

HE IS RISEN!

Christ has risen! Let the tidings
Be shouted over all the earth;
Angels now should tell this story
As they once proclaimed His birth.

He is risen! With what rapture
The news should come to us today—
Jesus has conquered death, and reigneth—
Gladly we own His Kingly sway.

We fully yield our hearts' obedience,
We bring our offerings to His throne,
Joyful that He accepts our praises
And claims us wholly for His own.

Jesus, our Master, King and Saviour,
Our risen Lord, help us to be
In every thought and word and action,
True, living witnesses for Thee.

Let every word for Thee be spoken,
And every thought inspired by Thee,
And every deed, though small and humble,
Be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

N. S.

—MARCIA B. BRAINE.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss CUNNINGHAM writes:

The enclosed letter is from one of our girls who will graduate in English next month. She graduated in Japanese a year ago, and since then has been continuing her studies in English, and also doing some teaching in the school. She is one of the brightest girls we have ever had in the school, is a little over seventeen years of age, is a Christian girl, and one of our Sunday-school teachers.

Thank you very much for the PALM BRANCH, which reaches us regularly. I want to write a letter for it, but it seems harder than ever this year to get extra letters written. The work increases so as the years go on.

Do you know that Miss Alcorn is with me this year? She is getting into the work splendidly, is rapidly making a place for herself, both in school and church, and is just the one needed for this work. She is making good progress too in the language. Her experience gained at Sackville makes her invaluable as an associate in the school work here.

Praying for our Father's blessing upon your work—

SHIZUOKA GIRLS' SCHOOL,
JAPAN, Feb. 11th, 1898.

MY DEAR MISS SMITH:—

This is the eleventh day of February, and it must be very cold in your country! but I believe you are working earnestly for God under His great care. We, the members of the King's Daughters' Society in the Shizuoka Girls' School, do not know much about your work, or about the "Palm Branch," and of course we knew nothing

of the little boy named Herbie Bellamy who, under such great difficulties, worked for Jesus. But, when we had our meeting on the second Thursday of January, our secretary, Miss Hayama, told us about him and his work, as the president was not at the meeting because she had left the school just at the beginning of January. Miss Hayama also said that it would be very nice if one of us would write a letter to him. All the girls agreed with what she said, and so I am the one that was chosen by them to write the letter. I thought I would write to him directly, but as I do not know his address, I would like to write to you, thinking he may have a chance to hear from you. The reason we wish to write a letter is, because he is working and earning money to help Kanazawa Orphanage which we are also helping, and we are very glad to know that our little friend across the sea, is working for the same purpose. I would like to tell you about our King's Daughters' Society. It was constituted in 1891. The members are about twenty five in all, but some of them are not in the school now. We had a president, a secretary, and a working committee consisting of two members, and we met once a month on every second Thursday. It is the custom to vote for the officers at the first meeting in the year, and so our officers have changed lately. Miss Ito, who was president last year, left the school as I told you before, and went to Corea, and the new president is Miss Takeuchi, our sewing teacher. The secretary is Miss Nakano, who is the matron now, and two of the girls, Take Sazuki and Tsune Koyama, form the work committee. We raise money for our King's Daughters' Society by knitting stockings, woolen shirts, caps, babies' stockings, or sewing dresses, and so on. Besides the Kanazawa Orphanage, we are sending money to an orphanage in Tokyo, and sometimes we send money to an orphanage in Gifu—Gifu is the place where there was a dreadful earthquake five or six years ago. At that time many people were killed, and many children became orphans, so some kind people established an Orphanage there. We are hoping that we will be able to help those who are poor as much as we can, and hoping also that, if we have a chance, we will be able to comfort the people who are in sorrow, and let them know about Jesus Christ.

Herbie's work for Christ makes us think that we must work more, for we are given perfect hands and feet. Will you please tell him that we very much enjoyed hearing about his work, and are hoping that he will always be a happy child working for Christ. I hope God will bless you and him in giving you good health and allowing you to work so pleasantly for Him. I shall close this letter now, and if I have opportunity to write to you again, perhaps I shall be able to tell you more about our work or about our school. Good bye.

Yours sincerely,
MARI KOSUGI.

We thank our friend Mari for her kind, interesting letter and shall be delighted to hear from her again. Herbie, too, will be glad to be so kindly remembered.