

China

Miss Mildred Armstrong writes from West China:

We have had a good summer at Mt. Omei. Unusually delightful weather added to the pleasure. Miss Holt and I spent the season with Miss Swann in her new bungalow, and greatly enjoyed the companionship and comforts. The veranda was such a cool place to study, and the view of the rugged hills on one side, and the broad plains on the other were a constant source of delight and inspiration.

I enjoyed my work in the Kiating boarding school very much last term and found that with all the difficulties and discouragements there was always a "way out," and "strength sufficient for all my needs." After language study this experience in actual, definite work, with real people, was indeed a pleasure.

I feel that the work among Chinese girls is very hopeful. They readily accept our message of the Saviour, and try more or less faithfully to follow His teachings. Even the little ones like to "do worship," as they call it. I was quite amused one evening, when some of these little tots came to me with a small notebook they had prepared containing dates of prayer-meetings and names of topics and speakers, all written out clearly. They had decided to study the Gospel of Mark. At their services they would sing a hymn, then the leader would "preach" a bit on the portion of Scripture chosen for that lesson and then several would pray.

This is all done in such an earnest way that one could not help admiring the spirit of worship they undoubtedly possess.

The fear of serious trouble with Japan in the Spring, caused the larger children in our schools to devote many earnest prayers for their country's good. We were pleased at this new evidence of patriotism, and through it tried to teach the real requisites of a true, strong nation.

Indian Work

Miss Mary I. Swann writes from Kitamaat:

We are still working away doing our best for Him whose we are, and whom we serve. Our Mission Band has worked right royally and the sale of work has been an extended one, selling the work that was ordered from time to time. We have done so well that there will be no deficit at Kitamaat Mission.

We, namely, the missionary and his wife, and the staff of Elizabeth Long Memorial Home, attended a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Pioneer Ranch, to the bride of Mr. Robert Mitchell, one of the new settlers in The Valley. Twenty-one guests sat down to a very dainty luncheon given in honor of the first white couple married in The Valley. It was a very pleasant change and outing for us who could get away from our work to attend.

The Sunday school is very well attended, averaging over a hundred for the fall, and this average will keep up till the people go logging, after New Year. Just at present the village band have a leader—a white man from Prince Rupert—and they are practising three times a day, so that very soon we will be having some special music, which will be a treat.

We have also started our Christmas practising, and the children are very enthusiastic over it. They love to sing. It is amusing and interesting to watch our new children as they try to learn the English words and sentences. We have eight little ones that were never in the Home before this fall. They have good memories and are storing up hymns and Bible verses that will be the food for building up strong Christian character.

Report of the Italian Methodist Day School, Montreal, Que.

Two months have elapsed since the reopening of the school, with an enrollment of forty children and an average attendance of twenty-six. The older boys do not attend school until the snow falls, as they generally go shoe-shining or selling newspapers to help support their parents.

We are sure to have, in the coming months, a larger attendance than we had in the past year; many mothers have asked me to keep a place open for their children a little later on. The majority of our pupils are from Roman Catholic families. We send our Protestant children to the public school when they are able to read and speak English sufficiently. This year twenty-five attend the public schools in our district.

We have twenty new scholars who never have been in contact with our or any other mission work. The children are progressing and improving in a great many things and are willing and obedient.

ALICE V. PERINI.

New Leaflets

Two new leaflets, "Your King Needs You" and "A Nickel for the Lord," are now ready and are specially adapted for the January campaign work for Auxiliaries and Circles. Single copies free. When ordering a number please enclose, for postage, wrapping, etc., 4 cents for 25 copies. Order from 410 Wesley Buildings, Toronto, and the depots.

Suggestive Programme

AUXILIARIES AND MISSION CIRCLES

February, 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.

That our members may fully realize the urgent need of leadership in Circles and Bands, and that many may be inspired to assume the responsibility.

Subject for Study.

Korea's United Church. Chapter V. "The King's Highway." "One Heart, One Way."

I. Hymn—"Go, Labor On, Spend and be Spent." No. 171 Canadian Hymnal.

II. Scripture Lesson—John 15: 1-16. The Christian's Source of Power.

III. Prayer.

IV. Minutes and Business:

(a) Announcement of results of January Recruiting Campaign.

(b) Introduction of new members.

V. Watch Tower.

VI. Solo and Chorus—"I Have a Saviour." No. 212, verses 1, 2, and 5.

VII. †The Korean Church: The Secret of its Growth and Power. Chap. V. "The King's Highway."

VIII. Special Season of Prayer for the young people of our churches.

IX. Hymn—"Sowing in the Morning." No. 172 Canadian Hymnal.

X. Closing Prayer.

M. M. C. LAVELL.

†See Suggestive Programme Leaflet. Price 3 cents.

For Auxiliaries and Circles not studying the Text-book, we would suggest a study of the Annual Report, page xl, with special reference to Circle and Band statistics; also extracts from the messages of Branch Circle Secretaries. See October "Missionary Outlook."

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