

majority understand what it means, and take this step because they want Christ as their Guide and Master.

The school-rooms are arranged so that six can be thrown into one. In this way we were able to have a fine large audience room for the afternoon exercises. This looked very pretty, decorated with palms, ferns, chrysanthemums and flags. Although it rained heavily, by two o'clock this large room was well filled. After the programme, which consisted of music, essays and recitations by the students, and an address by Professor Saibara, President of the Doshisha, coffee and cake were served.

After this, school life went on very quietly until the Christmas season approached. Then the girls began to plan and work for their Christmas entertainment for their poor Sunday schools. This year the children from these schools were invited to meet in the vestry of the Azabu church, and at the appointed hour the room was well filled. Evidently they felt that this was a special occasion, for nearly all had attempted to improve their appearance. Poor little things! how I pitied them, for their very attempts only showed how helpless they were.

The Christmas story was first told to them by the pastor, then they sang hymns and recited Bible verses that the girls had taught them in Sunday School. As I sat watching them, I thought of the thousands around us who have never even heard of that One who came to bring "Peace on earth, good will to men," and I prayed that my Heavenly Father would use me in some way to advance His kingdom in this land.

### Indian Work.

*From Miss Clarke, Port Simpson, B.C., Feb. 20th, 1901.*

THIS week I have got back to my own regular work, and am feeling quite rested. It is really delightful to find oneself actually accomplishing a trifle more than barely keeping things together. Miss Carroll is slowly improving, though still very frail.

There are at present forty inmates of the Home. Last week one of the large girls was received at the hospital for the treatment of swollen glands in her neck. Two others who were ailing were also allowed to go to their own homes, where we hope they may get stronger. In neither of the cases do we anticipate any danger of fatal results.

The school examination and exhibition of work in November was well attended by both white people and Indians, who expressed themselves well pleased with all they saw and heard. The distribution of prizes occasioned much interest, especially on the part of the parents. The prizes were awarded to those who succeeded best in the written examinations held in October. Lily Jones received three, the highest number awarded any one girl. Hannah Taylor won the catechism prize, with Sarah Sheppard a close second, and both papers were remarkably good. Thirty-seven girls had pieces of work to show, and most of the older girls three or four. The fancy work was much admired, as were also the dressmaking and plain sewing.

Fifty dollars were realized from the sale of work, which we were greatly pleased to be able to pass over to Dr. Bolton for the benefit of the hospital.

All the fancy work is done outside regular work hours. The girls take great delight in it, and with one accord are always glad to have the money earned given to some benevolent object.

The Christmas exercises were less elaborate than usual, still we had an unusually happy time, and I think the gathering of the girls' parents, the pupils of the Boys' Home and the resident missionaries the day after Christmas, proved the most successful social event we have yet undertaken.

The girls hung up their stockings this year and enjoyed the change from the regular Christmas tree. It was quite a sight, the forty-four pairs of stockings balanced across the banister rail, and I am sure the kind friends who helped us so liberally with their gifts would have felt repaid for their trouble, had they seen the delight of the girls on Christmas morning, when it took a very tiny jingle of the bell to empty every bed at the rising hour.

Since the holidays, illness among teachers and pupils has kept us very busy, but just now we are having a little breathing space, which means a great deal to us all, after the toil and anxiety of the past months. Only those who work can know the sweetness of rest and be properly thankful for the same, and perhaps that is why some very serious people can be so thoroughly merry when they happen to get a day off. The girls are cheerful and obedient, though by no means perfect; still we have much cause for gratitude because of the improvement we can note as we work on from month to month, and from year to year.

I seem to be having a very special holding up these days.

I am so light-hearted and strong and free from any anxious care. I really have not felt so well for months. How to be thankful enough I do not know, but the good Father understands and I know will accept such little acknowledgments as I can make.

### Suggested Programme—June, 1901.

Subjects for Prayer and Study:

"Our Homes and Schools."

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| i. Opening Exercises.   | } | Doxology.<br>Read Subjects for Prayer and Study.<br>Hymn.<br>Scripture Lesson.<br>Prayer. |
| II. Business.   |   |   |
| III. Hymn.  |   |   |
| IV. The Watch Tower.  |   |   |
| V. Address* (10 minutes). Subject, "Our Homes and Schools in Foreign Lands."  |   |   |
| VI. Address* (10 minutes). Subject, "Our Homes and Schools in the Dominion of Canada."  |   |   |
| VII. The President will read the following:   |   |   |
| The Missionary Reading Course.—Those who followed the proceedings of the last Board meeting, held in Toronto, will have noticed that the Seven Years' Course of Study on Missions, proposed by the Ecumenical Council, was adopted. The Literature Committee has had the Course under consideration for some months, and now presents the story of Thomas Coke, the fourth of a series of Preliminary Studies on "Christian Missions in the Nineteenth Century." It is found in item number IX. of the Suggested Programme of this issue. |   |   |
| IX. Paper (five minutes). Subject, "The Life of Thomas Coke."†  |   |   |

"The evangelistic movements of our day owe their origin largely to the awakenings of the latter half of the eighteenth century. In giving that newly found Christian life a world-wide extension, no one appears to have been in advance of Thomas Coke."

X. Hymn, Prayer.

\* For data see the Annual Reports of the Missionary Societies of the Church, and back numbers of *The Outlook*. W. M. S. Report, price 10 cents. The Report of the General Society and back numbers of *The Outlook* cannot be supplied at Room 20.

† Life of Thomas Coke, D.C.L. Price 5 cts., at Room 20 and the depots. Please enclose 2 cents additional for postage and wrapping.

### Notice.

NO doubt many of the subscribers to the MONTHLY LETTER have wondered why this welcome little visitor had been changed in shape. In explanation thereof, we have to state it was decided by the Executive of the Board of the W.M.S., at its last meeting, that owing to the expense of the issue such change was necessary.

It is a matter of regret to many, and the Literature Committee would suggest that a larger subscription list would probably lessen the necessity.

### Increase.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE BRANCH.—New Auxiliaries—Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina. New Bands—Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

THE Literature Committee at Room 20, and the Branch Depots in Sackville, N.B., and Winnipeg, Man. (for addresses see foot of last page), will receive deposits of \$1.00 for the literature to be used in connection with the Suggested Programme for Auxiliaries, and will send the necessary literature whenever called for by the Programme as long as the money lasts, and without it being necessary for the Auxiliary to write for it. The usual charge of two cents, for wrapping and postage, will be deducted for each parcel. Subscribers will be notified when their deposit is expended.