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Suggestions for the Week of Prayer, Jan. 4-11, 1903.

Sabbath, Jan. 4.—Appropriate services and sermons: "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens; that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence; as when fire kindleth the brushwood, and the fire causeth the waters to boil: to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence," (Isa. 64:1-2).

"Wilt thou not quicken us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:6).

Monday, Jan. 5.—The Church Militant. Praise: For the Church's one divine foundation; for its divine unity; for its providential history; for its manifold spiritual victories; and for its promised triumph throughout the world.

Prayer: For a nobler manifestation of the Church's unity; for its greater freedom from hindering imperfections; for its increase in spiritual devotion; for its enlargement in practical wisdom, and for its speedy and full realization of its Founder's purpose.

Tuesday, Jan. 6.—Foreign Missions. Praise: For the successes hitherto vouchsafed to missionaries of the Cross for the encouragement which God still gives to faithful heralds of the gospel; for the wiser methods

which missionary experience has revealed and enforced, and for the interdenominational comity in Foreign Mission efforts, which now so largely prevails.

Prayer: For the deepening of the missionary spirit throughout the Church; for the vast increase of gifts for missions in foreign lands; for the guidance of the all-wise Spirit in missionary methods; for the power of the Spirit in preparing hearts for the reception of saving truth; and for the swift fulfillment of the Messianic vision.

Wednesday, Jan. 7.—Home Missions. Praise: For the goodly fruits of Christianity in Christian lands; for the perfect adaptation of the gospel to every class and condition of society; for the existing measure of interdenominational co-operation in Home Mission efforts; and for the witness of the Spirit in the successful making known of the truth in even "the waste places."

Prayer: For a still clearer perception of the oneness of God's kingdom; for a still larger acceptance of the fact that Home and Foreign Missions are allies; for a still deeper sense of the gospel's sole power to save the individual and the nation; for a still more effective interdenominational unity of plan and action in Home Mission work; and for the plenitude of the Spirit's inspiration in our seeking to save those who come to our shores, and in our evangelizing of the home land.

Thursday, Jan. 8.—Special Work for

the Young. Families and Schools.

Praise: For the present wonderful turning of the young toward Christ and his service; for their devotion to the Church; for their intelligent enthusiasm in behalf of missions; for their strong influence in institutions of learning, and for the promise they give that the future will be in Christian hands.

Prayer: For the Spirit's direction in all efforts to win the young for Christ, and for the gathering of a still mightier youthful host to the Christian standard.

Praise: For the priceless blessings which come from the family and the school, and for the reverent regard in which they still are held.

Prayer: For a greater measure of the divine blessing upon the family and the school; for a greater wisdom and fidelity in parental teaching and example; for a nobler filial obedience and love, and for all educators and students, that they may savingly learn of him who is both wisdom and life.

Friday, Jan. 9.—Nations and Their Rulers. Praise: For the peace which now prevails among the nations; for the advancing recognition of Christian principle as the law of international conduct; for the growing realization that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but that sin is a reproach to any people"; for a deepening general conviction that the Christian's duty includes faithful citizenship; and for the widespread exalting of civic standards.

Prayer: That just and generous in-

ternational dealings may put an end to war; that within national borders mutual goodwill may allay all discords of section and class; that willing, intelligent recognition of the "common interest" may prevent industrial strifes; that power of every kind may accept the Golden Rule, and that thus Christ may everywhere be owned as the Prince of Peace and the Saviour of mankind.

Saturday, Jan. 10.—The Ministry of the Gospel—Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists. Praise: For the divine institution of the gospel ministry; for all the Christian ministers who have wrought for the saving of souls and the upbuilding of the Church; for the teachers and evangelists who have proclaimed with power the Christian truth, and for the countless multitudes who have thus been brought to Christ.

Prayer: For a mightier endowment of the Spirit upon all who are set apart as ambassadors of Christ; for the full realization by all believers that they also are appointed to be "witnesses"; for the complete consecration of all Christians to the advancing of the holy kingdom, and for a divine awakening which shall overcome all indifference and unbelief.

Sabbath, Jan. 11.—Sermons. "And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," (Isaiah 65:24).

