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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER :

AUGUST.

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

SEPTEMBER.

Meetings of Branches and Board of Managers. Our Missionaries employed in the field, and those offering for service. 2 Timothy ii. 15. Hosea xiv. 8.

TOKYO.

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

(Concluded from July Letter, page 7.)

The Bible-women have visited diligently ; in many homes the family and neighbors have been gathered in to hear the

"Old, old story," which is ever new. Now and then they are told they need not come in, are called names in the street, etc., but usually have very little open opposition. Number of visits paid, 1,466; persons talked with, 2,095; of this number about 100 "heard," for the first time. There have been eight requests for baptism.

OUR ORPHANAGE.—Perhaps no department has interested us more than this, opened Dec. 1st, when two little girls were all we had, it now numbers eight. Kome, the child of a jinrikisha man, whose wife was led to Christ through her son attending the Azabu Church Sunday School, was the first to enter. Then came Fumi, the naughty child, of whom you have heard; next, O Hana and her little brother, Kinosuke, who will not be separated from his sister. Their mother earns but *yen* 1.50 a month, and pays 1.30 of that towards the support of her children. Soon two sisters, Cho and Tsune, were brought in by Mrs. Inomata, who knew the father, a member of our Kobiki-cho church; their mother is living, but when the husband became reduced in circumstances she left him to earn her own living as a prostitute. The father pays two *yen* a month for his children. Last to enter were Michi and Toshi, parents both living; but the father is a profligate, the mother weak and unable to care for the two, so, well-to-do relatives pay three *yen* a month for their support in the orphanage. In Michi we have a match for Fumi, and at first the matron was at her wits' end to know how one house was going to hold them and have peace at the same time. One day it came to a pitch battle between the two; since that time there has been improvement.

Match-box making has been the occupation of the mornings, but some difficulty having arisen between the exporters

and those who purchase in China, that industry has been stopped for a time. While working they made 1,640, and received in pay sen 65½ (30 cents). The sum of yen 12.90 has been paid in for the children by their parents. The amount paid out of mission funds since the opening (including the cost of furnishing) is yen 50.00; of this over 25 yen have been contributed by outside friends. The matron is faithful. The teacher in the King's Daughters' school speaks of the marked difference between the conduct of our "orphanage" children and the others who attend that school, of their ready obedience, etc.

SHIDZUOKA.

School—Twenty-one girls returned after the Christmas vacation. During the term one daily student withdrew, two boarders entered, making a total of twenty-three on the roll for the term.

In looking back over the last three months, I find little new to report. The school work has been much the same as before. In some respects it has been a trying term. Never before, since I came, has there been so much need of counsel, so many occasions for reprimand. It has not been discouraging, as we realize that every fault discovered and pointed out, and every honest endeavor made to overcome, is one step nearer victory. And so our girls are improving, and the work interesting to us who are in the midst, while it lacks thrilling details that help to make an interesting report.

Our public closing came off successfully on March 30th. Two students graduated in Japanese, one of whom also received an English diploma. The latter, a daily student,

expects to continue in the work among the children gathered in here on Sunday afternoons. She shows signs of an earnest Christian faith, and we trust her going out from among us will be to establish one more home for Christ. The former one hopes to return and go on with her English course, and, as she said, "become a stronger Christian."

The interest among the "King's Daughters" is increasing. They are reaching outside of their own little circle and considering the needs of others. The older girls, with the two assistants, manage three Sunday Schools in various districts, the average attendance of the three for the past term being 110. Several times an evening meeting has been held in the home of one of the pupils attending the Sunday School here. The mother of the lad sent a message one day to come in the evening and "have a good, long talk." She called in her neighbors, and a goodly number gathered in that tiny, dismal room, and listened with interesting faces to the story of the Christ Child.

We have published a detailed statement of the work done in the school, our aims in training the girls and our position regarding the public. We trust it will remove the existing prejudice from the minds of the people and increase our numbers.

Evangelistic—The usual fortnightly meetings for women and children have been held at six villages and towns outside of Shidzuoka. At Fujiyeda, Kakegawa and Hamamatsu some new names have been enrolled, and at the two latter places the average attendance has slightly increased. At the other places the attendance has been as usual. These towns and some districts in their neighborhood have been visited by the Bible woman several times during the quarter. She has gone to the homes of all the Christians, and has visited

several new houses, where she has talked of Christianity, and in most cases her words have been listened to attentively. She has held meetings in three homes of the Christians, mostly well attended.

