

went to see a cave in the rock, penetrating to about a seventh of a mile.

How we see the hand of God everywhere? When one sees the greatness of His power, displayed alike in the tiny little flower, so perfect in its beauty, and the ruggedness and awfulness of a volcano, who can doubt a first cause inspiring every effect visible in nature?

But, though we had enjoyed ourselves extremely while away, we were glad once more to make part of the pleasant family circle here. For nearly a week we enjoyed the sessions of a Bible-school in English, and the meetings were very helpful. There were represented missionaries of various denominations, and widely varying opinions, but throughout there was the utmost unanimity of feeling, and no discord marred its perfect harmony. I find, personally, that I have a stronger desire to search the Word, and to surrender myself more fully and implicitly to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in even the littlest thing of life.

I esteem very highly the privileges one has by way of intercourse with so many fine, cultured Christian people, as one meets in the mission field. All His paths are indeed paths of pleasantness, and He crowns me with His goodness. I enjoy my work, the society of my associate in Kofu, the holidays, and the intercourse with the friends. Is not my cup full to overflowing?

I hope to write to you about my work when I return to Kofu. We have started a society for Christian work among the women of Kofu church, with encouraging prospects, but I will write to you more fully after my return.

Facts and Illustrations.

REPORTS from Japan indicate that about four hundred people are baptized in the Protestant churches every month.

A JAPANESE convert, visiting America, said that nothing was so astonishing as to find so few Christians in a Christian land.

BLESSED are they who see the day of glory, but more blessed are they who contribute to its approach.—*Bishop Decker.*

THERE is one Indian in the United States worth \$1,000,000. He is known as Matthias Splitlog, and is chief of the Wyandotte tribe.

IF you do not wish for His kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it, you must work for it.—*Ruskin.*

IT is scarcely a quarter of a century since the first baptism in Micronesia. Now there are forty-six self-supporting churches, with over 5,300 church-members.

W. S. CAINE, Esq., an English Baptist, and a member of parliament, is in India, speaking to large audiences of educated Hindoos in the interest of temperance.

THE Sandwich Islands within half a century have become Christian, and stand to-day at the head of Christian activity in sending the Gospel to other islands of the sea.

"GRASSHOPPER CHRISTIANS" is the name given by one of our exchanges to people who, as it expresses it, "are on the jump in revival times, and hide away the rest of the year."

HERE is a sentence from Lochend Free Church pulpit: "Many Christians are like the faded hands of an old finger-post; they want relettering so that others may know how they point."

IF you are very busy, think and pray all the more, or your work will wear and weary you and drag you away from God. For your work's sake break away from it and give the soul a breathing time.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

WE are glad to learn through Dr. DeForest, of Sendai, Japan, that resident passports are now being given by the Japanese Government on the ground of the recipient "being employed for church work." Heretofore such passports were granted only on the ground of teaching in some school. This certainly is progress.

ON the arrival of fresh lady missionaries in India, a native, who takes a deep interest in the efforts which European Christians are making on behalf of his countrymen, remarked: "Upon my word, it is wonderful! These Miss Sahibas come up like the flowers of the field. When it gets hot they wither away, but they come up again all the same."—*Punjab Mission News.*

NEW ZEALAND was among the most ferocious of cannibal islands. Two great warriors are brought to Christ and are followed by thousands in a few months. In 1860, after thirty-three years of service, the Wesleyans numbered 5,000, with 200 Sabbath-schools where 7,000 children were taught, and over 12,000 were regular attendants at places of worship.

SINCE 1868, the year in which freedom of worship was guaranteed to Protestants, 12,000 citizens of Spain have left home for the Gospel. The Spanish Protestants have 120 houses of worship, 100 schools with 160 teachers and 6,000 pupils, 60 pastors and 40 evangelists, 6 church papers, 2 orphanages, and 2 hospitals. A large number of Protestant periodicals printed in Spain are sent regularly to Mexico, Chili and Argentine.

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