

## Indian Work

Miss Powell writes from the Crosby Girls' Home, Port Simpson, B.C.:

Work such as is being carried on in the Crosby Girls' Home, Port Simpson, has to be done largely in faith, with the hope that in the future a harvest will be reaped. The worker needs all the love and patience and tact of a mother, and that toward children who not only are not her own, but who are of a different race. All womanly virtues, graces and accomplishments can find scope here. The best, the very best, is not too good, and one so often is conscious of limitations, sighs to be more efficient, and turns for encouragement to the assurance that "our sufficiency is from God."

Late in the winter a revival came to Simpson. It lasted about two months, and during the first three weeks the meetings were held night and day. We have been awakened at 4 a.m. by the people out parading the streets, accompanied by the band, and that after being at the meeting until midnight. Many professed conversion, and many who had grown cold have been brought back again.

There was a wonderful influence in the meetings, especially while they sang—short choruses over and over again. Indians sing with much pathos and feeling. Often the whole congregation would be in tears.

Some of us will never forget one Sunday afternoon when, in the attitude of prayer, they sang again and again this refrain:

They crucified Him; they crucified Him  
And nailed Him to a tree.  
And there He died, a King, crucified  
To save a poor sinner like me!

Never before, as then, had we felt the wonder of the sacrifice of Christ.

Several of our bigger girls stood up one night to testify for Christ, and some we believe are trying to be true to their testimony. This, and the fact that our numbers are increasing, gives us cause for thankfulness and encouragement.

Miss Alton writes from Kitamaat, B.C.:

There are daily problems to be solved by a nurse in Kitamaat, how best to really help these people. In going around daily; in and out of the village homes, giving treatment, or medicine as required; or dressing wounds when necessary (I prefer to do the dressing of wounds at the dispensary); the problem comes, how to help these women to understand the ordinary care of their children; to clean up their homes and to understand something of the principles of sanitation and ventilation.

There are few in the village who consider it necessary to ventilate their homes.

The best work can be done among the ex-pupils of the Homes. It means much to the Kitamaaters to have such a home as the Elizabeth Long Memorial right in the village. The general health of the village is very good, with the exception of tubercular cases; these are hard to help in their homes.

## Work Among Orientals in B.C.

Miss Howie, Vancouver, writes:

Our monthly meeting for Chinese women in Vancouver is always held in the homes of the women, and we usually have a goodly number present. I generally ask Miss Chace to speak, and the women listen to her earnestly.

Miss Aust and Miss Trenholme are doing good work in the kindergartens.

Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Osterhout have done a good deal of visiting in the Chinese homes this year. Miss Chace is also very faithful in visiting.

I have given the time I had for visiting chiefly to the Japanese work, but I hope to get better acquainted with the Chinese homes during the next three months.

In spite of hard times we have tried to continue "Business as usual," and so in February and March the Japanese Auxiliary and Mission Band held their annual receptions in the W.M.S. Home, to which they invited the Canadian Auxiliaries, Circles and Mission Bands of the city. At both these receptions our programme consisted of "Things Japanese." At the first reception we showed the dolls that are used in the dolls' festival. We also had Japanese music.

At the second reception we had an exhibit of some of the accomplishments of a Japanese lady, such as "Flower arranging," "Bonseki," "Koto playing," etc.

Personally I feel that these receptions are one means of showing some of the beautiful customs of Japan to our home people and thus helping them to understand the Japanese people better.

The Chinese Mission Band, with the help of Mrs. Osterhout and Miss Mansell, also held its annual concert and reception.

We are all anxious to bring our funds up to what they were last year, and, if we do not succeed, it will not be for lack of effort.

**Room 20 and the Depots closed as usual for August. Please send all orders to reach the offices before July 26.**

## Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

September, 1915

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" — Prov. 14:34.

### Subject for Prayer

TEMPERANCE

That the youth of our land may realize the evils of intemperance and be made strong to resist temptation.

I.—Opening Exercises:

(a) Hymn, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus," No. 151, Canadian Hymnal.

(b) Prayer.

(c) Scripture Lesson, "The Secret of National Greatness." Psalm 33:12-22.

II.—Minutes and Business:

Reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Organization of Study Classes and discussion of plans of work for the year.

III.—Watch Tower.

IV.—Solo: "Canada's Hymn of Empire," by Godfrey, or any other patriotic selection.

\*V.—Reading: "A Nation's Reproach."

VI.—Prayer: That Canada may soon be freed from the Drink Traffic.

VII.—God Save the King.

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