In Shidzuoka, she has made 216 visits, and has entered ten new houses. Meetings have been held in several houses, and the neighboring women invited in, many of whom heard of Christianity for the first time.

Two women have been baptized, and the daughter of one is an earnest seeker after the Truth.

Faithful work is being done by the Bible woman and the two assistants in the evangelistic work

KOFU.

The term from Christmas to Easter is always the busiest one of the year with us in Kofu, both in school and evangelistic work, and this year has been no exception to the rule.

Our Yamanashi girls have a very decided preference for play rather than study, but the more bracing atmosphere of the winter months, together with the approaching promotion examinations, keeps them steadied down to the nearest approach to earnest study that they ever reach. Looking back over the term, we feel real progress has been made both in their secular studies and the development of true Christian character. There has been little change in our numbers—we opened in January with twenty six pupils, we close with twenty-seven. It was found necessary to drop one of the girls on trial for a supported student. She was a good student, but her persistent disobedience and untruthfulness showed she was making no true use of her advantages. The

prospects for an increase in our attendance next term are good ; already we have four applications for entrance.

The Sunday Schools carried on by the pupils and teachers of the school are doing good work. In January we had four schools, with a total average attendance of 109 each Sabbath afternoon. In March we had six, with a total average of 182. From one of these a semi-monthly woman's meeting has grown, also a regular Sunday evening preaching service ; from another a regular week-night preaching service. We now have two weekly and ten semi-monthly woman's meetings in Kofu and the surrounding villages. The average attendance for the quarter has been seven.

The Buddhists have relaxed none of their efforts to counteract and hinder our work, but really they do us no permanent injury.

The Bible women have made sixty visits to the homes of the women.

With grateful hearts we present this report. All through the quarter He has been with us, constantly witnessing that our labors are accepted of Him, and that He was using us in leading souls into the light.

Ere we close, we would like to again bear testimony to the harmony that prevails all through our work between your agents and the Japanese pastors, evangelists and workers ; the senior ministers (Japanese) we look upon as elder brothers to whom we can go for advice, and from whom we are always sure of a welcome. More and more are we proving that *the Society we represent, our race and sex*, are all lost in the thought that we are workers together for and with Him who called us ; we know not of a single instance where any question of "right of control," "privilege" or "control" has come up during the year. We recognize the "right" of

each to control his or her part of the work, the privilege that each has of helping others in any way that is within his or her power, and the "authority" that is given to each of us to work while it is day, knowing that the night cometh when no man can work.

ELIZA S. LARGE,
Cor. Sec.-Treas. of the W.M.S. Council in Japan.

KANAZAWA.

The work of this quarter shows a decided advance as a whole, though in some cases attendance at the meetings has been somewhat smaller than usual. At the Nagamachi meeting this was due mainly to sickness or absence from the city of some of the members; and as two new ones have joined the meeting, one woman has been baptized and three others are now candidates for baptism, we feel it has been a decided advance rather than retreat. The children's meeting has been well attended and one of the little girls was presented by her father on Easter Sunday for baptism. Three of the older girls in this meeting are acknowledged Christians, though their parents will not allow them to be baptized.

In the Diajime district we have had a large growth, both at the Poor School and at the woman's meeting, held in connection with it on Wednesday evening. This meeting was opened in November last, and for the seventeen meetings held since, the average has been about forty—fifteen being women, the rest children. At first there was much laughing, talking and inattention, which has gradually given place to orderly quiet, and we feel that hearts are being slowly prepared for the reception of the Truth. On Easter Sunday,

the anniversary of the opening of this school, the teacher, Omachi san, with his wife and little girl, were baptized, making the first Christian family in that district. There are about twenty children working at match-box making, most of whom attend the night school and also Sunday School, which has had an average of thirty-three.

One of the girls of twelve years of age has been taken from a home of extreme poverty and placed in our orphanage, and other parents are willing now to let us take their daughters, rather than sell them as formerly. Sixteen houses in this district, comprising twenty-four families, are now visited regularly by our Bible woman and her assistant, Mrs. Tsuda.

During the quarter fifty-nine homes have been visited, eleven of them for the first time; 215 visits have been paid, two women have been baptized, three are now applicants for baptism, four children also were baptised on Easter Sunday, and also the three eldest boys from our orphanage.

KAWAKAMI SCHOOL.—The work here for the past three months has been very encouraging; we feel we are getting a hold on the hearts of the girls and their parents. As they hear more of the Truth they have less of that blind hatred which possessed them at first. Now they care not if their friends laugh at them for listening to the story of the Cross.

