

themselves into a band of Christian Workers, and held open-air prayer and testimony meetings. The regular weekly meetings were often very blessed occasions. At every meeting, for months, one or more professed conversion.

One Sabbath evening a young man arose and quoted a text in English, and then gave a rich testimony to the power of Christ to save. Another said: "I do not know much; I cannot read nor write; but I know Jesus, He saves me." They would often continue their open-air meetings till late in the evening; then go to some private house and have a prayer-meeting. A man from another village said, "That he had often come to Port Essington before, and had always found it a place where there was much sin; but this year I find it so different." Many have gone away carrying home with them more of Christianity than they brought here; while, on the other hand, we have grieved over the weakness and inconsistency of others.

Our own hands have been very full. Often, on Saturday, it was midnight before we could finish dispensing medicine, giving advice, and aiding the people in other ways. We were ably seconded in our appointments and in visiting at the various canneries by Brothers Pierce and Spencer. We are erecting a church building at Inverness; size, 23 x 32 feet. It will be a very cosy, respectable building, and we expect it to be of great service to those who may be employed at that cannery from season to season.

Facts and Illustrations.

SIN is like a river, which begins in a quiet spring but ends in a tumultuous sea.

HE who seeks only for applause from without has all his happiness in another's keeping.

THERE are 1,000 Christian Chinamen connected with the Congregational missions in California and Oregon. *Spirit of Missions.*

THERE are 47 organizations engaged in the evangelization of the Jews, with 377 workers and 195 stations. At least 150 of the missionaries are converted Jews.

DR. VERBECK thinks the island of Kiusiu is several years behind the rest of Japan in all departments of life, but it offers a favorable field for new missionary operations.

ONE of the missionaries of the China Inland Mission a Scotch gentleman worth a million, is living in China on twenty-five cents a day, using all his fortune in the work.

A FEW years ago the offerings at the temple at Monghyur, India, amounted to \$50,000 during the two days of the annual festival; now they are only \$20,000. The priests say to the missionaries, "You are the reason. Your preaching and your books have taken the fear of us and of our gods from the hearts of our people."

OF one of the greatest men of the missionary history we have no written record. A converted Chinaman on the Pacific coast sold himself to work as a coolie in New Guinea for the sake of working among his own countrymen; and before he died he personally led to

Christ two hundred of his companions. How many of such heroic lives have no written annals save in God's "book of remembrance."

MR. SPURGEON saw on a weather-cock what he thought was a strange motto, "God is Love!" and asked his friend if he meant to imply that the Divine love could be as fickle as the wind. "No," said he, "this is what I mean: whichever way the wind blows, God is love; through the cold north wind, the biting east wind, still God is love, as much as when the warm, genial breezes refresh our fields and flocks."—*The Messenger.*

A JAPANESE Christian Church in Seto recently had occasion to build a house of worship. The building was completed in May; then it became necessary to report it to the government for registration. Hitherto every church-building in Japan has been registered as private property in which Christian service would be held. No recognition being given to Christianity, its churches could not be registered as such. But as the Constitution makes all religions equally lawful, the pastor, Mr. Kato, and the local official, agreed that there was no reason for not registering this as a Christian church, exempt from taxation, with all the rights and privileges of a Buddhist temple. Such a request had never gone up to the Government before, but they decided to try it. It was granted immediately. So this little country chapel is the first building ever registered in Japan as a Christian church.—*Independent.*

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