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**T**HE sending of flowers to the sick room is one of the sweetest of ministries, and even to the aching heart bending above the dead, it conveys a message of tenderness and sympathy inexpressible by words. But we have come to the conclusion that those who are well, and those who are engaged in battling with life's duties, as well as its trials, need too the messages of cheer and good will which are so easy to give when we have the heart to give them. We have realized this lately, as words of kindness and appreciation have helped to make light the tasks which might otherwise become a burden. Then, too, we have the approving smile of the Master, speeding us on in our work—His work. Words of cheer and encouragement come from many of the Bands, showing that they are making grand progress, and that the missionary spirit is fast being developed among our girls and boys. One letter lately received from a young friend in Hebron, Yarmouth Co.,—one of the boys—has pleased us much. We give some extracts:—"I get my paper all right, and think it is a good paper for the money. I hope that you will get a hearty support from these eastern provinces. . . . I belong to the Epworth League of C. E. It was from our League that Dr. H. Mather Hare went out to China. I suppose you read of the narrow escapes he had at the time of the riots out there. . . . Our church has the cause of missions at heart, and I can safely say it goes down into the pockets too. Two years ago we gave to the missionary society \$127. I don't know what was raised last year, as I have not yet seen the report. As you are in the missionary work, I thought this might interest you." Interest us! Yes, indeed—nothing could interest us more than the fact that our young people read the reports and have a real, live interest in missions.

Pray this month most fervently for Japan, in this crisis in her history—also for the much disturbed

Kingdom of Corea whose latest news as we go to press is of massacre and general insurrection. She needs the help that only Christians can give. Remember too the Isles of the Sea.

We are compelled to ask our contributors, in view of the limitations of our little paper, to give us short articles, considerably less than one thousand words, whenever possible.

We are highly favored this month in having two contributions from a "Live Missionary"—One, "The New Orphanage at Kanazawa" and the other the interesting story of little Tamaki San, We are sure that our young readers will greatly appreciate this effort in their behalf of one who must often be tired in her work though not of it—For ourselves we are exceedingly grateful.

The sketch of Miss Preston will be found most interesting and helpful—We are much indebted to the writer and very glad to be able to present it to our readers.

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A valuable paper "Holiness required in Mission Work," by Mrs. J. R.—, of Montreal, has been received. We shall be glad to insert it at the earliest opportunity.

Easter next month.

NOTES.—See Black-board lesson on page 7.

ERRATA.—In last month's study (list of Indian Missionaries) for Miss. S. E. Olton read Alton.

We are very sorry that from this list the name of Miss Beavis was omitted—Miss Beavis has been in Port Simpson since 1891 and is one of our most faithful Missionaries.