

now pleased, knowing it cannot be far off, since we have told them that we will commence to teach them Christmas songs this week.

#### I HAVE A DAY SCHOOL HERE

whenever I am at home. At times there are as many as twenty-four or five present. The progress made and the interest exhibited by many of them has been observed with pleasure by us. This evening I was hurriedly called to see our head chief. I scarcely was inside his house before he breathed his last. He had been out most of the day with two others getting wood. He carried a rather heavy piece down to the beach, remarking as he did so, it hurt him somewhat. He complained of pain when he paddled home, but kept on till he arrived at the village. He stepped out of his canoe, saying as he did so, "My heart feels as though it was falling down." He sank down, was carried in and never spoke again. How true it is that "In the midst of life we are in death."

#### JAPAN.

*Letter from the REV. C. S. EBY, D.D., dated TOKYO, Nov. 29th, 1887.*

I HAVE been wanting to write you for the OUTLOOK an account of new developments for two or three mails back. But events are multiplying so fast, and my time is so utterly occupied that I have not been able to put pen to paper. The readers of the OUTLOOK will have noticed in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*—if my letters have appeared—that certain events foreshadowed in the extracts from my letters that appeared in the OUTLOOK, have been consummated. The opening of the enlarged church in Shidzuoka, the dedication of the new church in Inazumi, the opening of the enlarged church in Shitaya and consequent impulse to the work, have been followed by the renovation of the church in Ushogome. But best of all, the brethren are everywhere working with great hopes and zeal, street preaching, opening new villages, and upon all rests the smile of God in giving success. By the end of October we had already rejoiced over as many accessions as the whole of the previous year, and then broke out a blessed revival, beginning in the Theological Hall, sweeping through the Boys' and Girls' Schools at Azabu, where over a hundred have been happily converted, on into the churches, which are now all on fire. It is largely a work of heart conversion of old members whose head faith had not led to heart life, and the ingathering of many long under instruction. The revival is affecting all the churches and many different parts of the country. Oh, for men! for devoted men and women, in this ripe harvest field!

RABBI RABINOWITZ writes from Kishineff: "Who would have predicted the time when Russian Jews would push each other for the sake of obtaining New Testaments from the hands of one of their own brethren who is preaching the Gospel publicly? Who would have thought that, night after night, Jews would steal into a house in order to listen to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, with a view of obtaining through it life eternal? But with God all things are possible."

## Facts and Illustrations.

THERE are thirty Chinese Sunday-schools in New York and Brooklyn, and 120 Chinamen are members of the several Christian bodies.

THERE are souls in the world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and of leaving it behind them when they go. Their influence is an inevitable gladdening of the heart.

HERE is another case that may touch some tender conscience: One Japanese convert, a heavy smoker, gave up the use of tobacco in order to have something with which to help the Gospel.

THE establishment of the McAll Mission in France, which has now ninety-five preaching-stations, all turned on the giving away of a single tract to a working man in the Belleville quarter of Paris.

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