

THE Children's Presbyterian.

LETTER FROM A PASTOR

My Dear Children.—

On the Eastern side of China between the Yellow Sea, and the Sea of Japan lies the peninsula of Corea. You have often pointed out this country on the map of Asia, and yet how little is known of it. It is as large as Great Britain, with a population of 12,000,000. We do not wish to tell you any thing about the geography of this country, but of a remarkable missionary movement going on there.

Corea, though it seems so small on the map has a government of its own, and is ruled by a King. For a long time Roman Catholic missionaries have laboured in the country with much success. God however, seems to be preparing the way for others to enter in, and the way he is doing so seems to us wonderful.

Nearly two years ago a revolution broke out, and the life of the king was in danger. A young man named Reijutei saved him from death. The King was pleased and asked him to state what reward he wanted. He wished to go to Japan that he might study there, and his request was granted. In that country he met with Christians, and became at length a follower of Christ's. In nine months he learned the language so that he could preach in it with a good deal of power.

He is an earnest Christian and is very anxious to go back to Corea to tell the people about the love of Jesus. But did he now go back and preach Christ and him crucified, he would be put to death. He is not idle however, and God is using him as an instrument to convert his fellow countrymen.

Almost the whole of the New Testament has been translated into the Korean language, and before long the whole Bible will be published. Five of his countrymen have been baptised and a small Protestant church has been formed in Japan. Every day the number of those who are expected to become Christians is increasing and many more are ready to receive the teachings of the Bible. For a long

time this obscure corner of the globe has been without the blessings which we enjoy under the gospel, and now it is being discussed to how the glad tidings shall be carried to this people who know not the joyful sound. In a very short time we may hear of earnest missionaries entering this land so long sealed against soul saving truth. When you again look at this peninsula on the map, remember the great movement going on, and think of what God is doing.

Let me tell you a little more about Corea's first convert. Reijutei is now a great scholar one of the leading teachers in Japan. For years he has been a teacher of the Chinese language and also at the head of the Normal School for girls. He is also a poet, and his poems have been very much admired. Before he was converted, what he wrote was tinged with sadness, now full of joy, thus showing the effect of the gospel. Several of his poems have been translated and some of them are beautiful. He has written one on the progress of Christianity as follows:—

What are the notes of gladness,
Like the music of birds I hear?
'Tis the joyful song of the reapers,
When the harvest draweth near.

They have sown the seed of the gospel,
And they know 'twill not be vain,
For He who is Lord of the harvest
Has promised the sun and the rain.

God sends us forth to labour,
And great is the work to do;
The days of toil are many,
And the days for rest are few.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

[For the Children's Presbyterian.]

A mission school has lately been opened in Guatemala, Central America. The building is filled with pupils and self-