

mony of those who are believing. The native has been evangelizing the native. The rapid and proper growth of the Church must always depend on this. Thus the growth has been, we might say, from the inside outward, not so much from additions which have been made by the efforts of the foreigner. It warms one's heart to witness the earnestness of some of our Chinese Christians; perhaps helps one to understand the power of the Truth better than almost anything else possibly could. We are drawn very closely to such hot-hearted natives and there is great joy in working with them and for them.

There is much joy in our work. All are not of this kind, though. There are a great many whose sincerity we are compelled to doubt and the greatest care has to be exercised in dealing with such, to be true friends to them, casting no stumbling block in their way by lack of honesty or on the other hand by undue severity. I confidently believe that the Church in North Honan will, in a few years, be numbered by hundreds. The growth has begun gradually and will surely go on steadily.

It would seem better to begin as it has begun rather than to make a great spurt at first on account of famine relief or some other material advantage received. This Mission has had no such start; if it had I do not think that any of our staff would welcome the job of culling out sincere from insincere inquirers. The Chinese are such adepts at dissimulation. It is difficult enough to do this culling at ordinary times. Some of the older missions, who gave famine relief some years ago, suffered severely through the influx of inquirers who worshipped the almighty dollar (after the famine relief had been distributed). We, as a mission, have escaped this snare. We have to be so careful in dispensing charity here; often when we would wish to give we have to refrain, fearing the harm it would do. If money were at hand we could buy up the majority of the people of North Honan. *Cheap!* (comparatively so). To teach such people to forsake that which is evil and cleave to that which is good, no matter what the cost, is slow work, but it is sure, "for He is with us always." I shall forbear to speak of their vices—they are as *black as heathen vices* are and if "foreign devil" is the term that first comes to their lips in speaking of us it is but a mild excrescence of the unutterably vile thoughts and language of men, women, and children of all ages and ranks of society, until they are Christians.

I enjoy much the privilege of working here. I would not willingly be elsewhere.

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

Sudden Death of Mr. Peter Hunter.

FROM REV. W. BEATTIE.

"We sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Virden, Manitoba, May 23, 1895.

I am very sorry to inform you that our Missionary on the Pipestone Reserve, Peter Hunter, died last night. He was confined to his bed only four days and his death was a shock to us all. On Tuesday morning some