

it is the most promising. The land is better, the air fresh, the people quiet, the women are intelligent. It would be quite interesting to you if you saw the crowds of women who come to our home who never heard the name of Jesus; it impresses the thought, how many Christian workers are in the home land that ought to be here. Whoever may perish in our Christian centres at home, it is not because they never heard of Jesus. The first week an average of 25 women and 40 girls came daily; the second week an average of 70 women and perhaps about half as many girls came every day; one day over two hundred women came. Mrs. Goforth receives them pleasantly as they come, group after group, answering their many varied questions, then sweetly tells them the object of our coming, i.e., to tell them of the love of our Heavenly Father to them; plays a tune or hymn for them on the organ which is a great attraction to them. Baby Helen, with her innocent prattle and smiles, is quite an attraction to the women. Some of the women who came this week said that they would come again to learn the "doctrine." Of course, it is all from pure curiosity that they come, as we are the first and only foreign ladies that ever came to Chang-te-fu. From their standpoint it is only those empty motives that move them to come, yet the Father's drawing is there, drawing them to come so that they may know Him who is the "Light of the world." Many of them may by-and-by become light-bearers for Him among their own people. So many every day is quite a strain now; yet the thought that the future outcome of the work depends very largely upon the impressions they receive at the beginning, removing their prejudices and superstition, we know that the sufficient grace will be given day by day making His strength perfect in our weakness. As I look into their faces, how my heart longs to be able to speak to them freely in their own tongue, to tell them what my precious Lord is to me; it will be a long time yet before I will be able to do so. I praise God He has made the study of the language quite a pleasure to me, while endeavouring to make it easier for dear Mrs. Goforth to give them that knowledge of the way of salvation that is possible to give to so many in such a short space of time to minds that are not yet accustomed to hear anything in the line of thought or teaching, the only thing I can do is to be silently sending up ejaculatory prayers in their behalf, that God would cause the words spoken to make them hunger for more.

Up to date, Nov. 16, one thousand three hundred and thirty women came. Is not that a subject for prayer?

NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

The Opening of the New Building.

FROM MISS LAIDLAW.

Portage La Prairie, Jan. 15, 1895.

I am sure you are anxious to hear all about the opening of our new school. It is about two weeks since we moved, but as the carpenters were not quite through we could not have the formal opening until the evening of Friday, Jan. 10th inst. We were feeling a little sad on the last Sabbath evening spent in the old home, as we called to memory the many pleasant hours spent beneath the old walls, and hoped the lessons learned there would benefit us through all the coming years.