

gotten the rest of that verse—"and patience of hope," but afterward I remembered it and so laid it on, and left it with my Saviour, and now I feel at rest in the conviction that nothing done for him will be lost and the result that he wishes will come in his own time.

While I am sitting writing, here by my window, the storm clouds have all rolled away and now the sun is shining. It seems to me to be just a picture in nature of what I have just been telling you of. When we lift up our eyes in faith and trust to him, the storm clouds of trials and troubles roll away and the sunshine of his presence lights up our hearts.

This week a very bright beam of sunshine came into my heart. You remember I told you of a young girl in our neighborhood who has been studying the Bible with me nearly every evening this past winter. She was baptized last Wednesday night at prayer-meeting. The other evening our lesson was about Philip and the eunuch. After the lesson was over she re-read the first part of the 31st verse, "How can I, except some man should guide me." "I think that such a sweet verse," said she, "How should I have known about Jesus and the way of life, if you had not taught me. I am so grateful to you."

This conversion is another direct result of family prayers. This girl happened to be with us one morning at prayers. She seemed interested and asked if she might come again. Though it was so cold the past winter, yet she managed to be with us every morning at seven o'clock in time for prayers. She read her Bible constantly and had many questions to ask. This led to the lesson in the evening. She is still studying and daily growing in grace. Help me to pray for her, dear sisters, that she may remain faithful.

The government has at last given me permission to have the school. We have it in the morning now, as formerly. I expect the attendance to increase, and am sure of better work being done. The children never do their best work in the afternoons. One of the teachers left at the beginning of the month, and I had some trouble in filling her place. The meetings and Sunday-schools are fairly well attended.

Last Friday Miss Oldham and I started a woman's meeting in the Ushigome Chapel. We visited every home in the neighborhood inviting the women to come. We had a fine meeting. We expect to hold such a meeting every week.

The girls in the home are well and doing nicely.

Our dear sister Mrs. Bishop died of consumption the ninth of this month. Her grave is not far from Bro. Garst's. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop came out last November. She has been sick almost from the day she landed and got worse rapidly till death claimed its own. She had suffered so long and so intensely that when we knew she must go we were glad to see her at rest. She was only with us four months but we learned to love and admire her sweet, patient character. It was a great disappointment to her that she was not permitted to work among the people here for whom she had left home and friends, but forcing back the scalding tears that would come sometimes in spite of her, she would say, "Thy will be done." She brought us all nearer to our Saviour. May we all be as ready to meet our Master as she was.

Baby Madden, who was so badly burned, has quite recovered.

Bro. Stevens sailed last month for America. Bro. and Sister Guy also are expecting to leave in June for their furlough. There will

then be only eight of us left on the field till the fall when we expect some reinforcements.

Miss Goodrich left last Tuesday for China. She expects to carry on the work there in the future—but not alone.

Efforts are being made by a Christian member of parliament to stop the use of tobacco among Japanese children under eighteen years of age. It is not an uncommon thing to see boys of four and five smoking cigarettes.

The attempt to pass the bill which would place husband and wife on the same basis of virtue and morality, has failed.

To prevent the spread of the plague, rats were bought by the government at five sen a head. In Tokio alone, in fifteen days, 53,568 rats were killed. There seems to be as many as ever. As it was, for that amount killed, every one was taxed 12½ sen. If all the rats in the city were killed and we were taxed accordingly, it would bankrupt some people I know of.

I am well and happy in my work, strengthened by your prayers and kind words of sympathy received from time to time.

With kindest regards to all.

Your sister in the work,

MARY RIOCH.

Names and addresses of missionaries employed by F. C. M. S.:

JAPAN.

Miss Kate V. Johnson.....Hongo, Tokio.
Frank Marshall.....Koishikawa Ku, Tokio.
Miss Loduska Wirick.....Tokio.
E. S. Stevens.....Akita Ken.
Mrs. Nina A. Stevens, M. D.....Akita.
H. H. Guy.....Koishikawa Ku, Tokio.
Mrs. Mattie Guy.....Koishikawa Ku, Tokio.
Miss Lavinia Oldham.....Ushigome, Tokio.
Miss Mary Rioch.....Ushigome, Tokio.
P. A. Davey.....Tokio.
Miss Carrie E. Goodrich.....Tokio.
M. B. Madden.....Sendai.
Mrs. Maud Whitmore Madden.....Sendai.
R. L. Pruett.....13 Foreign Concession, Osaka.
Mrs. R. L. Pruett.....13 Foreign Concession, Osaka.
Miss Bertha Clawson, 13 Foreign Concession, "
And nineteen native helpers.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, ..		\$121 24
Leonardville—		
Ladies' Aid, ..		4 70
For India Famine Fund, ..		10 30
Tiverton—		
Ladies' Aid, ..		2 00
		\$138 24

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Children's Work.

