

Children's Work.

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Letter from Japan.

TOKIO, Jan. 19, '95.

DEAR CHILDREN,—Christmas has now passed and you would like to hear how you helped to make the poor children of our part of this immense city happy by your love and self-sacrifice.

Near the beginning of the session, when you little workers at Bowmanville sent me those pretty picture books, which you had made, I told the children at the Matsuguracha school about them, and how they must work in order to obtain one. As none of them had ever owned a picture book before, you can well imagine they needed no second telling. They all tried, hardly with an exception, right till the end of the session.

The closing examination had of course to decide. The best in each class carried off the coveted prize. Besides these, the girl and the boy that had improved the most during the year, received the Bible sent them by their two little friends from Everton. I must also add here that many other Bibles have been bought with the gift sent from this point and have been given out when a favorable opportunity presented itself. All the other children in the school will receive one when they can repeat the whole of the Sermon on the Mount, at which they are hard at work now. A great number can say about one-half of it now.

The day of the Christmas celebration, bright and eager, with faces all washed and hair combed, the children all came flocking in long before the time. As the parents had been invited, and a goodly number came, there was no spare room, I can tell you, for besides the pupils of the day school, those who only came for the Sunday school were also present. They all sat on their heels, as the Japanese custom is, packed together as close as sardines in a box.

After the usual opening exercises they listened—some for the first time—to the sweet old story, which none of us weary of, of how our Saviour came as a little child into this world in order to lead us, His lost ones, back to God. This was followed by the day-school children reciting appropriate Scripture, when all joined in the favorite hymn "Jesus Loves Me." After this the prizes mentioned before were given out, and how happy and proud the winners were, to be sure. I am sure if my little friends in Canada had been here to have seen them, they would have understood well what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In order that the rest might not feel too neglected, all were given a pretty picture card and a bag of cakes and oranges, and they all returned home happy for this bright red-letter day. Lovingly yours, Sister MARY M. RIOCH.

DEAR CHILDREN,—You will enjoy having another letter from Miss Rioch, and will be interested in her account of their Christmas entertainment. This will be the case in a special manner in the bands who helped to make it pleasant for our little Japanese sisters. The Bibles from Everton, the scrap-books from Bowmanville, and the cards from other places, would have a share in making such a nice time.

Miss Rioch's frequent letters should inspire our bands to greater effort in our work, and should help us to persevere under discouragement and difficulty. We have four months left to finish this year's work, and to those bands who are working on steadily, I

would as ure you, not only of my approval, but what is of far more importance, the loving approval of the Saviour. To those who are only meeting irregularly, or worse still, have given up the work altogether, I want to say a few earnest words of appeal. You will not need to be reminded that our obligations remain the same this year as they were last year, viz.: one hundred and fifty dollars for our missionary in Japan and twenty for Wan Hai (Wan Hi). Towards this amount we have, with our balance from last year, just about forty dollars. Not very much, you see. This work was taken up with the understanding that the bands should do their part, and if you all do your best for the next four months there will be no difficulty; but if some of you stop work altogether it is a foregone conclusion that we will not be able to meet our pledges. Let me beg of you all to think seriously of this matter. It is work for Jesus, you must remember, and while love and protecting care are so constant surely we should be willing to do what we can in return. Will the bands who have not been at work lately send me a post card as soon as possible, telling me the reason, and I may be able to help you to get started once more. "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." J. E. L.

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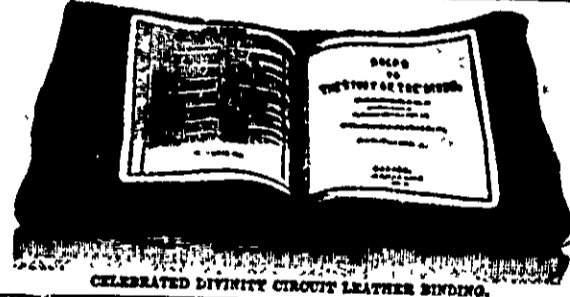
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