of the foreign society, they have made me honorary president. We had another fine temperance rally for the little ones a week ago Sunday. They are now all looking forward to Christmas, and so are all the dear little ones at home.

I am preparing to read a Romaji-written talk on the Christmas customs of many lands, the English of which talk I wrote at home several years ago, and it keeps the Christmas of my own dear land very near me these days. I get lonely sometimes, as most of us do, but I would rather be here and able to go on with my dear work than be anywhere else in the whole wide world.

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*Miss Alcorn writes from Shidzuoka, under date of Nov. 24.*

Our new pastor (native) is a strength to us, teaches our daily Bible lesson, and in other ways helps us. The church is in a prosperous state. The women whom we have taught for years are now taking a finer stand. Sometimes when all goes well we wonder what the next chapter will be, so often a calm is only a mending time for torn sails.

Speaking of some of the helpers, it is our work to prepare these lives for work, when changes come (with lessons learned ourselves) we commence with someone else. We know ——— will be a blessing wherever she goes, the money sent for her support is sacred money.

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*Dr. Killam writes from Tokyo.*

Miss Robertson took me out to Kofu after the Conference. It was a delightful trip. We saw Fuji from above the clouds. I shall never forget the pleasure of shooting the rapids going down the Fuji kawa on the way to Shidzuoka. It was very delightful to be able to spend a few days in each of these places and learn something of the work, to meet the women and girls. Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa is the noble superintendent of work in Yamanashi Province, a most able and earnest pastor. We had a grand W.C.T.U. meeting in Kofu, in the Pro-

vincial Parliament Building. The Governor and his wife were among those on the platform. The Governor is much interested in the work. The building was pretty well filled with men, women and girls.

News from China is not very encouraging. It is stated that the Empress has ordered immediate preparations for her reception in Chentu. Alas! May it be ordered otherwise. Telegrams (secret) have passed through Shanghai ordering viceroys to prepare for war. "God maketh the wrath of man to praise Him," and rules over all. That is our comfort.

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*From Miss Robertson, Kofu, Nov. 17, 1900.*

Feeling that the Missionary Conference in Tokyo would be a great help, I decided to attend, Miss Jost kindly consenting to take charge of the school during my absence. I was not disappointed. It was indeed a great inspiration to be with so many earnest-minded men and women, all eagerly considering ways and means of bringing this "Island Empire" under the dominion of Jesus. Some excellent papers were read, embracing every phase of missionary work, from the spiritual life of the missionary himself, to the different departments of active service. Each one showed, not a visionary, esthetic disposition that deals with the poetry of missions, but that faithful, practical mind that sees the needs of the people, and plans definitely for their Christianization.

The seven week-days devoted to the discussion of the many different topics were all too short, another week could have been profitably spent. I returned home feeling much refreshed in mind and spirit, realizing as never before that surely, though slowly, the leaven of the truth as it is in Christ is making its way through the spiritual darkness of this nation, and that ultimately the whole population must see Jesus.

The American Minister, Colonel Buck, and his wife, very kindly received the entire Conference at their home one evening, and Colonel Buck sent a cheque for fifty yen to help defray the expenses of the Conference.

We were a party of five. Dr. Scott, Mr. Borden, Mr. Hiraiwa, Dr. Killam and myself, to leave Tokyo the morning of the 2nd inst. Dr. Killam and I left the gentlemen at Yoshida, and pushed on directly to Kofu next day. It was good to get home again. Home is never so comfortable and attractive as after that journey over the mountains, though this time, compared with former times, we had it very easy. An extension of the horse-car road, and prices for the various modes of conveyance being

fixed by law, have greatly facilitated our journeying hitherward. The Philistines still wait to seize upon us, but when they find we know quite as much as they do about the prices, there is no more trouble.

The W.C.T.U. of the church took the opportunity when our visitors were here, to have a large temperance meeting. The morning session was addressed by Dr. Killam. The afternoon session was held in the Government Assembly Hall—a rare incident, indeed, for I wonder if anywhere else in this land a Christian song was sung, and prayer offered within the walls of the Provincial Parliament House! A goodly number of women were present, many of them being wives of the highest officials. The Governor's wife sat beside him on the platform. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hayashi, the President of the W.C.T.U. Excepting her, those who took part in the programme were chiefly from among our workers. The evil results of tobacco and alcoholic drinks on the health were presented, and the women urged to consider the consequences if they continued to indulge in them. As they listened, I am sure many of them were roused to consider the subject as never before.

Before Dr. Scott's address, which was a strong, earnest appeal for Christian parents and Christian homes in this land, the Governor made a short speech. He said he had been very much impressed by what he had heard. He had often gone to women's meetings for the sake of helping them, but never before had he been so helped as he was to-day. He was much surprised that women of his country had such a broad knowledge of things outside their own land. He expressed himself much pleased with the work they were carrying on, and made quite a strong appeal against the use of tobacco, stating the deadly effect of the nicotine it contains.

