

have learned to hem very nicely, keeping the Home supplied with well-hemmed dusters. I am going to start them piecing a quilt when they have learned to knit garters. They have just commenced to knit a pair of doll's stockings each for the 15th of June exhibition; one wanted to knit hers ribbed, and I was surprised to see how well she was doing it. Dora, the youngest, is such a bright and happy little thing, she causes a great deal of merriment by her comical sayings and doings.

The six smallest girls learned and recited the twenty-third psalm in concert at the Christmas entertainment, and did it very well indeed.

The four new girls from Hartley Bay (from eight to fourteen), although so far from their homes and friends, are as happy and contented as we could wish. It is such a comfort that they all get along so happily together, they seldom quarrel at all. I was much pleased the night the last three came. It had been raining all day and they had travelled in an open canoe, so were soaking wet; without being told, some of the older girls took them at once in hand, while one ran for some of their own clothes, another took their wet ones and hung them to dry; another combed their hair, and in a short time they were made warm and comfortable.

We were very busy in the sewing-room before Christmas, thirteen of the girls having new dresses to be made. Their parents bought such nice material, most of them woolen goods which is an advance, as formerly they only bought print. We had some remnants of plaid, which I used for trimming, and when finished all looked so nice. It was a pleasure to see them. I let each one help with her own; there was not time to do all by themselves, so I did the cutting and fitting. We are kept busy in the sewing-room all the time, never waiting for work. At Christmas several bales were sent from different auxiliaries, containing so much that will help in keeping the wardrobes supplied, for which we are very thankful.

Since coming here I have thought of how much of our work is only foundation work; it may never be seen, but if we can lay a strong foundation of better and purer living for the women at Kit-a-maat, on which those who come after us may build a noble structure, our work will not have been in vain. I have often thought of Miss Jost's illustration of work among our heathen sisters as simply bog work, and how much work it takes to fill it, but it must be filled first, and so we try to fill their minds with something good and pure, and in this way there will not be so much room for the impure and evil.

What a comfort to know it is not our work but His, and we are only faithfully to do what comes to us day by day and leave results with Him. I find our Saturday night prayer-meetings with the girls very helpful, as we try to have plain heart-to-heart talks, striving to teach and lead them to Him, we feel His presence, we are encouraged and our own hearts are strengthened. We take the meetings by turns, Miss Long one Saturday and I the following.

Miss Long's influence with the people is very great; they have such confidence in her judgment. We have in the Home a bright, happy girl of about fifteen, one of our best in every way; she is engaged (without her consent) to one of the worst men in the village; he never attends church and his morals are the worst. Nancy's guardian came up to the Home to talk about her marriage and wanted her to be married at once. Miss Long said she could not think of it for two years at least, Nancy was far too young; so he went away quite contented that they should wait, and Nancy is saved for two years at least; and who knows but what something will happen to prevent it altogether? And then Miss Long has such an influence over the girls; they obey her, not through fear, but because they love her. They call her their "Home-mother," and I think that expresses more than anything else could what she is to them.

### Chinese Work in British Columbia.

*From Miss Morgan, Victoria, B.C., March 31st, 1901.*

UNLESS the unusual happens there always seems but little to report for our winter term, as the work is so broken by our own and the Chinese New Year. We have registered but nine in our school, six Chinese and three

Japanese. You may wonder why the close of the day school has not increased our numbers. If we admitted boys our room would soon be over-crowded, but we do not think of doing so, as the public schools meet their need. The four or five little girls who attended the day school are at present studying Chinese, as their parents think that more necessary than English.

Our own girls have made strides in their studies, lately they have attempted letter writing and their efforts in that line were a delight to me, considering they have been studying our language but fifteen months. Indeed I think their work in every department would reflect credit on English girls. It is so gratifying to see their faces brighten with intelligence as the Bible lessons are explained to them. The Japanese woman now in the home looks at me in surprise when I read the Scriptures to her, and repeatedly says, "Is that all true?"

The evangelistic work has been slightly curtailed since the last report was sent, our recent rescue case being the cause.

Soy King's mistress has told other women that I would steal their slave girls if admitted to their houses, so when lately I have called to see these women I have been politely told that they were out.

But we would rather have our little girl in the home where we know she is daily improving than the former state of things.

Then at another house, where for two years I have had a regular meeting, the feelings of the people were hurt because we did not think it wise to give one of our girls in marriage to a man unworthy of her, but again we felt that the protection of the girls under our care was preferable to even holding a meeting.

Otherwise the work has been satisfactory. Besides the New Year calls, 217 visits were made and 20 meetings held.

There are about twelve Japanese women in Victoria. Yesterday I had a very pleasant time among them, they are so grateful for my visits.

One trip was made to the mainland, when Vancouver and New Westminster were visited.

Miss Sugizaki and I spent three days among the Japanese women, meeting between fifty and sixty of them. One afternoon we met at the mission to organize a regular meeting. Six present. It was decided to have the first meeting at Mr. Kaburagi's the following Monday; the women seemed quite interested.

Miss Sugizaki writes me that they have had three meetings a month. She spends five afternoons a week among the women, and has made 108 visits, meeting about forty women each month, three of these are quite interested in the Bible and one has attended church.

As the Royal Commissioners are now investigating the question of oriental immigration, we are following the evidence as published in the daily papers and awaiting the issue with great interest.

April 3rd.—This morning we were again called to the Custom House, a woman whom I know well, and have visited in a "house," having returned to China last year, was trying to re-enter; but thanks to the new law the Collector had power to send her back. She has not even the option of coming to the home.

### Suggested Programme—July, 1901.

Subjects for Prayer and Study:

"Domestic Missions." "India."

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| I. Opening Exercises. | } | Doxology.                           |
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|                       |   | Hymn.                               |
|                       |   | Prayer.                             |
- II. Business.
  - III. Hymn.
  - IV. The Watch Tower.
  - V. Question Drawer. Topic, "Domestic Missions."\*
  - VI. Five Minutes' Paper on the Life of William Carey, D.D. (No. 5 of the Preliminary Studies.)†
  - VII. Hymn. Prayer.

\*See Leaflet at Room 20 and the Depot. Price 3 cents.

†See Leaflet "William Carey." Price 5 cents.

Two cents additional to be enclosed for postage and wrapping.