February, 1896.

Loreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M. Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

MARY M. RIOCH.



Miss Rioch is a Canadian by birth. She is supported by the women of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. She works in Japan in connection with missionaries of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. Bro. McLean, who has recently been in Japan, called to see Miss Rioch's work. He says : "She has charge of the girls' home. There are nine girls under her care. They are being educated to serve as Bible women. They are all Ohristians, most of them having turned to the Lord since they entered the home. For their secular education they go to the government schools. In the home they are under Christian influence and receive Biblical instruction. The course of study at present is the Old Testament in outline, the life of Christ, geography, church history and methods of work. Under the last head the girls are taught how to approach the people and how to answer their objections to the Christian religion. All the more advanced girls teach classes in the Sunday-schools. When the new building is completed this work will be enlarged." We hope that every church in Canada will make an offering the first Lord's day in March.

TOKIO, December 15, 1895.

Tq the Maritime Provinces and Ontario C. W. B. M.:

DEAR SISTERS — This past month has been a very happy one, because I have had three more enter the Bible Training School. They are all earnest Christians, trying their best to prepare themselves to be helpers. The Industrial Department, though small as yet, has filled some very good orders. Labor is so cheap here, that the amount of work done and amount of money received for same are very unequal.

The pupils are learning to be quite deft with their fingers already.

Have revited the land preparatory to building the charity school. The rent is high, but could do no better. Had hopod to have the building up by the New Year, but then you know things move very slowly in Japan.

THE CHRISTIAN.

The attendance at the schools and woman's meetings is good, and the interest seems to be greater. We are praying for results from our long labor. Your sister in the work.

MARY M. RIOCH.

WOMEN'S WORK.			
Previously acknowledged, Cornwallis-Ladies' Aid, St. John-Sunday-school, "Miss Emery's class, "Ladies' Aid,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
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DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,-

News from India this month! Miss Frost has sent such a long, loving letter to the Bands that I will not write much myself, for I know you must all be anxions to read her letter. You will see how much our help is needed for the children of India as well as Japan, and I think our hearts are big enough to love the little ones of both countries. I was rejoiced to receive a letter from Summerside, P. E. I., telling me that a Band numbering twenty-two had been organized there. They are thinking of calling their Band the "Sunbeam Band." I like that name. The darkness of heathenism needs all the sunbeams that your loving little hearts can send there. A hearty welcome, "Sunbeam."

One of our Coburg street Sunday-school scholars, Hazel Hill, who has moved away to the country, has not forgotten our work. She took a mite-box, and has been saving her pennies to help send the gospel to her little sisters across the seas. We received her mite-box this month and it contained \$2.00. Hazel's earnestness teaches us a lesson in faithfulness, girls and boys 1 Are we all remembering to help, although we may not be able to attend our Band meetings ?

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON, Sup't Children's Work.

MAHOBA, N. W. P. INDIA. December 4th, 1895.

To the Mission Bands of the Maritime Provinces:

DEAR WORKERS—Away off here in Mahoba, India, word has come to me that your hearts are ready to love and your hands to work for the children of India. I wish I could make you see, just as I saw this very day, how much they need all you have to give.

We have a new orphanage here in Mahoba for girls rescued from the famine-stricken districts nearest to us. This morning I had twenty-five girls out in the orphanage, tonight I have thirty-two. A bullock cart full of children from Danroh came from the railway station this morning. There were six of them, one was in good condition, but the other five are weak little skeleton children, rescued half starved. My heart just went out to the Father for help when I saw them. How I shall praise his name if they become clean, wholesome children with the love of Jesus in their hearts, I do not believe such a change impossible, for I have

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already seen progress in others rescued before. A girl, not in a very bad condition, came to us today from this place, making seven new children in one day. Scarcely any of these children are provided for, they come in so fast they cannot all be arranged for as fast as they come, but I cannot turn them away to starve or to grow up in heathenism. I am going to tell you about one of my little girls, in hopes that you may decide to adopt her for yours. Last fall, Mrs. Mitchell, one of our Bina missionaries, went to a village near there. By the roadside she found a little girl picking grains out of the dust and eating them raw like a bird. Mrs. Mitchell enquired about her and found that ber father had held a good position in the village but had died leaving his position and his children to his brother. There was a boy and a girl. The boy was the larger and could work, besides, he was a boy, she was only a little helpless girl. The brother was kept and the little sister turned out to get her food as she could. However, the aunt would not allow Mrs. Mitchell to take her. Afterwards the boy brought his little sister to the Mission Honse, but the uncle sent for them both. They were starving then, both of them, and Mrs. Mitchell said if their relatives starved them again she would take them anyway. The eighteenth of last February, a woman came bringing a little girl, representing her as her child and wishing to sell her. Mrs. Mitchell knew the woman and was sure the child could not be hers. She looked her over and found her to be her waif of the village. She took her in and kept her without further difficulty. With others she was sent to the orphanage here. Her name was Deviya (Da-vi-ya), which means "goddess." I did not like the heathen name so changed it to Gulabi (G as in "good"-goo-la-be) which means "Rose." She is now about six years old. A shy little girl, very kind and helpful to everybody. She tells her love by rubbing up against me like a kitten and sz ding through her large dark eyes. She seems so happy and contented. She goes to school which I hold every day and is learning to read.

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Indeed, the little ones are a happy set, every one says to whom I show the children, "How happy they look !" I think you will be blest if you have a part in rescuing these children from actual starvation, nakedness, neglect, vermin, disease and *heathenism*, the last most degrading of all—and giving to them comfort and love and a knowledge of the loving Jesus which can save them from sin.

If you take this little Gulabi, I want to give her to you with "is promise: "He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy." He spares them and he saves their souls.

The excitement of the day has laid its hands on me. I cannot write to you as I would wish but shall be glad to tell you hereafter of the upward growth of little Gulabi should she become yours. The chief magistrate came today saying there! was sure to be famine another year. That means untold suffering. We want to rescue all we can. Will you help us?

In loving service,

Adelaide Gail Frost.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

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