

THE SAYINGS OF JOHN WESLEY.

I have no time to be in a hurry.
God begins his work in children.
The best of all is, God is with us.
I look upon the world as my parish.
I dare no more fret than curse or swear.
God buries his workmen, but continues his work.

I save all I can and give all I can; that is, all I have.

Loyalty (to rulers) is with me an essential branch of religion.

It is a happy thing if we can learn obedience by the things which we suffer.

It is plain God sees it best for you frequently to walk in a thorny path.

When I devoted to God my ease, my time, my fortune, my life, I did not expect my reputation.

Be punctual. Whenever I am to go to a place the first thing I do is to get ready; then what time remains is my own.

WHAT IS DYING?

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then some one at my side says: "There! she's gone!" Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of her destination. Her diminished size is in me—and not in her.

And just at the moment when some one at my side says: "There! She's gone!" there are other eyes that are watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!" And that is—dying.—Sunday School Evangel.

O well for him that finds a friend.

Or makes a friend wherever he come,

And loves the world from end to end,

And wanders on from home to home.

THE OLD GOSPEL.

There will never be any improvement on the old Gospel. Everything added weakens its original power. What the world wants to feel its spiritual hunger is not the cake of human confection which may please the taste while it gives no brawn to spiritual character, but the strong meat of the Word and the bread of which, if a man eat, he shall never hunger. Away with the adulteration of food and medicine from your groceries and drug stores, and away with spiritual adulteration from the churches and theological seminaries. If we should all go back to primitive Christianity, the progress of the Gospel, which is rapid now, would be a hundred-fold accelerated.

The wisdom from above will be known by its works below.

Heaven is at the mountain top, and the only way to reach it is to follow the trail which the Divine Man has made.

Beware of the offences which lead the young astray! If it be the eye that seeks to lead to scenes of sinful pleasure, upon which imagination can de throne reason, say "No" to this useful servant who seeks to lead astray. If it be the hand that seeks to become the servant of lust, say "No" to that useful servant of the body, lest it becomes a servant of sin. If it be the foot that would walk in the way of sinners, say "No," lest it become to you the servant of shame. What a searching message is this of Jesus, to those members of the body which run to the service of sin, both to their own spiritual overthrow and to the ruin of others.

The fact that a man is all puffed up with pride will not mitigate the jar when he falls.

CHINESE IN CANADA*

In preparation for this article, East and West sent out enquiries regarding the Chinese in Canada and our church's work among them, to every point in the Dominion where such work was known to be going on. Besides ministers and missionaries and very many faithful Christian women, the work was found to have enlisted such leaders as school principals, a leading barrister, a well-known business man, an architect of high repute, a prominent financier. Some of these volunteer workers have given from ten to twenty years of arduous labor in this cause. Of the 134 existent Sunday and week day classes, no less than 106 were heard from, of which 12 were in Nova Scotia, 4 in New Brunswick, 24 in Quebec, including 17 in Montreal, 51 in Ontario, including 10 in Toronto, 3 in Manitoba, 1 in Saskatchewan, 2 in Alberta and 9 in British Columbia. Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal are notable centres of Chinese work; in the last named city Rev. Dr. Thomson is at the head of the mission. He had many years of experience in China.

There are at present 20,000 Chinese in Canada, 14,000 of these being in British Columbia, and the rest scattered all over the Dominion. These are almost entirely from the province of Canton in South China. Since the head tax was raised to \$500 in 1903 there have been scarcely any new arrivals. The Cantonese are said to be the business men of the empire. A large proportion of our Chinese have had a good common school education in their native land, while some of them are highly educated. For the most part, they work hard, spend little, and take care of their savings. They usually succeed in business. Their great ambition is to lay by enough to keep them in comfort in their own land, to which they are almost all anxious to return as soon as this has been accomplished.

Not all the Chinese amongst us are of the character described above. They bring with them plenty of vices from the East. Of those in Vancouver, 500 are said to be professional gamblers. Many are slaves of opium. One correspondent describes them as "a peculiar race and hard to fathom." Good or bad, these people need the gospel, and our business as Christians is to give it to them.

