

A chief recently reclaimed from heathenism presented Mrs Rush with a number of curios which had been formerly used in the family in connection with their heathen customs. One was a large horn spoon, or rather ladle, beautifully carved and inlaid with colored shells. Another was a lip saucer used by the women of high rank in the tribe. This little saucer is cut out of stone, and somewhat resembles a small individual butter plate. In order to hold this in the proper position a hole is made in the lower lip and gradually enlarged until it completely encircles the saucer. If soup is too hot it is placed in this convenient receptacle, and when cool enough to eat the Indian woman tosses back her head and swallows her soup. I might add that such customs are rarely, if ever, seen now, but I have often noticed old women with large holes in their lower lips, which evidences their former habits.

The medical missionary meets with a variety of experiences. I have been treating an old woman for some months for an incurable disease, and to my surprise on opening the door the other morning I found a coffin in the room. I stepped over to where the supposed corpse lay and found my patient breathing quietly and much the same as she appeared on my previous visits. The friends explained that she could not live very much longer and that they were just getting her ready for burial. It is not an unusual thing for a man to buy his tombstone, and have it erected previous to his death but I never happened to meet another instance of just this kind before.

We have not had such a revival as the Lord graciously sent us last year, but there has been a steady increase from heathenism to Christianity, and about twenty people have left their heathen customs and come to live in Lak-Kalzap, a Christian village where the surroundings are more conducive to Christian growth.

Yours in the Master's service,

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#### REQUEST.

LET us remember in special prayer our missionaries in West China, that in these troublous times they may be kept in perfect peace. To-day as in the days of old, God cares for His children in times of danger and peril, for "as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." The instant and earnest prayer of the early Christian Church to God for Peter in prison was answered. Paul and Silas prayed, and the God who delivered them is our God, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."