On the 9th of March all Japan celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Imperial marriage. We had a holiday and made it the occasion to present the twenty girls in the Industrial class with a copy of the New Testament and ten sen in silver. It gave us joy to see and hear how gladly both were received.

The Sunday School held at Kawakami numbers about

fifty on its roll, the average attendance being thirty-three.

The opening of our Orphanage on December 6th was a very interesting event in the history of our work. The way has opened up before us so plainly in making arrangements for this home that we feel the time was fully ripe for the undertaking, and there has been no need of forcing in any direction. A suitable house near us was easily secured, a Christian woman found for matron, and friendless children have, one by one, come under our notice through our work, till we have now nine gathered into a happy family life which they seem to appreciate very fully. The ages of the children vary from six to fifteen, three of them being boys, two of whom are children of the matron. We were much gratified to have these two boys and also the third one, (who has been under the care of our ladies for more than a year) ask for baptism. Already the influence of such a home is making itself felt in its neighborhood, and the conduct of the children has brought words of approval from even those who have little friendliness for Christianity. We have been asked to take in several other girls who would thus be saved from an evil life, but have reached the limit of present accommodation.

JAPAN.

From Mrs. Large.

June 21st, 1894.

We had a terrific earthquake yesterday at 2 p.m. Had it been at night it would have been much worse; fires must have been the result. *We are all safe, and are thankful; I never wish to experience another — I feel it still to-day.*

Our damages are heavy—three chimneys on the three-storey house broken square off, one moved a full inch. These must be taken off to the roof; another must be taken down to the foundations. I shall not have it rebuilt, but will use a pipe through the wall. The church must be all torn down. All brick buildings have suffered. The Episcopalian school in Tsukiji is in ruins. Tsukiji suffered more than Azabu. Had our repairs not been done this spring we would have had much more. Not a tile flew, though there are cracks in the walls; vases, ornaments, etc., were overturned and shivered.

God is richly blessing our soldiers' meeting. They have requested that it be made an afternoon of Bible instruction. Two have already expressed their desire to prepare for baptism, while the young fellows are arranging for extended work among their associates. Our friend and ally, Tg., is filled with zeal; he no longer complains of his soldier life, but rejoices in that he has still two and a half years in which to labor. He has four hundred Bibles that he is giving out among his comrades. He was here yesterday during the earthquake, but sat still. Afterwards he said to me: "I just asked God to take me, because I am ready to go now; I am a Christian."

CHINESE WORK IN VICTORIA, B.C.

From Mrs. Morrow.

June 30th, 1894.

Since I last wrote to you Num Yeo and Yuet Lin, the woman and little girl who came in last September, were baptized into the Christian faith on the first Sunday of May, and on the 11th of this month Num Yeo was married to Lun Loh, who also was baptized about a fortnight ago. The

bridegroom, as is usual, furnished the bride's costume and the greater part of the refreshments. I hope and trust that this marriage will prove a happy one, and that "The Home" has been not only an advantage but an inestimable blessing to Num Yoe. Here she took refuge to escape from her degrading bondage, and here, I trust, she has learned of Jesus, and found the "pearl of great price," and from here she has gone to begin life anew, with better prospects of happiness. The marriage was performed by Mr. Gardner, assisted by Mr. Cleaver. We had about twenty white friends and a few of the married girls. The newly-wed are living just across the street from us, next door to the three couples who were married two years ago.

Num Yeo. comes regularly to Sunday School and prayer-meeting, and her husband also keeps up his attendance at the church services. I think this is probably the last marriage we will have this year. I am sorry to say that poor Mary has not yet recovered the use of her eyes, and probably will not for a month to come at least, and even then will likely have to use dark glasses for a time. She has suffered terribly at times, and has gone through two operations, one a very trying one. I still hope, however, that her sight will be spared her. Dr. Hall has been exceedingly kind in attending her all this long time, but the necessary medicines and appliances have cost a good deal. Edith has also required medical advice and treatment. She was not able to walk for some weeks. I supposed it to be rheumatism, but it appeared to be a loss of muscular power in her limbs. She is much better. Ah Lam has been very kind in bringing Mary things he thinks she may like, and shows his appreciation of the care taken of her by looking after the garden; that in front owes most of its beauty to the plants he has brought. He

has also repaired our hen-house, and done many other little things about the place. The wedding that I supposed would take place in September or October will now probably not be until early next spring.

