

and asked the grass what it was doing. "We are giving our lives for others, for your sheep and cattle, that they may be nourished." And the prince said, "Well done!"

Last of all he asked the tiny daisy what it was doing, and the daisy said, "Nothing, nothing. I cannot make a nesting-place for the birds, I cannot give shelter for the cattle, and I cannot send fruit into the palace, and I cannot even give food for the sheep and cows—they do not want me in the meadow. All I can do is, to be the best little daisy I can be." And the prince bent down and kissed the daisy and said, "There is none better than thee."

A VISIT TO A CHINESE VILLAGE.

By Miss H. Selina Fletcher, Hong Kong, South China.

Will you come with me to the village of Tokwawan? We will cross the harbour by one of the many small steam-launches, crowded with Chinese with large baskets of vegetables and loads of various kinds. Before starting, men or boys are sure to come round selling buns and pies, nuts and oranges, mouthfuls of jelly and stick-law, and always bananas. They call out these various commodities lustily and find ready customers.

The launches are irregular in starting, but at last we go from the wharf, and in a quarter of an hour reach the mainland. Getting out of the launch we are in the principal street, and passing the market and the police-station, it is only a mile to the village of Tokwawan. Formerly there was only a footpath, but now, thanks to our British Government, there is a good road, with three-storied houses springing up on both sides.

With increase of population comes increase of responsibility, and these suburbs of Hong Kong appeal to us, as a Christian nation, to send out preachers and teachers to those who are in heathen darkness, yet can be so easily reached and are under the British flag. Besides this, many Christians from Hong Kong are moving out to these suburbs, and will need education for their children.

But we are on our way and have almost reached Tokwawan. The houses are small and low, built of rough stones, with mud for mortar. The inside walls are not lined or even white-washed, but remain as rough as the outside. No window, but in place of one tile in the roof will be a piece of thick glass about 6 or 8 inches square. The floor is only earth trodden hard by the feet of successive generations; for these poor dwellings are freehold and have descended from

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

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father to son. In a house of this kind we often sit with one of the Bible-women and talk and read to the women who happen to be in and are willing to listen.

The men of this village are mostly fisher-folk, and the women, being very poor, cut grass, or carry wood, or break stones for the new roads. They are ignorant, and absorbed with one idea—to get their daily food.

Now look into the small school-house, built in 1888 on land granted by the Government. It has been a centre of light in this place ever since. A Chinese Christian woman is the teacher, and whenever we visit the school we question the children on the Scripture lessons which they have been learning, and very sharp and intelligent are their answers.

A few years ago, a girl, who had attended this school, was baptized, and also her mother. Shortly after she was engaged to a Christian man not belonging to our Church. Two years after her marriage she died, leaving a little son. So far they had been true to their faith, and this means very much. Theirs had been a Christian home surrounded by superstitious, heathen neighbours. A few months passed and the man was married again, and this time to a heathen woman.

Our faithful Bible-woman continued to visit the house, and gradually this dark heart opened to admit the Light, the Holy Spirit making her receive and understand the message of salvation. She asked for and received baptism, and since that time her face has brightened with intelligence, and she is ready to give an answer regarding the hope that is in her.

In visiting we often meet young women who remember much of what they learnt a few years before. They are always glad to hear more, and one longs for them to confess Christ, but a Chinese girl is not a free agent, custom and superstition. Pray for them; for what God has done He will do again in the conversion of Chinese and is bound tightly by the chains of girls for His own glory.

SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

There was a girl—peraps you know
The little maiden's name,
For maids in country and in town
Are apt to be the same;
She went to bed at eight o'clock
And slept the whole night through,
And when the morning came she said
She didn't know what to do!
She went down stairs and breakfasted,
With many a frown and pout
And quarreled with the servants, while
She ordered them about;
She made her little brother cry,
Then cried herself—she knew
She'd have no fun that day, because
She'd didn't know what to do!
She had more dolls than you could
count,
She had a hundred toys,
And bookshelves filled with handsome
books
For little girls and boys,
And dainty dinner sets and games
To play with one or two;
But yet she wouldn't play, because
She didn't know what to do!

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