

with a human head and shoulders and a body of a fish, is said to have been seen, frightening the Indians and half-breeds from the lake. Father Lacombe, who is ever equal to such exigencies, exorcised the strange creature by passing around the lake chanting prayers and burning incense. Since then it has not been seen. We have met Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of the H. B. Co., who are in hearty sympathy with our missionary work. Only a few of the Indians here adhere to the Protestant faith, as we have neglected them so long. We now turn south for White Whale Lake. Country more or less timbered, but the Indians have cut out a good waggon road. After a drive of twelve miles, we sight the lake. A beautiful sheet of water, teeming with white-fish. This is the principal fishing station for the Edmonton district. The Indians are settled at the south end where it is rather hilly, but from the base to the summit grows the finest grass, over which a mower could be run with all possible ease, making this a good ranching as well as the best agricultural country. I found the people at home busy finishing up their farming operations. When I drove to their camp such a shout of delight and excitement, especially amongst the young folk, that "the missionary had come." They all came around to shake hands and hear the news. The dinner, which was prepared by the chief's wife, being over, we assembled for worship, none absenting themselves. I was much impressed with the devoutness and earnestness manifested by the worshippers. They appeared to realize that the Great Spirit was present. Two years ago I formed a class and appointed a leader, and since then they have met regularly for prayer, the leader exhorting at the close of each service. As a proof of their sincerity of purpose, evidences of a new and better life are apparent, the most conspicuous being the interdiction of gambling on the reserve, which formerly they so dearly loved. We spent an hour in Sunday-school, and during the evening visited each family. The following morning I left the reserve, committing the people to the care of the Great Teacher.

Facts and Illustrations.

THE Bible has now been translated into sixty-six of the languages and dialects of Africa.

THE Lutheran Church is said to have, throughout the world, over 50,000,000 baptized members.

IN India the government do not permit the Bible to be even an optional book in the public schools.

THE more thou frequentest thy closet, the more thou wilt like it; the less thou comest thereunto, the more thou wilt loathe it.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

OF course, there is a proper regard for our happiness, but if we only knew it, duty and delight are inseparably wedded.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson.*

THE worshippers at Westminster Abbey, passing by Livingstone's tomb, had their attention arrested by a small wreath lying on the slab. The wreath was composed of an African grass and a small white flower resembling an immortelle, to which was attached a card bearing these words, "From the place which he

loved and for which he died." The handwriting is that of a lady.

IT is said that not more than one-eighth of the people of Japan live in cities having more than 10,000 inhabitants. The vast majority are farmers or fishermen.

THE Baptists now have 500 churches in Burmah, largely self-supporting. The work was begun there by Adoniram Judson, "the Apostle of Burmah," in 1813.

INASMUCH as Muscat, in South-eastern Arabia, is the seat of Arab influence and power in Africa, Bishop French urges the establishment of a mission there to attack the evil at its source.

OF all the pilgrims leaving Bombay for Mecca and Medina more than a third never return. Out of 64,638 pilgrims who left in the six years ending 1890, 22,449 were missing. In 1888, of 13,970 who started 7,465 did not return. The vast proportion of those missing owe their deaths to epidemics, starvation, and it is said, murder between Jeddah and Mecca, robbery inciting the murderers to their evil deeds.

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