There are many material comforts in the Home, for which we are thankful, but still more for indications of spiritual growth in the hearts of the girls. They are more considerate than formerly, and I think it would be difficult to find as many English girls living together with as little friction as there is here.

CHINA.

From Dr. Gifford.

CHENTU, *April 13th, 1894.*

The assurances that your prayers are ascending to a loving Father for us is very helpful. We are quite comfortably settled in our new home. Chentu is a city I like very much; the people are pleasant and the situation good. It is superior to many Chinese cities in having wide streets, which are comparatively clean; but as a city in the interior it has its disadvantages; one cannot walk from place to place, but we have to go in chairs; one reason is that no respectable woman of the better class ever walks; another reason is, our foreign dress attracts so much attention and calls forth so many remarks. The question of wearing Chinese dress is one much discussed among the missionaries, many wearing it, others being strongly opposed to it.

The only coin in circulation here is the "cash"; the value of a cash is about one-tenth of a Mexican cent. It is strung in strings, each string having a thousand. It is most awkward stuff to handle. The silver is in lumps of different

weights, varying from a fraction of an ounce up to fifty, or possibly larger. The exchange is constantly varying. You can get paper money, but each native bank or shop has its own, and one bank will not accept the paper money of an other.

The weather since coming here has been very pleasant indeed. They say it is very hot during the middle of the summer, but the heat will continue for a few days then there will be a break, followed by another hot spell.

Regarding clothing, we need as heavy underclothing as we wear at home, also heavy dresses for the winter, and plenty of light ones for summer. It is well to have several pretty prints, as well as white ones. I would advise anyone coming out to bring a good supply of light-weight woolen guernseys. Many wear wool next the skin all summer, as it removes to a great extent the danger of chills from the sudden change of temperature. Cotton can be bought, and also some kinds of flannel, but it is expensive and not good.

I have been doing some Christian work among the women, but it is very little, as I speak so imperfectly yet; but it is all done in Christ's Name. I shall be so thankful when I get settled down to my medical work.

SUPPLY COMMITTEE WORK.

Wingham sent goods and Sunday School literature to Yearley's, Muskoka, valued at \$20.00.

Mt. Pleasant Union, N.B., sent two quilts to Yearley's.

Crosby Home received a small box from Norwich, N.B., and Sidney Auxiliary sent box of bedding valued at \$20.00.

To Naughton were sent a barrel from Oshawa, bales from Campbellford and Aroa, quilts from Milton, Corinth and Napier were sent to the North-West.

Missionary families received parcels from Bowmanville, Delta; box from Napanee; case from Brampton.

Suggested Programme for September Meeting.

I. Opening exercises.

Subjects for prayer for the month :

Annual meetings of branches and General Board, that Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Bands may begin the year with renewed vigor and increased membership ; for those accepted as Missionaries, or offering for service, and our agents in the field. 2 Tim. xi. 15 ; Hos. xiv. 8

II. Regular business.

III. Secretary's Annual Report. Followed by discussion :

How can this Report be improved so that we may be able to present a better next year.

IV. Prayer. With reference to the points discussed.

V. Report of Treasurer.

Discussion : Is this Report all it might have been ?

VI. Prayer. That all the money raised may be wisely appropriated.

VII. Hymn.

VIII. Prayer. For guidance in the selection of officers.

IX. Election of officers for the year and delegates to the Branch meeting.

X. Doxology and Benediction.

Suggested Programme for October Meeting.

I. Opening exercises :

"Prayer is one of the chief channels of influence by which, through us, as fellow-workers with God, the blessings of Christ's Redemption are to be dispensed to the world."

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. Subjects for prayer for the month.

French-Canadian evangelization. The work of the Institute, the day-schools and the Bible-women in Montreal. John i. 4, 5.

V. Report of Committee on our French work.*

VI. Address. Subject: History of the French Methodist Institute, Montreal.†

VII. Prayer.

VIII. Hymn.

IX. Reading. The Bible-woman: the importance of her work in the evangelization of Roman Catholics.‡

X. Doxology and Benediction.

* See page 46, Twelfth Annual Report W. M. S.

† See W. M. S. Annual Reports, 10th and 11th only can be supplied at Room 20—price 5 cents.

‡ See page 16, Monthly Letter, August and September, 1894.

EXTRACTS FROM PAPER.