"But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto prayer." (1 Peter 4:7.)

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Letter from the Indian Mission.

When it was time to open the school this year there were not many workers present. We asked God to direct to some plan by which the work would be done without the burden resting too heavily upon any one. To economize labor we all ate together in the mission dining room. The work moved smoothly for a few weeks but the hospital building was unfinished and the boarding of men would make additional work.

It has been the custom for the workmen to board in the home of one of the mission families, but as all the mission force was united in one great family there was only one place where the men could be accommodated.

Miss Willson, who leads in the work in the kitchen, said: "Do not let the work be hindered one day for the want of a boarding place for men; let them come in here."

The dining room was full, but a place was found for the additional number. One of the workmen said: "How does Aunt Mary speak so pleasantly with so many of us in the way and so many things to do."

Miss Anna Coleman offered her services to the mission for one year without remuneration. The Board gave her the appointment and paid her traveling expenses to the mission. Miss Mary McKnight made the generous offer that if her sister's services were desired at the Indian Mission that she would pay her traveling expenses and also her salary for one year. Her offer was also accepted. Miss Coleman and Miss McKnight arrived at the mission October 14. The work on the building moved slowly or so it seemed to us.

The Kansas Presbytery was to meet at the Indian Mission on November 5, and the hospital building would be needed for a dining hall at that time. On November 1 the building was still incomplete, but was in condition to be used and most of the workmen were sent away to give opportunity to clean the building. Monday morning, November 3, found us at work early. Besides the regular routine work of washing, ironing, baking, churning and cooking for a family of 60 there was the new building to be cleaned and things put in order for the Presbytery.

The school was dismissed for the day and Mr. McMillan took his boys to the hospital building. No, they were not sick. The hospital would have been a very uncomfortable place for a sick person that morning. While a crowd of boys are carrying out the debris that is left in a house after it has been plastered it is neither quiet or free from dust. The boys under the direction of their energetic leader did good work. It did not seem to occur to them to plead off from physical labor on the ground that their work was to train the mind. They did not even hint that it is a woman's work to scrub.

Miss McKnight and Miss Coleman volunteered to prepare the sleeping apartments for our guests. We often speak of making beds when we only mean that the covers shall be arranged on a spring bed with a good mattress. Under such circumstances "making beds" is light work. As our supply of beds is limited all of the company could not be accommodated in that way and the young ladies began at the foundation, which was the floor, and "made the beds." They did not even turn back when they went with the boys to fill the ticks with hay and the boys met and conquered some game of unpleasant odor.

Miss McAnlis, who has charge of the girls, showed her ability to direct the boys by the rapidity with which they removed the old carpet from the church and prepared the house for the new carpet sent to the mission by Geneva congregation. Are you asking why the boys are called in every direction and you do not hear from the girls. Are the girls idle? Not at all. They are helping to cook and bake and iron, or they are washing dishes, setting tables,

sweeping or scrubbing floors. Mr. McAnlis' duties are so numerous and so varied that it would take a book to enumerate them. Sometimes he was in the new building in answer to the call of the plasterer who frequently said send that carpenter who belongs to the mission to do some work for us. Sometimes he was in the hospital yard with the boys clearing the rubbish from about the building. Sometimes in the spring house churning, and when the women were all busy he proceeded to dress the butter. Miss Thompson had not arrived at that time. Since she arrived all the others give way to her in the spring house. Miss Thompson came at the close of Presbytery and was here in time for the communion. She is a valuable addition to the working force both in temporal and spiritual things.

From our association with her in the past we know that she is a willing and successful worker. Some of the young men and women who were school children when she was here ten years ago still remembered her and had a warm welcome for "Aunt Etta." I have told these little incidents not because they are of great importance in themselves, but because they show the admirable loyalty of the workers to the mission work.

Mr. Carithers and part of the Indian congregation met Presbytery at the train. The Indians, anxious to please the newcomers, drove to the mission at a greater rate than we anticipated and arrived sooner than we expected them. This upset our plan to be in the yard to meet our friends, and I fear our embarrassment caused by the surprise hindered our speaking the word of welcome that was in our hearts. We soon saw the fitness of our guests' coming at an unexpected hour, for as baskets, barrels and boxes were unloaded it became evident that it was not Presbytery but a donation party that was at our door. It must be admitted it was not a typical donation party unless they are greatly slandered, for report says by the time the party leave everything has been eaten, but it is weeks since our friends left us and we are still enjoying the contents of the boxes.

