

"Mary to the Saviour's tomb
 Hastened at the early morn,
 Spice she brought and sweet perfume,
 But the Lord she loved had gone.
 For awhile she weeping stood,
 Filled with sorrow and surprise,
 Trembling, while a crystal stream
 Issued from her weeping eyes.

But her sorrows quickly fled,
 When she heard his welcome voice--
 Christ has risen from the dead,
 Now He bids her heart rejoice.
 What a change His word can make,
 Turning darkness into day.
 Ye who weep for Jesus' sake,
 He will wipe your tears away."

FIELD STUDY FOR APRIL.

Easter - Japan.

WE have taken Japan for our Field Study for April, because that is the Easter month, and all our Easter offerings this year will go to Japan. That of the Auxiliaries to the new site and buildings of the Girls' School in Azabu, Tokio, so much needed, and that of the Mission Circles and Bands to the proposed Orphanage in Kanazawa. There has been great joy and thankfulness too among our Japan missionaries, already, over the grant made by our Home Board, and the prospect of so much help at Easter. Let us not disappoint them, but do all we can to show our interest and sympathy in their work. When any wonderful event that has occurred in a family circle is to be commemorated, do not the members of that family meet and rejoice together, and do they not send messages of love and joy and congratulation (and help if need be) to the dear ones who are absent? Are we not all, home workers and workers abroad, and Christian foreigners too, members of "The whole family in heaven and on earth!" Have we not all one Father and one Elder Brother, and what fact more worthy of mutual congratulation and rejoicing than the resurrection from the dead of One who stands in such close relation to us? Let us give our Easter offering, then, in joy and congratulation.

The girls in Japan really set our girls at home an example in systematic giving. You will remember that Miss Munro told us lately of a resolution passed at their "King Daughters'" meeting: "That we work harder than ever this year and give all our earnings, after deducting one-tenth for China, and paying the expenses of our own school, towards the new buildings to be erected." Miss Munro says that "very many of them are much in earnest."

When we remember how small the wages earned, this, we think, means a great deal. It shows how much they value the work done for them, and their wish to render it back in loving service. It shows that it is well worth while to bestow effort and money where such good returns are made.

The children in the Kanazawa Orphanage are all doing

well. Three of the older ones were baptized by Dr. Carmen when he was there, and all three show that they are true Christians. Two children were received last year, making a total of twenty, seventeen girls and three boys.

The two great vices in Japan are intemperance and immorality.

The Japanese women are taught to honor the three obediences: Obedience to parents when young, to the husband when married, to the children when aged.

In recent years Japanese women have entered more into public affairs, and educational societies, charity bazaars, hospitals, orphanages, training schools for nurses and temperance organizations are much in vogue.

There are now about 700 missionaries in Japan, over 400 Protestant churches and a membership of 43,000.

QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

- Why do we take Japan for our Field Study for April?
- Where does the Easter offering of the Auxiliaries go this year?
- Where does the offering of the Mission Circles and Boards go?
- What cause for joy and thankfulness have the Japan missionaries now?
- How can we help them?
- What illustration is given, and how does it apply to our Easter offering?
- In what do the Japan girls set our Canadian girls a good example?
- What did Miss Munro tell us about the "King's Daughters" in Tokio?
- What does this show?
- What is told of the Kanazawa Orphanage?
- What are the two great vices of Japan?
- What are the Japanese women taught to do?
- In what public work have Japanese women engaged of late years?
- How many missionaries, Protestant churches and members are there now in Japan?

COULDN'T ESCAPE.

A minister was soliciting aid for Foreign Missions, and applied to a gentleman who refused him with the reply: "I don't believe in Foreign Missions; I want what I give to benefit my neighbor."

"Well," replied he, "whom do you regard as your neighbor?"

"Why, those around me."

"Do you mean those whose lands join yours?" inquired the minister.

"Yes."

"Well," said the minister, "how much land do you own?"

"About five hundred acres."

"How far down do you own?"

"Why, I never thought of it before, but I suppose I own about half way through."

"Exactly," said the clergyman. "I suppose you do, and I want the money for the New Zealanders—the men whose land joins yours on the bottom."—The Commonwealth.