Another evening, Mr. Hiraiwa gave a "chawakwai"—literally, tea-party—in the church. As much as possible he arranged the church to look like a foreign parlor. Tables with photos, picture books, etc., were placed here and there, and the seats arranged about them. The prominent men of the place with their wives were invited. Needless to say, the men were in attendance, but their wives were very scarce, only two or three venturing out. Singing, chatting, and short speeches made the evening pass very pleasantly. Mr. Hiraiwa made a very efficient host. The Governor here also expressed himself highly pleased with the entertainment, and the newspapers next day criticized it very favorably indeed. It was an innovation in social gatherings. Many of the men who were there found for the first time that it is possible to spend the evening in innocent enjoyment, and yet have a good time.

Tuesday afternoon Dr. Killam gave an excellent address to the women's meeting, when between forty and fifty were present. Her talk was full of practical help as well as beautiful thought. All enjoyed it very much, and I am sure many little children in the homes will be much benefited by it. We long to see the women of this country take their places among the women of the world in consecrating their powers and energies to the upbuilding of pure Christian homes. They are awaking to their privileges. In the training given in school, in teaching and exhorting in women's meetings, we are glad to have a share in helping to bring this forward. There is so much still to be done, but we remember it must ever be "line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little," but in the end it will be accomplished. Perhaps not in our day, nor in the present generation can we see our hopes for these women fully realized, but we are moving on towards them, and some day the promises will be fulfilled.

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*From Miss Blackmore, 8 Torii Zaka, Azabu, Tokyo.*

Mail days seem to come around with amazing frequency, that is, the outgoing mails, you may be sure we do not think the coming mails so quick, especially when we are waiting for news from the Home Board. Every year I think we must not expect you to catch the first ship after the meeting; I do look for your letter all the same, and have not been disappointed.

We were much disappointed that there was no news of either Miss Preston's or Miss Belton's return. I am just holding the evangelistic work together, but there is much needing to be done, for which I have neither time nor ability.

Miss Forrest is in Shidzuoka just now with Mrs. Emberson; there is a very fine little girl in their home. We miss Miss Forrest, and hope she will soon be able to return. Her willingness to do whatever needs to be done makes her useful in many ways. I forget if I told you that she and I have a cooking-class, that is, she teaches the cooking lesson, and I follow it with a Bible lesson. Some of the ladies in the immediate neighborhood asked for the cooking, and at first I thought we could not give time to that work, but when I reflected that such homes were seldom open to us, I said I would try to get some one to teach them, but that a Bible talk must accompany each lesson. They said that would be still better. They bear all expenses, and I have eight intelligent women for a weekly meeting, with no jinrikī fare, and no time lost on the road.

Last week I opened a class for Bible study for some of our

former students who are married and live in this neighborhood. Most of them are girls who were in the school only a short time, and their non-Christian husbands and mothers-in-law have no fancy for allowing the young wives to attend any Christian services. The girls themselves seem hungering for spiritual help. When Miss Forrest comes back, we will perhaps give them a few simple lessons in cooking, furnishing them with a reason that will weigh with their home people for wishing to come to school once a week. They asked to be allowed to unite with our present cooking class, but these last have no knowledge of Christian teaching, and must have all the little things explained from the beginning, while the former students have a good solid foundation laid in a knowledge of the great facts of Christian doctrine, so I do not think it would be profitable to unite the two just at present.

Mrs. Borden and I had a little "consultation meeting" last evening, and decided to ask Dr. Killam to address the Azabu women's meeting to-morrow (Mrs. Borden, you know, has charge of this meeting). It was rather a sudden arrangement, so we have been "on the fly" to get all the women notified; but we divided the work—the pastor and Bible women taking a large part of it—and by five o'clock to-night we had it all done. We are going to have the meeting in our parlor, hoping thus to get a stronger hold of those who come for the first time than if they came to the church.

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## Indian Work.

*A letter from Mrs. Dr. Large, Bella Bella, B.C., Dec. 12, 1900.*

**W**ILL you allow me to reply to your kind letter in place of Dr. Large, as he has had so much extra to attend to this week, that I offered to relieve him of any of his correspondence to which I could conveniently reply?

Our headquarters are here; we only spend the fishing season (about three months) at Rivers Inlet, then as soon as the canneries close, the Indians return to their own villages. During the fishing season there are about 4,500 people—Indians, Japanese, Chinese and whites on the Inlet, so our time in the hospital there is a very busy one.