*Read by MADAME LEOCADIE MORIN before the Convention of
the French Methodist Pastors and Missionaries
in the City of Pawtucket, R.I.*

The work of the Bible-woman, especially in our manufacturing cities, is as important, if not more so, than the work of a missionary; for it seldom happens that the husband is found at home during the day, whilst the wife and children are nearly always to be found at that time. The Bible-woman, in such cases, will gain access to the home, when, in many cases, it is impossible for the missionary to do so. Women are, in general, easy of access, if it is a woman they have to deal with. Women have more confidence in one another in this kind of work than they have in men, especially when it is a stranger that presents himself. Women are more communicative with one another than they are or could be with men. The Bible-woman who is polite and affable in her manners can gain access to and be welcome in almost any home she desires to visit.

We must, however, draw exceptions to this rule whenever the subject of conversation is upon religious matters. The Bible woman is welcome everywhere until the priest arouses the people against her.

When the men are at home the Bible-woman will be less liable to be molested than a man, for it is seldom that a man would so far forget himself as to be rude to a woman, even if he does not enter into her views. As she visits from house to house, she reads the Bible, exhorts and prays with the family when she is allowed to do so. This a man cannot always do.

The Bible-woman is better listened to than the missionary, because it is something new for a Roman Catholic to have a woman talk on religious subjects, and even if it is out of curiosity she will be heard.

When a woman is ill it is impossible for a man to take care of her, but it is a good opportunity for the Bible-woman to gain access to the home, care for the sick one, render all the services she can, and speak of the Saviour at the same time. In times of trouble everyone is ready to hear something on the subject of religion, and especially of the Saviour. She can also visit poor families, help them through others, work for them, clothe them, set the house in order, and, in general, do what a man cannot do under such circumstances. Thus she has in her power the means of doing much good, and, if not winning souls to God, at least awake them to the sense of their religious duties.

Nobody will contest the advantages that a woman has over a man in this kind of missionary work. Her services are also invaluable to the Protestant pastor in the discharge of his duties to Protestant families. In his absence she replaces him with great advantage to the Church. It is a fact, that those who have been converted and are persecuted wait with anxiety for the visit of the pastor or the Bible-woman at least once a week. By praying with them and exhorting them, they take courage and feel that they are not alone to fight the good fight. They then become more zealous and more eager in the discharge of their religious duties. They attend more regularly the services on Sunday and during the week. Therefore, I consider these weekly visits among our Protestant converted families of the utmost importance to our work."

REVIEW OF USEFUL LEAFLETS.

Woman Un'er the Ethnic Religions.—No woman can read this paper without thanking God from her heart for Christianity. She cannot fail to have her gratitude to Christ the Redeemer deepened, and her sympathy for her unfortunate heathen sister excited, when she realizes the indeed "immeasurable contrast" between their lot and hers. With ready pen the writer depicts the degradation of woman under the Brahmanism and Hindooism of India, with their revolting customs of child-marriage, infanticide and widowhood. When we read of the Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism of China, with but one only hope from any of them for woman, we wonder no longer that China has stood still for centuries. In Japan, under Shintoism and Buddhism, woman's degradation is not so low as in India or in China, but she still carries a load of misery and humiliation. Under Mohammedanism, the whole life of woman is mirrored in that pathetic Arabic proverb: "The threshold weeps for forty days whenever a girl is born," and so the catalogue goes on.

Christian sisters, read this little leaflet until the contrast between the lives of your heathen sisters and your own is burned upon your very souls, and then do for them what your heart prompts you to do. Price, 2 cents.

THE BURNT TESTAMENTS.

In a special report of the New York City Mission regarding Mr. Warszawiak's work, the following incident is related: A young Jew who came to the meetings regularly, did so only for the purpose of getting tracts and

New Testaments, which he carried home and burned. One night he got hold of three Testaments, and committed them to the flames. It was a windy night, and a page was blown out of the fire. In putting it back, his eyes caught the words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He stopped to read the whole sheet, which described the Crucifixion. His whole behavior rose up before him. "I have been going for about a year to that place, and never hearing what is taught. May God indeed forgive me, for I know not what I have been doing." He soon became a changed man, and to-day he is a most honest and true believer in the Christ, and has been baptized.

MR. WARSZAWIAK'S WORK.

This movement in New York continues with unabated force. In a recent letter, Mr. Warszawiak writes: "Last Saturday I spoke for two hours to about 600 Israelites on the 'Wordless Book,' and I think I never before experienced so great a blessing as on that day. Instead of asking as usual, 'What must I do to be saved?' they came (at least a good many) and asked for baptism, asked for Christ, asked for prayers in their behalf, and, without exception, every one wanted a copy of the little 'Wordless Book.' It was clear to see that the precious Spirit of Christ was mightily working in the hearts of these dear brethren. The rush to the enquiry room was a tremendous one, and they stood packed up to six o'clock. Oh, I could write page after page to describe all my eyes have seen, but I could not give you an idea; for, till one is an eye-witness, he cannot understand exactly how our precious Master is working for us."

