

a day from school for three years. If she finds that she needs an attack of cold or fever she just waits till the nearest holiday.

I also saw Miss Fisher, who is very well. Miss Kirkpatrick I have not seen. I hope next week to see Mr. and Mrs. Grant. Mr. Coffin has gone to Barbadoes for a change. Mr. Thompson bravely holds the fort at Couva.

The Mortons are pretty well. The girls' school is well filled and well drilled in useful knowledge, well calculated to make them better wives and useful christian women.

A friend asked if Miss Blackaddar was living. I am glad to say she is and weighs more than ever she hoped to do. If one is out of print and mention it does not follow that they are dead.

Our own school work goes on, just as any other work does, over and over again, a. b. c.

One boy, who always preferred the fields to halls of learning was thrown from a cart, his head was cut, eye partly forced out, and other injuries, but I saw him yesterday running about as lively as possible! And still more strange he can see with his half an eye.

Our school has kept up a good average, without any especial exertion, or expense, but it really seems too bad that it is necessary to go out every day and hunt them up.

The talking, begging, and trouble to get them out, is sometimes very trying. One of our sweetest young lady teachers was told one day to go to an exceedingly hot place, and not come asking for children to go to school. Rather trying that is it not?

We had a very nice gathering on the evening of July 15. Mr. Warner, Mr. Laing, and Rev. A. Thompson of Couva came up, Miss Morton sang, and the children helped, so a very pleasant hour or two was spent in our school-room. We also had a collection that amounted to \$10.

Educational matters do not seem to be quite settled here yet. But God rules and He doeth all things well.

How Dr. and Mrs. Burns must be missed in Halifax, they were so warm hearted and energetic, so ready for every good work.

I do so enjoy reading the RECORDS, and will really try and do more for them.

Yours sincerely,

ANNIE L. M. BLACKADDAR.

There are three things which the true Christian desires with respect to sin: justification, that it may not condemn; sanctification, that it may not reign; and glorification that it may not be.—*Cecil*.

"The missionary work in Nagoya, Japan, is growing more encouraging. It is classed the fourth city of Japan, and one of the strongholds of Buddhism."

LETTER FROM REV. MURDOCH MCKENZIE.

HONAN, JULY—1892.

MY DEAR MR. CROIL:—I owe you grateful thanks for the regularity with which the RECORD has always come to us, and for the prominence you have given in its columns to Foreign and Home Missions.

You may think me somewhat ungrateful for never having sent you a contribution for its pages. The reason was that I was just feeling my way gradually along among this strange and interesting people, but did not feel that I knew enough about them to warrant me in writing for the public. You will see from the letters which have appeared this year that they were sent to Mr. Yuile, and it never occurred to me that they were worthy of being given to such a large circle of readers as the RECORD introduces them to.

We have, indeed, much to be thankful for; we ought to take courage and go forward; two stations have been obtained, and, so far, we have managed to retain them. We have a fair knowledge of the language of the people. Large numbers of patients have been treated already, and more of them are coming every day.

Our street chapels are open daily and quite a number of persons have heard the good news of salvation. Considerable quantities of Christian Literature have been circulated also.

A fortnight ago, we had the joy of welcoming two converts into the Church by Baptism, and, afterwards, of partaking of the Lord's Supper with them. We trust God will make these men His instruments in leading many others to Christ in their native village and neighborhood.

All these things ought surely to encourage us. As you know, there are other sides to our work. There are four little graves already, containing the dust of those who were very dear to some of us. Three of our own number have had to return to Canada. The Chinese here would be glad if all of us had speedily to follow them. We have come to stay, however, and even though some have to return, others will take their places. There is an Omnipotent Arm behind the workers, and when it is stretched forth man's power will strive in vain to counteract its purposes.

It encourages our hearts to hear of every step forward taken by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Though far away, and strictly speaking, not a Canadian, my heart is in fullest sympathy with the workers in your great Home Mission field in the Dominion. Your joy is our joy. Your work, and ours, is dear to the heart of our risen and glorified Redeemer. Your aim is "Canada for Christ"; here, ours is "China for Christ": locally, "North Honan for Christ!"

Yours faithfully

MURDOCH MCKENZIE.