

the prescribed work. The result would compare quite favorably with that accomplished by children at home.

The girls and women also had examinations, and exhibited their work—drawing, crocheting, knitting, blue-thread work (peculiar to the Chinese), embroidery, as well as exercise books containing their work for the year. Much of it was exceedingly well done. Miss Ellwood gave prizes of Bibles, hymn-books, etc., for the best.

During this week Miss Ellwood had planned to give them as much of the Gospel as possible, so every afternoon they received a gospel message from some one of the Tzeliutsing workers. On the last Sunday, Decision Day was held, and most of these girls stated a desire to become Christians. We were very glad to see this first step taken, for we hoped it was an earnest of greater things to come.

On Christmas morning a feast was given the school girls and visitors which they appreciated. I enjoyed it quite well considering that it was difficult to use the chop-sticks and that I felt so ignorant of Chinese etiquette. After the feast we all went to the church, which was prettily decorated with two trees, greens, bells and stars, with a Chinese touch here and there, namely, two large mirrors, a large gong and an arch with bells resembling the ancestral arches.

The programme consisted of reading and reciting the Scriptural Christmas story, singing of Christmas hymns, a drill given by the boys of Mr. Taylor's school, and some motion songs by the tiny tots of Miss Hambley's school. All was carried out successfully.

After the programme the presents were distributed to all who held a check. (These checks were given to prevent impostors). Each one received a parcel containing a little sponge cake two inches square, a piece of Chinese candy made of rice stuck together with a thick syrup like our popcorn balls, and another sort of cake made of rice flour, also a fifth of a bar of Sunlight soap, wrapped in red paper. All seemed quite happy and contented with their presents. I never knew till I came to China what a highly favored girl I am in having so much of this world's goods, but one needs to come to a land where Christ is unknown to appreciate the advantages one has had.

Indian Work

Port Simpson, B.C.

Miss Ada S. Myles writes from Crosby Girls' Home:

Some of our children present this year had never seen a Christmas tree before, and when Santa Claus came in it seemed like happiness let loose. Dr. Large made a splendid Santa Claus. Several children had never before had a doll. During the siege of la grippe in January two of our ex-pupils came to our rescue and helped with the washing, ironing and scrubbing. January was a very trying month on account of the severe weather. Rev. Mr. Arnup visited us in February and we all enjoyed him very much. The Sunday evening he preached the church was crowded to the doors. Special music had been provided by the native choir. Mr. Arnup gave us an excellent, inspiring sermon.

March 17th our Mission Band held an apron sale and five o'clock tea in the girls' dining-room, which had been made attractive with the pretty colors of the aprons and the dainty tea tables. The older girls in the Band did the serving.

The social event of the season has been a dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott (natives); a bountiful repast was served. After dinner, speeches were made by Drs. Spencer, Large and Rev. Mr. Richardson, of Amyox. Mrs. Spencer poured tea and Dr. Large attended to the substantial part of the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have been Christians for many years and true friends to the missionaries ever since Dr. Crosby's first work at Port Simpson. Mr. Abbott went on many missionary trips on the *Glad Tidings* in the early days.

We were delighted to welcome Miss Hudson. She spent ten very happy days with us.

Mrs. Anderson and Miss Swann, of Kitamaat, spent a few hours with us on their way south in February. As our school numbers reached forty we found it necessary to have the fifth worker, and were much pleased to secure Miss Masters, a former worker in the Coqualeetza Institute.

Austrian Work

Miss Chace writes:

Chipman, Alta.

The number of real visits paid during the last three months is smaller than usual, fifty-two or three; but that is partly because the Sundays were taken up with Sunday-school work. Two more homes were opened for Sunday-school work in addition to the two already had. Assisting at one service in Chipman church and often when need was direct, in the Sunday school as well, I found it possible usually to visit only two homes in the country, for they are miles apart, and roads and weather were never worse in my Alberta experience. When some preaching appointments around were closed for weeks together, I am glad that I was kept in town only on two Sundays, my distances being shorter than some.

When our very short mid-winter days began to lengthen a little, Mrs. Pike and I reopened our twice-a-week sewing-class. The children show great interest in this, and come gladly in gratifying numbers. We have also organized a Mission Band, to which children and young people of all nationalities come. We are all Canadians together. This meets twice a month, also after school.

Suggestive Programme

AUXILIARIES AND CIRCLES

July, 1916.

Our Watchword.

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Subject for Prayer.

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