

the boys, a very bright chap, noticed my life-membership pin of our society which I was wearing, and wanted to know whether it meant anything especial. Miss Armstrong, who is always on the watch for a starting point to turn the conversation into Christian teaching, at once satisfied his curiosity about our suggestive star.

Summer days in Karuizawa pass very quickly. Our Council has been followed by various conventions, among which were those of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Kindergarten Union. And now the Convention for the Deepening of the Spiritual Life, led by Rev. Chas. Inwood, from Keswick, England, has just ended, but the blessings we received from God through his power-filled earnest instruction on the Holy Spirit will continue and go with us from this mountain top into the valleys of work where souls are waiting for Spirit-filled workers to lead them to the Great Healer.

China

A private letter from Dr. Anna Henry, Chengtu Hospital, refers to the changed attitude of the Chinese towards the foreigner during the unrest of 1916, as compared with that of 1895. Many of the women and children refugees have come to the hospital for shelter. As many as one hundred and fifty found refuge there. "It was a grand opportunity for sowing the Gospel seed, and it was my blessed privilege to lead them each morning in the prayer hour and give to them the old, old story. Throughout the day they would ask the Bible-women, 'Who is this Jesus we are constantly hearing about?' In their rooms many of them were found reading the gospels and other Christian literature.

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"The longer I live and work in China the more I realize how terribly hard it is for such people to become Christians—they are so bound by the chains of custom, hereditary training, and by the prince of darkness. Oh, how they need your prayer—prevailing, intercessory prayer!"

Our Indians

Extract from a personal letter from Prince Rupert, B.C.:

I have just come in from the Red Cross rooms, where we have been doing our "bit" for our men who are so bravely doing their noblest for us. Rupert is feeling the loss of some of the best, who left not so very long ago. The casualty lists are so long and heart-breaking. Of the six Indian youths who left a little over a year ago, only one is left. Three of these were old-time pupils, and all bright, interesting fellows. They have made the sacrifice! Only last Monday I sent a note to one of them, for I had not heard from him for some time. I knew he was "somewhere in France" and doing well, but I felt anxious. My note left here Saturday, and three days later appeared the brief paragraph stating he had been killed in action. Bright, sunny Frank, always willing to lend a hand and help his teachers. Coqualeetza Institute has done much in the years past, is still doing, and we pray will continue lifting up all who enter its doors, to live useful lives and, if needs be, meet death as bravely as this boy and others have done. This afternoon I am running off to make calls, then will attend a W.C.T.U. meeting. This society was re-organized a week or two before voting day. At present the members are considering future needs, how to help the fishermen and others who come into Rupert when they have money to spend. "When wine is in, wit goes out."

Visit of the Associate Home Secretary to the Western Fields.

Mrs. Harrison's account of her trip West, as given at the recent Board Meeting, was very interesting.

Her first stop was at Sault Ste. Marie, where Miss Cunningham labored most ardently and abundantly and found far more homes eager to welcome her than she had time to enter. Her Sunday school in Little Italy was carried on by volunteer workers with a splendid average of seventy-five. Miss Haddock is carrying on the work.

Wayside House in Fort William, where Miss Hanna and her assistant live, is a well-known spot to the many women and children who assemble there. She and her assistant have rendered most loving service. The sewing and cooking classes are greatly appreciated and meetings for women and children are held there.

At Edmonton there are about a dozen girls in the Home, bright and interesting, loving and lovable as our own children. Mrs. Harrison went with Miss Addison to two Sunday schools, making a busy Sunday, as calls are also made and church in the evening. One could easily understand how the health of the missionary so often gives out under the severe strain they undergo. The children were "spick and span" in their white frocks and most energetic over the exercises, suggesting hymns and answering well the questions. They recited the twenty-third Psalm and parts of the Gospels.

Miss Addison visited some homes, often telling a mother how to treat a cold, how to make and use a poultice or urging the calling in of a physician and convincing them a hospital is a place of mercy and healing, which in many cases has proved a great blessing to the sick one and the family.

The children in the Home of school age attend day school and all have little duties suited to their different ages. They were a happy lot of children, well-behaved and "mannerly."

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