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OF THE

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FORTHE PACIFIC ISLANDS

HELD JUNE 6, 1905

The Woman's Board of Missions, in its thirty-fourth anniversary, convened in the chapel of Central Union Church, fair with floral decora-

ations, on the morning of June 6.

The President, Mrs. Scudder, called the meeting to order by announcing the missionary hyun. "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," following it with Scripture reading from Mark 12,-the story of the widow's mite. She pictured a temple she had visited in Tokio, Japan, the paved way to the sacred entrance over which not even the carriages of the wealthy might pass, the many worshippers pressing forward with their offerings, the lowly with their little gifts side by side with the favored of fortune-the latter distinguishable by their dress, their manner, and their often ostentatious display of gifts. Within stood the sacred treasure chest, into which the coins jingled loudly as they fell; while the open windows above admitted fowls of various kinds, the notes of song birds sometimes interrupted by the strident tones of a cock-a nineteenth century temple in need of cleansing. As she had looked upon this scene

she remembered another temple with its treasury over against which Jesus in his busy life had found a little time to sit and watch the casting in of coins: and one, a lonely lowly widow, carrying but two mites, had "cast in more than they all." The sincere heart purpose behind the gifts measures their value today as then—the gifts of time and strength and love and sympathy, as well as gifts of money, and He who gave himself still sits "over against the treasury." Following her remarks the President led the audience in prayer.

After the usual monthly reports the annual reports of all secretaries, auxiliary societies, heads

of departments, and treasurer were given.

The nominating committee presented the names of the acting officers for reelection with two exceptions—for Assistant Treasurer, in place of Mrs. E. A. Jones removed to Mass., Mrs. W. L. Moore, and to fill the chair of Home Corresponding Secretary thus left vacant by Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. D. Marques. The report was received and acted upon affirmatively.

The closing number of the morning session was the President's address on "the problem of larger service," an earnest plea that we go forward

along every line.

Midway of the morning hour ten members of the Aurora Society of the Portuguese church gave us two musical selections, "The Gondola" in English and "Praise Ye the Lord" in the Portuguese tongue. The courage of the young girls was manifest in the fact that, though deprived of their leading voice in both soprano and alto after their last rehearsal, they did not flinch but went forward and acquitted themselves with credit. It is the first time our youthful Portuguese friends have lent us their aid and it was truly appreciated.

The touching incident of the day was the arrival at eleven o'clock, in her wheel chair, of Miss Chamberlain, who went out from us so suddenly at our last October meeting. Glad smiles and moist eyes attested the love which accompanied the presentation to her of Chautauqua's "white lilies."

At 12:15 a dainty luncheon, which Mrs. Fuller and her chosen assistants know so well how to prepare, was served to more than two hundred ladies and gentlemen, some of whom could express their good will by attendance only through the social hour.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

was held in the audience room, a hymn preceding prayer by Dr. Scudder.

There was read a report of the tea-party given by the Woman's Board the preceeding week in honor of the Evangelical Association.

The Board received and unanimously adopted the report of the committee on work as here given.

WORK FOR THE YEAR 1905-6.

"Your committee chronicle with much satisfaction the success of last year's programs in the study of "Rex Christus," and desire to thank the ladies who aided in making the course of so much interest.

It is with great pleasure that we announce, after a unanimous vote upon the part of the members, the continuance of the course in the United Study of Missions, in the programs of the coming year, taking as the text book and basis of the study, "Dux Christus, An Outline Study of

Japan," by William Elliot Griffis.

We feel assured that the interest and profit in this connected study will increase as the months go by. It will be of interest to note the fact that up to the first of this present calendar year the publishers reported a sale of more than thirtyseven thousand seven hundred copies of "Dux Christus." We are proud to number ourselves

among the great company of students.

The special collections for the Armenian Orphans and the Pundita Ramabai Fund will be taken in October and January as heretofore. Your committee would make a special plea for these two collections. Last year there was a falling off in both, notably in the Ramabai Fund. As we do no forcign work it would seem most fitting that we make a more earnest effort to make these offerings liberal. As we broaden our giving so will our interests broaden.

The following is the program for the coming year subject to such changes as may be necessary:

SEPTEMBER—"The Island Empire." Physical features. Racial qualities. Committee: Mrs.

Freitas, chairman; Miss Harriet Needham, Miss Mary Parker, Miss May Paty.

Report of Chinese Work. Report of Portuguese Work.

OCTOBER—"The Making of the Nation." The Nation Secluded. The Nation Awake. Committee: Mrs. W. C. Lyon, chairman; Mrs. Gignoux, Mrs. Porteous, Mrs. Griffiths.

Report of Missionary Gleaners. Report of Hawaiian Work. Report of Japanese Work. Special Collection for Armenian Fund.

NOVEMBER—"The Religions of Japan." Shintoism, Buddhism, Confucianism. Committee: Miss Gertrude Whiteman, chairman; Miss Cunningham, Miss Frances Johnson.

Report of Lima Kokua. Report of Chinese Work. Report of Portuguese Work.

DECEMBER—"Modern Christian Missions."
Protestant Missions. Unity of Christian Work.
Evangelistic Work. Native Teachers. Committee: Mrs. F. C. Atherton, Chairman; Mrs. J. P.
Cooke, Mrs. A. M. Merrill, Miss Mary Winne.

Report of Pauahi Band. Report of Hawaiian Work, Report of Japanese Work.

JANUARY—"Woman's Work for Woman." Education of Japanese Women. Japanese Home