We feel very grateful indeed to the Woman's Missionary Society for so kindly helping us in regard to a nurse. In previous years Dr. Bolton has always allowed one of the nurses from Fort Simpson to come down, and an assistant was also engaged and paid from the subscription which came from

the canneries. Last year a nurse could not be spared from Port Simpson, and we were at a loss to find help. Our lady-school teacher here kindly acted as assistant, and a lady friend came out without any guarantee as to expenses or salary, and took the nurse's work. She will continue to help Dr. Large until Miss Kissack's arrival.

Our hospital here is not yet built, but all the material is on hand, and we expect shortly to have it erected. We have no support for the hospital at present except what fees Dr. Large is able to get, but we hope to obtain help from the Government in the same way as at Port Simpson. This work, of course, is just beginning, and it will be a struggle for some little time to make our income cover expenses.

The Epworth Leagues which support the Doctor, have sent us splendid supplies of linen, and I believe will still further help us with the furnishings.

We intend to move up to the new village early in the new year, as the mission house will soon be completed. A large number of the people have already moved, and many more would have gone this year had they had a more successful fishing season; as it is, they will have to wait till they make enough money to build.

Dr. Large thinks if Miss Kissack came out in May she would reach here in good time for the work at Rivers Inlet. We ought to open the hospital there about the first of June. We will give Miss Kissack a very hearty welcome, and do all we can to make her residence at Bella Bella a pleasant one.

Again expressing thanks for the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society, and their ready help, and with best wishes for the Christmas season, believe me, yours very sincerely,

ISABELLA LARGE.

## Chinese Work in British Columbia.

IN a letter from Miss Morgan, dated Victoria, Dec. 17, occurs the following. We spent over three hours at the Customs on Thursday, listening to a cunning Chinaman, who is well-versed in his business, explain his relation as husband to two young girls. We could prove nothing, so they are in Chinatown. Will you ask for special prayer at your January Auxiliary meeting that we may be able to influence these two young lives for good, and also that two young slave girls may be liberated?

### Increase.

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(The Watchman for our French Canadian Missions will give her report at the conclusion of No. V.)

V. Question Drawer.\*

(Questions to be read by different members. Answers to be given by the Watchman for our French Work, who will conduct this number.)

VI. Reading, “Gideon Ouseley.”†

VII. Prayer Service.

\* See following page. The questions should be distributed among the members before the Opening Exercises.

† Leaflet—price 5 cents, at Room 20 and the Depots. Please enclose 2 cents for postage and wrapping.

## The Missionary Reading Course.

THOSE who followed the proceedings of the last Board Meeting, held in Toronto, will have noticed a recommendation that the Seven Years' Course of Study on Missions, proposed by the Ecumenical Council, was approved. The Literature Committee has had the Course under consideration for some months, and now presents, in the story of Gideon Ouseley, the first of a series of Preliminary Studies on “Christian Missions in the Nineteenth Century.” It is found in Item number VI of the Suggested Programme of this issue. The leaflet is 5 cents per copy, and may be ordered from Room 20 and the Depots.



## Question Drawer.

### "Our French-Canadian Missions."

(Answers to be found in the Annual Report.)\*

I. Itemize the appropriation made by the W.M.S. to our French-Canadian Missions for the year 1900-1901.

(See page xx, Minutes of the 19th Annual Meeting of the Board.)

II. What was the average attendance at the St. Theodore School for the past year? Name the teacher in charge.

(See page lxxxi.)

III. Give the average attendance at the school at St. Jovite. Name the teachers in charge.

(See page lxxxi.)

IV. Give the average attendance at the East End School.

(See page lxxxi.)

V. Read the report of the West End School.

(See page lxxxii.)

VI. What success attended the special services held at the Institute last year?

(See third paragraph, page lxxxi.)

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\* As many of the auxiliaries are supplied with the Annual Report, it will not be sent to subscribers for Suggested Programme Literature unless specially ordered. Price 10 cents, at Room 20 only.

## Notes from Room 20 and the Depots.

The following gratifying note concerning the Flag Exercise has been received at Room 20 :

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MAPS of Japan and China have been prepared in outline, which is to be heavily traced with chalk or crayon, and the points of interest added as required. The maps are on manilla paper, 34 x 46 inches, and are 5 cents each. For 5 cents additional, a small printed map of Japan will be sent to assist in locating our mission stations and the natural features of the country. For China, the public school atlas can be used in connection with the Annual Report.

**OUTLINE  
MAPS.**



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ALL of the above may be ordered from Room 20 or the Depots. For addresses, see foot of catalogue.

The Literature Committee has, through the kindness of Dr. Bolton, who loaned the negatives, obtained a set of twelve photographs of buildings and places of interest connected with our work in British Columbia. These may be rented from Room 20, at the rate of three for one cent, adding three cents for postage and wrapping. It is hoped that a set of Chinese views may also be arranged in a short time.



SUBSCRIPTIONS for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by MISS OGDEN :

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