THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK

Swimming is a favorite sport, and there are baseball and athletic meets as well as literary and religious clubs. The Mission Hosiptal accommodates 40 patients.

On Bohol Island, people, gather tortoise shell and pearls and also sea worm, which is good to eat. There are three missionaries here for 300,000 people. They care for the sick, helped by Filipino nurses. Patients on the hospital porch learn to think of God es near, and to pray to Him as a Friend.

At Sinced Dormitory, in Cebu, the boys beat all others in athletics; but Janet thought the girls did better by keeping a playground for poor children in summer, playing games with them and teaching songs and Bible stories. Each child was given a piece of soap and allowed to take a bath, which they so enjoyed that they washed thair elethes also.

Mindanao is a large and beautiful island, but nearly half the inhabitants are wild men, living in the mountains, and are pagans. The Moros as Monammedans, and the Visayans supposedly Christians. Missionaries are sadly needed. One church of 100 members has no pastor, but members take turns in leading meetings. This church was started by a blacksmith, who serves his Master wherever he goes.

In another town everyone of the 700 inhabitants is a church member, and there is no pastor. If only there were good leaders wonderful things would happen.

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At one town they heard of a mountain tribe anxious to learn about Christianity. Just then they heard bells jingling, and, looking out, they saw a group of these people come to sell coffee and hemp. The men were dressed in gay suits of red, blue and white, and wore beads and hitle bells which jingled as they walked. The women, too, were gaily clad. Sometimes when the Moros come to market, they "run amuck" and try to kill Christians, so the soldiers make them leave their weapons outside. Men and women dress alike in tight-fitting trousers, light jackets and colored turbans. They build their houses over water, with bamboo bridges to shore. They live in tribes ruled by chiefs. There is much need of Christian workers there. The Catholic church is closed, and the native priest is studying to be a Protestant evangelist.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance is working amongst a tribe called Subanos, where there is a school of 100 boys and girls. Some live so far away that they bring rice for a week, sleep in a nipa dormitory, and cook for themsolves. The tribe has some queer customs. Small children run naked. Girls wear animals' teeth as ornaments, and brass bracelets and anklets. Lips, finger and toenails are stained bright red. At 12 years of age, teeth are ground with a stone, then dyed black. They make holes in their ears and stretch them large enough to hold a silver dollar. Boys wear many rings, and fancy buttons on their costs, and often a string of snake bones around the waist. They have never seen dolls. When shown one they called it "God," and would not play with it, probably thinking it like the wooden images used at religious festivals. Having no toys nor games, they enjoy work at home and in the fields, but they make pets of the family pigs, chickens and goats.

The last stop before returning to Manila and settling down to school was made

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