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Our missionary year is fast slipping by, only about five months more before we meet together again for business and spiritual strength. And do we realize that in that short time we have \$60.72 of our \$90 yet to raise? and if we fail to do this our children whom we have promised to support will have to be neglected, and this year, on account of the famine and distress in India, really more than the thirty dollars is required. So, dear young folks, let us be more zealous the remainder of the year and at the close let us have an increase instead of a decrease in the treasury.

After reading such encouraging reports from Gulabi and Gerould in the last CHRISTIAN, surely we should take courage and feel that our labors have not been in vain.

I wish that all the bands would write to

me when they do any extra work so I could report it in THE CHRISTIAN. It is often helpful and stimulating to other bands. Lord's Cove "Island Workers" are to have a concert this week, and I hear Leonardville "Happy Band" is to have one soon. Will there not be others to report next month?

There is one thing I would like to ask each band to adopt, and that is the election of officers yearly instead of quarterly. In election be sure you have the very best in your society to execute their respective duties, and you will find it an advantage to your work and it will be much easier for the Superintendent to keep in touch with each band.

I fear many of the children have forgotten their Stepmother already as I have only heard from one band in two months. Who will be the first to write?

MRS. F. B. RICHARDSON.

RECEIPTS.

Previously reported, ..		\$20 28
Leonardville—		
Happy Band, ..		5 00
Happy Band Christmas Offering, ..		1 00
Lord's Cove—		
Island Workers' M. B., ..		8 00
Westport—		
Willing Workers Selfdenial offering, ..		3 23
		\$46 51

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Died.

KEMPTON.—Fell asleep in Jesus at Milton, Queen's County, Wednesday, April 11th, Sister Hope Kempton, being the ripe age of 93 years and 10 months. Remains were interred in Milton cemetery, Saturday afternoon, April 14th, 1900. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John xi. 25, 26. WILLIAM STIFF.

HUTCHINSON.—At his home in Hillaton, Cornwallis, March 29, Bro. William Hutchinson passed peacefully to rest, aged 72 years. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn their loss. Deceased, with his wife, were baptized on the same day by Mr. Livingstone, and have been faithful members of the Christian Church for more than forty years. Five of their children are with them in the Christian Church and one is a member of the Baptist Church. Our brother will be missed in the home, the neighborhood, and from his accustomed place in the church, but we trust that our loss is his eternal gain. R. E. STEVENS.

EDWARDS.—In the early morning of Friday, April 13, at his home in St. John, Bro. John E. Edwards passed away, in the forty-second year of his age. Bro. Edwards had been sick for some time and confined to the house for a number of months. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss, besides all his brethren with whom he was associated in the work of the church. Both he and Mrs. Edwards have been active in the work of the Master. Bro. Edwards was especially interested in the Sunday-school work, while Mrs. Edwards has been president of the Woman's Auxiliary. Bro. Edwards was baptized twenty-three years ago by Hiram Wallace. Funeral services were held at the house and the cemetery by the writer, assisted by Bro. Appel, of the Main Street Christian Church, on Monday, April 23rd. Since the writer knew Bro. Edwards he has not been able to meet with his brethren at church or to take any part in the work, but all testify as to his faithfulness until he was no longer able to leave his home. Sister Edwards and her children have the sympathy and prayers of all the church here. Bro. Edwards knew well in whom he had believed and during his long illness expressed neither doubt nor fear. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." R. B. R.

DUNLOP.—On April 1st, Pearl, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop, 100 City Road, St. John. Pearl was nine years old, a very good and thoughtful child, and the household, consisting of the father and mother, her only brother, a little younger than she, and her grandmother, miss her greatly, as will also many others, both children and grown-up people. Funeral service by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. L. Gordon, of the Congregationalist Church. R. B. R.

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Church Services—10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school 12.15 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E., 6.30 P. M. Friday Evening Prayer-meeting, 7.45. All are invited to attend these services.