

*From Miss ANNIE POLLARD.*

Perhaps the close of the quarter is as favourable a time as any to comply with your request in regard to the progress of this school.

I think no person who has a missionary spirit at all could fail to be very much interested in this field of labour. You know from your acquaintance with the Chinese that they are anxious to learn all they possibly can. The number of pupils from the commencement is sixty-eight. The average attendance for the first quarter was twenty-one, and for the second seventeen. The reason for the number of the second quarter being less is that over six hundred Chinamen from Victoria alone are employed in making the roads, in the fisheries, in the mines, etc., on the mainland. During the autumn, however, a large number will return, and we are hoping for a great increase in the attendance. The attention and interest evinced by the scholars in their lessons is very gratifying, and their behaviour is excellent. I was never happier in any work than this, nor was I ever half as enthusiastic, and Mr. McKay is nearly or quite as much engrossed with the work as I am. The hours of school are from 9 a.m. till 12, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, from 7-30 p.m. till 9-30 p.m. The evening sessions, however, are usually three hours long instead of two. Sister Mary has assisted me most of the time in the evenings, as the progress of the pupils is very unequal.

The Sabbath-school is quite as encouraging as the day-school, if not more so. Mr. McKay is superintendent and teacher of the Bible-class, in which there are seven young men. Two other gentlemen, sister Mary and I, are teachers. We need, however, two or three more whose hearts

are in the work, but these it is hard to get.

Three of the boys seem to be anxious to know about God. They pray morning and evening, and attend public service Sabbath evening, and prayer meeting Thursday evening, and several have attended a fellowship meeting which is held at Mr. McKay's house every Saturday. Two have related their religious experience. I will give the experience of Ah Goon, our interpreter, as nearly as I can: "Well, my very glad for come you house to-night. My pray every day, every night—my love everybody. Long time my no pray, my heart no laugh. Now my heart laugh all time. My like go Sunday-school, and Mr. McKay teach my for read the Bible." Laugh, used by Ah Goon, means happy. There has been a marked change in this man, and I believe he has been converted.

Mr. McKay has repeatedly expressed himself as being very much pleased with the interest, attention, and progress of the whole school, but particularly with his own class.

The attendance of the Sabbath-school is about the same as the evening school. Perhaps I should give you the ages of the pupils. Four are under eighteen, the remaining sixty-five range from eighteen to thirty. I think one is about forty. I did not like to ask him, as he seemed to think that I had no business to be so inquisitive. He is a married man, but his wife is in China. The Cantonese predominate. We have only three from Hong Kong, and three from Wampoa.

Mr. McKay is very sanguine that we shall yet see a church and missionary for the Chinese in Victoria. We believe we have your sympathies and prayers.

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Last Monday was a Chinese Holyday, and as they asked for a holiday so it was. In the evening four of the

boys came up to the parsonage, and on my entrance they presented each of their teachers,—Messrs. McKay,