

vice. They had asked for a contribution of fifty yen each to defray the expenses of flowers, the enlarging of a photograph to be used at the service and later presented to our new library, and to send a memento to Miss Cunningham's little niece who appears in the photograph with her aunt. The response was so generous, many sending two or three times the amount asked for, that after paying expenses, they were able to present fifty yen (twenty-five dollars) to place Miss Cunningham's name on the list of subscribers to our "Coronation" Library, which we hope to have established by the autumn of 1917, when we will celebrate our thirtieth anniversary.

After the service a few of the old pupils and teachers gathered in the school to talk over the early days and have supper together. Old photos were produced, and many interesting incidents recalled, three or four of those present having been members of the first class that entered the school. One of these is now a valued teacher whose daughter has already been graduated from the school, and one has a daughter in our senior class this year, both mother and daughter being earnest Christians.

It was interesting to watch the intelligent, purposeful faces of the two dozen young women seated on cushions around the "Japanese Parlour," as we call our large upstairs room, used for meetings, etiquette lessons, etc., and to remember that these formed but a small part of the total number of young lives that had been touched and influenced for good during the fifteen years of loving service given by Miss Cunningham in Shizuoka.

The gathering was distinctively of this land. There were no tables, but a little square tray before each one, containing a "chawan mushi" and a plate of cold rice rolled in dry seaweed, these two dishes being remembered as Miss Cunningham's favorites. A cup of tea, a little bag of cakes and an orange for each, completed the supper, which, the President of the Society said, was not meant to be a feast, but only an "eating together" while talking over the past.

The photograph, which had been set among white lilies and purple flags in the church, was brought to the school and put in the place of honor, and the cushion directly in front of it left vacant. In the most natural way the first tray brought in was placed before the picture and remained there until we finished our supper. I was interested to see what disposition would be made of the viands and was pleased to see it was sent down to Kanuma San, the faithful old servant who was in charge of the school kitchen all through Miss Cunningham's time here.

That the exercises of the afternoon had touched the hearts and stirred to resolves for more unselfish living was voiced by several of the old pupils as they said good-bye that evening, and we felt that in this simple honoring of the memory of a beloved teacher, the Master for whom she so faithfully labored was also honored and exalted.

Indian Work

Extracts from a letter from Kitamaat:

The food bill has gone up this last year—prices are high in Vancouver, as everywhere, I suppose. We use lots of fish, so our meat bill is not much. An Indian sold us a spring salmon weighing forty pounds the other day for \$1.00, and yesterday we got forty-five lovely large river trout for \$1.00.

Miss Alton is coming up to supper to-night, and we are having a large trout baked with "stuffing"—does not that sound good? and rhubarb from our own garden.

I suppose it is natural for me to dwell on the food question, as I am the cook—with a family of thirty-four to provide for. The cooking teacher is missed *very much*, as I find it difficult to attend to the books and correspondence after a morning in the kitchen—have to take it out of my rest time. But we go to bed early and will not over-do.

Miss Alton is kept busy in the village. She has just returned from a six weeks' vacation. She represented us at Branch Meeting, and brought back the banner to Na-Na-Kawa Mission Band, for largest amount raised per member. Naturally we feel elated. On Friday we intend holding a Union Auxiliary and Mission Band meeting in the church, and have all the Auxiliary (Indian) women sit on the platform and Miss Alton will present the banner to the Mission Band, so it will be quite an event.

The Indians leave for the canneries about the middle of June, and we expect to go camping early in July. The children have been so well all spring, for which we are devoutly thankful, and the camping makes them all stronger and does us all good.

A wealthy Chinese mill-owner of Shanghai, who employs hundreds of women as well as men in his cotton mills, has set apart a large space in the gardens near his home for a playground for children. They are given gymnastic training and taught singing and games. This innovation is peculiarly needed in Chinese cities, where little ones are neglected and left to play as best they can under their elder's feet and in the dirt. It is hoped that it will find widespread imitation in Chinese communities.

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(d) Peter.....Acts XI: 4-18.

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