WOMAN'S WORK.

Dr. Pauline Root writes this in *Life and Light* with regard to the calling of young women as medical missionaries: "Cheerfully they enter the crowded zenanas; they sit down beside the young wife in her too early motherhood, showing her, not by any strained effort, but by the love of Christ which constrains them, that they love them and sympathize with them, and that they are strong to help. They go to dying women and gather them, poor, forlorn, dirty, forsaken, in to their arms, and as they comfort them they point them to the only Physician who can help them. Beside the leper they tell of a land where there will be no more sickness and no outcasts; tenderly dressing the sore, aching body of the little child dying with small-pox, they win the love of the patient, sad eyed mother. They carry healing to the outcast, despised widow, and they hesitate not to lay soothing hands on those so diseased that they are thrust out of their homes; for to whom else can these sin-burdened souls turn? The young woman doctor is the confident and adviser, the friend and comforter of all classes—European, Eurasian, Hindu, Mohammedan, Chinese, and whomsoever she works for; and in them she finds some heart, some trace of "the angel in the marble."

"YE lacked opportunity." So said Paul when, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he wrote his gracious letter to the Philippians. God counts up what we would do if we had the opportunity as well as what we do. "It was in thine heart," He said to the disappointed David, who might not build the Temple. He knows all the beautiful temples within that never take shape without. He is satisfied with the heart. How much good would the widow with two mites have done had she possessed a fortune? He knows.

Notices to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.

Formerly many Auxiliaries and each Mission Circle and Band have received one copy of the MONTHLY LETTER free; but at last Board meeting it was decided that no free copies should be sent out. Auxiliaries and Boards will therefore kindly take notice, and order from Miss Ogden such number as may be required. Price, five cents per year.

Back numbers of *Our Quarterly* at 50 cents a hundred may be ordered from Room 20. These will be found very useful in creating a missionary interest among Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Will Corresponding Secretaries and individual subscribers to the MONTHLY LETTER please notice the date on the printed address, and observe when the subscription expired. If the label bears the date September, 1894, the subscription expires with that number, and should be renewed before the 15th of the same month.

Will friends who order literature from Room 20, kindly remember *not* to send three-cent stamps, if larger or smaller denominations can be procured. Remit by money order or bills when possible.

Readers of the *Missionary Review* have found it greatly improved of late by the addition of maps and illustrations. These have rendered it necessary to increase the subscription price, which the publishers announce will hereafter be \$2.50 a year, but to those subscribing through our Society it will be sent for \$2.25 a year.

W. M. S. note paper and post cards, for the use of officers, may be ordered from Room 20, at the following prices:

Letter Size, 100 sheets in a pad, per pad ..	45c.
Note Size, " " " " ..	30c.
Post Cards, per doz.	15c.

Subscriptions for the following missionary periodicals will be received and forwarded by Miss Ogden: *Missionary Review of The World*, per year, \$2 25; *Gospel in all Lands*, six months, 40 cents; *African News*, per year, 75 cents; *Message and Deaconess World*, per year, 50 cents; *Heathen Woman's Friend*, per year, 50 cents; *Palm Branch*, per year, 10 cents.

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, authorized the Literature Committee to close Room 20 during the month of August. Will our friends please send all orders before July 25?

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

Back numbers of these periodicals are not furnished by Room 20, unless specially announced.

Free Leaflets.

Constitution for Auxiliary and Mission Band.

Duties of Auxiliary Officers.

Origin and Work of W. M. S., Methodist Church, Canada.

An Appeal to the Women of the Methodist Church.

Ten Reasons Why I Should Belong to a W. M. S.

Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box.

What Thomas Henry and I Learned at the Board Meeting in London.

Scattered Helpers (Leaflets and Cards).

Orders for free leaflets should be accompanied by two cents for postage.

Pasteboard Mite Boxes, free—postage and wrapping, 3 cents each.

Folding Mite Boxes, free—postage and wrapping, 3 cents a dozen.

LEAFLETS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE.

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A Talk on Mite-Boxes02	.20
Am I Needed02	.20
A Tithe for the Lord.....	.01	.10
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Christian Giving: Some Questions and Answers02	.20
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God's Tenth. A True Story03	.30
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