

The announcements having been made and the benediction pronounced, large numbers of the unconverted Chinese still lingered, reluctant to leave, having evidently been deeply impressed by what they had seen and heard. That such impressions might be deepened, still other hymns were sung by Mrs. Chan, her little daughter and Sarah: and Bro. Chan, springing to a chair in the body of the Church, addressed an earnest exhortation to them in true Methodist fashion, urging them to give their hearts to God and to begin at once to serve Him. This ended, the congregation slowly withdrew. Evidently the work in the new church is entered upon with the most cheering prospects of enlarged success. As to the financial part, I may add that over \$300 has been obtained towards the new building from Chinese merchants in San Francisco, and about \$500 from Chinese in Victoria, \$44 in a collection made at the dedication. The bell, costing \$50, is a gift from the mother of our missionary, Bro. Gardner. It is expected that altogether not less than \$1,000 will have been raised as a result of the effort not yet concluded. Just think of it; in the appeal made by Bro. Watson, from store to store, in Chinatown, not a single individual appealed to declined to contribute, and these persons heathen, too, almost without exception.

CHINESE SOCIAL.

A SOCIAL was held last evening at the West End Chinese Mission School, at which about one hundred Chinese and eighteen or twenty whites were present, including several ladies, teachers of the school, and under whose auspices the reception or social was held. The event was a sort of wind-up of their New Year festivities. A very good programme of music, both vocal and instrumental, was given, nearly all the performers being Chinese converts, the most interesting feature of which was, perhaps, the singing of a little Chinese girl of six or seven, the daughter of Rev. Mr. Chan, of the mission. The duet by Gertie and Charlie Robson was very nicely rendered, and pleased the audience greatly. Refreshments were served at the close of the musical part of the programme. If there are any who doubt the practicability of improving the condition of the heathen Chinese, let them spend an evening in the mission school at the West End, and they will be convinced of the great good that is being accomplished by the good ladies of the Methodist Church, who are devoting so much time towards enlightening and Christianizing the Chinese of our city.—*New Westminster Paper.*

THREE hundred and eighty-two million is the population of the Chinese empire according to the Russian authorities, with an annual increase of 4,000,000.

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"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness: that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."—ISA. lxi. 1-3.—(Rev. Ver.)

AS we transcribe the above beautiful lines, their remarkable suggestiveness of missionary work occurs to us, and Isaiah seems to present to our view the whole subject in its various phases. The recognition of the Spirit, the great Instructor, and the undoubted gift of God to each individual follower of Christ, moving in us to will and to do of His good pleasure; the "anointing," suggesting necessary qualification as the educational, and to "preach good tidings" the evangelistic phase. Emphasis is frequently laid on the character of those to whom the good tidings should be preached—"the meek;" probably because those who revelled in riches and power, were not the victims of the wrongs suffered by the meek, the despised and lowly, and consequently would not so readily welcome and appreciate the Gospel. Christianity, the great reform, like all the reforms which grow out of it, as it is becoming better understood, took root among the "common people," who "heard Him gladly."

To "bind up the broken-hearted," or to heal, recall the medical missionary work. The healing of the body was part of our Lord's work, and modern missionary thought accepts it as one of the most practical and effective methods of reaching the heart.