It was quite refreshing to the mission family to be seated at the table to enjoy the company of part of our guests while the others supplied us with the dainties they brought with them. We had pleasant hours in the dining room, where we ate our meals and united in family worship, but our highest enjoyment was in God's house, where we received the refreshing for the soul which will prepare us for the work that lies before us.

November 6, the day of the organization of the Cache Creek congregation, is the day to which the Covenant Church has been looking forward ever since she sent forth the first messenger to carry the gospel to the Indians. Before a single Indian had turned his face to God many an earnest prayer had gone up to God pleading that He would plant his church in this land where God was unknown.

The prayer that came from the hearts of his children reached the great heart of the heavenly Father and into the dark valley of ignorance and superstition where for generations the Indian people had been sleeping the Holy Spirit descended and the sleepers awoke ready for God's service.

The court of God's house has met in the Indian mission chapel to welcome to the ranks these fellow soldiers under the banner of Christ and to encourage them to be true to the leader. Friends have come a long distance to see what God has done for this people. Father and Mother Carithers, who were always willing and ready to lend a hand in the sowing of the seed, even in the weakness of old age, were present to witness the binding together of the grain.

Some of us remembered another mother who had watered the seed with many tears as in her distant home she implored God to bless the work and strengthen and protect the workers. Perhaps she

looked down from the upper sanctuary on the little congregation in God's house on earth.

When Presbytery asked the Indians if they desired the organization of a congregation they said our white brothers understand the Jesus' road far better than we do, and if they think that is the best way for us to work we desire it. Those who were chosen as leaders expressed joy that God had work for them to do. They said they would undertake the work which they did not well understand because they expected strength and guidance from the One who owns the way.

When we remember that God has promised that his power and presence will still be with us and that he will finish the work he has begun we can believe that the words God has spoken concerning Israel will be true of the little congregation he has planted in this land. "Thou preparedest room before it and didst cause it to take deep root and it filled the land," (Psalm 80:9).

ELLA CARITHERS.

A Gala Day.

Dr. Maude George, writing Tak Hing Chau, China, Oct. 30, says:

Well, we have had a gala day. At 10 A. M. the steamer was sighted by Miss Torrence from the attic window and we were all ready to wave when it came in sight of the house. Even Baby Joe was excited about Papa coming home and "going to bring a little baby." We were all lined upon the upstairs veranda waving handkerchiefs and towels and flags, and there was a hearty return from the boat. We took turns looking through the glasses. I did not see clearly enough to recognize faces, but when Mr. John Robb, who was away out in front turned to walk back, I distinguished him at once, and then I cheered. I'm afraid we alarmed the natives from that time on—b—but oh! it is joyful! We feel so rich and happy! Our goods have not come yet, except a few things. The boxes from home we expect Saturday. You will rejoice with us, I am sure, in the good cheer that comes when such a goodly company gather together.

We are so thankful to God who has given us such good things—and to all the dear folks at home who send us all out to this work.

Prize Fighter's Heart.

Coffee Shown to Be the Cause of His Weak Heart.

Frank Wallis, the Illinois champion feather weight, says:

"Nearly all my life I drank coffee, and it finally put me in such a condition that training for any fight was almost impossible.

My breathing was poor and slight exertion always made me very tired. I could not understand it, for I was otherwise well and strong, until one day, in training quarters, a friend and admirer of mine asked me if I drank coffee. I told him 'yes,' and he said that was what ailed me.

This was two weeks before an important fight of mine was due. He explained how coffee affected the heart and nerves and told me of the good qualities of Postum Food Coffee. I immediately commenced to use it in place of coffee. The results was wonderful. My nervousness left me, my breathing bothered me no more, my confidence returned, and I was as good as ever in a short time.

I returned victor of the fight, which I am confident I would not have been had I continued the use of coffee."