

warm room with a board floor. They soon forgot their bare, cold feet and that the street outside was full of ice and snow, and began to play their village games.

One little girl was dressed in a very small ragged shirt with her mother's apron tied around her; she came barefooted through the snow. Stepan, the old school servant, was our Santa Claus. He came in with a pack on his back. The girls sat down in the middle of the floor, and to each were given apples, raisins, walnuts and roasted wood peas. Later Mr. Knapp came in and spoke to them of the new year. After a hymn and prayer the children were sent home, each family receiving provisions for a good dinner. There were ninety happy little girls in Harpoot that day and nearly as many boys.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
LAURA ELLSWORTH.

No Backward Step in China.

Let no Christian for a moment entertain the thought that the Church of Christ is to withdraw from mission work in China because of the revolution within the empire. That would be pusillanimous indeed. Such a thought, we are persuaded, would not be entertained for a moment by any one of our missionaries in China. The soldiers of the King of Kings should be as brave as are the soldiers of any earthly ruler, and they are not to be deterred in their loyal service by temporary defeats or the death of comrades. China belongs to our Master, and he who said, "Preach the Gospel to every creature," made no exception of those who at the first would not receive his messengers. This spirit of loyalty to our great Captain, and of love for His people, will be dominant in the hearts of His true servants. — *The Missionary Herald.*

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