How is this being done? Where there is no missionary speaking Chinese, the first step is to teach the Chinese our language. One of our workers says, "We teach them our language in order that we may teach them the gospel." As a rule, they are very eager to learn to speak and write English. It helps in business. The teaching is mostly done in Sunday Schools, with a teacher for each scholar. In some places, there are week night classes as well, carried on after the same fashion. As soon as the pupils can read simple sentences in English, Bible lessons are commenced. Our report from Calgary says, "Night school five nights in the week. We devote Sunday night to the study of the Bible." Regular preaching services, also, are held in places where there is a resident missionary. The writer has a vivid recollection of listening to Mr. C. A. Colman, our missionary in Vancouver, preaching in their own language to a crowd of Chinese in a street of that city. In Montreal there is a Chinese Christian Endeavor Society, begun in June, 1899. Since that time 115 have joined the society, of whom 32 were added last year. The Toronto C. E. Society has a membership of about 20.

There are comparatively few Chinese women and children in Canada. For example, of the 1,000 Chinamen in Montreal, only eight have their wives with them, and there are only seventeen Chinese children in the city. In British

Columbia there is a larger number of women and children. Miss Gunn is our missionary to them. This summer, because visiting the Chinese homes, Miss Gunn has rented a hall in which she teaches such of the women and children as can be induced to come.

The Chinese as people show many excellent qualities. One correspondent, indeed, probably hits the mark when he writes, "They are more able to understand commercial than theological terms, more hungry for that kind of learning than for the others." But, at any rate, they are attentive and appreciative, and manifest a high regard for their teachers, loading them with presents, especially at the Christmas season. In one town, where the mother of the Superintendent had died, the class hired three carriages for themselves and accompanied the funeral, driving fourteen miles. They are good givers. We quote from a report: "Have been teaching for over four years, and have never known one of our class to forget his collection."

As to results, Not many have become church members. This is not surprising. Where the teacher speaks only English, progress in knowledge is necessarily slow; besides, many of them are of a roving disposition, seldom remaining long in one place. There are, however, many encouragements in the work. One report says that a Chinese pupil earned a Sunday School certificate and some seals for memorizing scripture passages; and another, that one, while giving liberally to the work among his own countrymen in China, was anxious to help in the support of the local church. In Victoria there is a Chinese congregation called The First Chinese Church. It has a session of two young Chinese elders, with Rev. Dr. Campbell as moderator. At the last communion 17 young Chinese were at the Lord's table, 86 have been received into church membership in Montreal and 30 in Toronto. We hear from Sydney, N.S., of a young Chinaman who is studying with a view to becoming a missionary to his country men. And another at Calgary has offered himself for the same work. The report from Calgary also speaks of one of their old scholars who has returned to China, and is preaching the gospel there. This last case illustrates the indirect results, which are, perhaps, the most important.

What as to the character of the Chinese Christians? Let the reports speak. One says: "As far as we are able to see, nothing but good words can be said. Some of our own race should take pattern by them." And another: "Those who attend the Sunday School are the best of the lot (as the Chinese in the community), always clean and attentive." Still another: "Chinese Christians compare favorably with our white church population—some good and others not so steadfast."

DAILY READINGS.

M.—My neighbor, Luke 10: 29-37.
T.—Do good to all, Gal. 6: 1-10.
W.—Forgive him, Luke 17: 1-10.
T.—Practical sympathy, John 13: 1-15.
F.—A neighborly heart, Job 29: 11-16.
S.—Duty to our neighbor, Gal. 5: 13, 14; Rom. 13: 8, 9.
Sun. Topic—Chinese in Canada. Ex. 12: 49; 22: 21; 23: 9.

In the day of prosperity if we will keep near to God, our trials, when they come, will not be half so hard to bear. The acquaintance of our brighter days will not fail us when sorrow comes into the home. The God of the sunshine will be also the God of the shadow. And he will be nearest when we feel the need of his presence most.

More money has been spent in Pittsburgh in one divorce case than would endow a college or send a hundred missionaries to the heathen.

There is always an odor of heaven in the homes where kindly deeds and words blossom.

It's no use talking testimonials to your religion, when you look as though it were killing you.

*Young People's Society C. E. Topic for 28th August, 1906.