

Monday evening. He is going over the Commandments and also the S. S. lessons with them. They sing a good deal at these services, one of the children playing the organ and a friend of Mr. Frew's the violin. "Onward Christian Soldiers" is the last hymn they have learned.

They sing them very heartily and I do hope and pray it is not with the lips merely. Catechism and singing are both good. The seed that is being sown is falling, not so much by the wayside, nor upon stony ground, for their childish hearts are not hardened, but it is falling among thorns, the thorns of superstition. My dear friend, pray for us, that the thorns may not spring up and choke it. May some grow and bear fruit.

NOW FOR SOME OF OUR NEEDS

We will begin with boots, good strong broad-soled, low-heeled boots, two pairs each for the year.

Some mits and stockings for emergencies and a great deal of yarn to knit more for themselves.

Unbleached cotton for girls underwear, for summer, and grey flannel for winter, for both girls and boys, and good strong shirting for summer, and if you could just get a web of home-made fulled cloth for pants for boys.

Trousers, trousers, without end and limit, you cannot send too many.

I just notice with a very heavy heart, that the good supply that Toronto sent, is getting low, but I have got a whole web to fall back on.

We are not so hard on coats. Perhaps your boys out grow their coats before they are badly worn. I gather overcoats from year to year. I have at least a dozen good ones now, and I will not require to make them down, as in former years. So they are stock in hand.

Caps, hoods and mufflers, send all you can gather. A fur cap is a great find here and never mind if it is faded or worn at the edges, it is fur, and that is everything in this cold country. You cannot send too many mufflers, faded ones will do,

Hats too for the girls, for you know when they began to get a little civilized they need hats too. We don't care about fine fashions, plain sailor hats that you can get for twenty five cents, with nothing on them but a band.

Then I'd like a few cloth caps too, and if your M. B. girls would hunt up their last year's ones and send them on, we would be very grateful. They are just the thing for spring and fall. Send all the soft felt hats you can get hold of, for the boys.

Flannel for winter dresses, a piece or odd pieces of navy blue, brown, grey, or something becoming for Sunday wear, it need not be light material.

Girls' jackets, ulsters are the best, the heavier the better. We want in winter warm jackets, but do not reject lighter ones. Occasionally the mercury is seen to creep up above zero, even here, through last winter during a few weeks it stayed down among the forties and fifties.

I would ask specially for a web, or pieces of shirting; it is the best for aprons as well as dresses.

And now my dear friend, what more shall I say? I am leaving thanks to you for many things, till another time, and yet I have not told you half what you wished to know. I have let the fire go out—all are asleep an hour ago, and I hear one of the bairns crying, so I must close."

A CHRISTIAN HOME IN A HEATHEN VILLAGE.

LETTER FROM REV. J. FRAZER SMITH.

Hsin chen, Feb. 12, 1893.

DEAR CHILDREN:—

I AM sure you will be pleased to hear something about the home of the Christian Chous, and also about a visit to their village on a recent Sabbath. You remember that Mr. Chou and his son were baptized last June; you have also heard that several others in their village were interested in the gospel through the efforts of these two men.

Notable among these is a nephew of the old