

A few lines from Miss Alcorn will be welcome in regard to our new centre in Kofu:

This new home is attracting attention. We have a class of girls from the Koto Jo Gakko (High School) for English twice a week. I have again a monthly meeting for women who do not care to attend our regular church meeting. Miss Hargrave teaches Household Science the first hour. This we feel sure will attract a larger number still. The wives of the official class aspire to some knowledge of foreign cooking for the husbands who frequent the European restaurants. We seem to be in our proper place among the people, and God will abundantly bless every effort made by those who will live here.

On Sundays we use the kindergarten class-rooms for our Children's Meeting in this District. One hundred and forty have attended since the New Year. I have often wished you could see our class of forty boys. It is our first opportunity to grade classes and it works admirably. This afternoon I visited two of our children's meetings in different parts of our city. One was held in a small upstairs room, the only place we can secure there; I wondered how the children got up the narrow, steep stairs. Eighty children of all grades were huddled together but listening very attentively to the lesson.

The other meeting was in our own, Mrs. Wadda's home, and numbered about one hundred and twenty children from thirteen years of age down to the baby on the backs of many older sisters. Here every child was pressing his hand forward to show the teacher he remembered the last Golden Text. We wonder at the good work done under such uncomfortable conditions.

To return to our new Home—Miss Hargrave has certainly a right to claim the title "Master Builder." The longer one is in the home the more one realizes her knowledge of what is necessary to make the building for time and also for the needs of the work. You may depend there is nothing weak in the foundation, nothing not sanitary in our compound.

Indian Work

Miss Ida M. Clarke writes from Kitamaat:

The interest in the Auxiliary is well sustained. The women enjoy coming to the meeting, and it cannot help having an uplifting influence on their lives, which are so barren of outside interests. Mrs. Swann is to be congratulated on the success of her efforts.

In November Dr. Darby, of Bella Bella, spent a day with us. He has been appointed by the Department to make regular visits, about twice a year, I believe. He examined all the children (31) and pronounced them in very good health, though several have tonsils which ought to be removed. Now that Miss Alton is here he will probably bring the necessary instruments to perform the operations when he comes in the spring.

It is a great comfort to us and also to the missionary to have a trained nurse with us. Socially, it is a joy to have her.

We have been favored with a beautiful winter, so much sunshine, not much snow, and not very cold—never down to zero. The girls are anxious for summer to come now, so that they can go camping.

Miss Alice H. Jackson writes from Nelson House, Canada:

I have not been able to carry out my plans for a Mothers' Meeting or to get my Mission Band started; of course the sick come first. It is hard to plan for anything, as I never know when and where I may be needed.

Thanks to the many friends who remembered us at

Christmas, we were able to give each of the young folks a little gift, and a bag of candy, cake and nuts.

We had our tree Christmas night, with a wedding as the opening number on the programme. Of course they are always interesting; then a bright song service in Cree, in which all joined heartily, then several selections on the gramophone which all enjoyed, especially those who understood English. Lastly the distribution of gifts. All seemed to be happy and perfectly content. If the kind friends who helped us could have been there I am sure they would have felt more than repaid.

I have written to a number of mission bands, auxiliaries and friends. If I have missed any will they kindly accept our thanks in this way.

The gramophone is a constant source of delight; to no one more than to myself, for I do get hungry to hear some kind of singing in my own tongue.

A number of friends of different auxiliaries remembered the missionary as well as the children, which helped to give her a happy Christmas, but after all there is nothing that gives greater happiness than in planning and working for others.

Later Miss Jackson writes:

We have had another siege of la grippe; it was more universal than last year; not a home but some were down with it; in some the whole household sick at one time. In one home there were six in bed at once. In some cases it yielded to the treatment given, but in most ran its full course of two weeks.

We were very busy; some days it was hard to get time to prepare our own meals.

The Hudson Bay teams brought our mail. There were twenty-nine pounds for me, so I will have plenty of reading matter for a while. It was good to hear from my friends again.

Suggestive Programme

June, 1915.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world even our Faith."

Subject for Prayer.

Summer Schools. That many may be called to missionary service.

I.—Opening Exercises.

- (a) Hymn, "God Calling Yet." No. 73, Canadian Hymnal.
- (b) Lord's Prayer, in unison.
- (c) Scripture Lesson. Luke 14: 25-33; Matt. 10: 37-39.
- (d) Season of Prayer.

II.—Minutes and Business.

III.—Watch Tower.

IV.—Hymn, "Whosoever Heareth," No. 82, Canadian Hymnal.

V.—Report of Branch Delegate.

*VI.—Question Box. Conducted by President, with general discussion.

VII.—Hymn, "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound," No. 404, Canadian Hymnal.

VIII.—Benediction.

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