

text of my simple address. Strangely enough, it was this: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, when thou wast young thou girdest thyself and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and carry thee whither thou wouldest not."—John xxi. 18. Whether according to the strict exegesis of the passage or not, my interpretation led me to speak upon the power of evil habits. While we were young we could cast them off; but when we were old we became their slave. In youth we could write our habits on the sand, which we could readily obliterate, but in after years we should find them deeply graven upon the rock. At first they seemed to us garlands of flowers easily broken and cast away; but ere long we should discover that what seemed a floral garland had turned to a band of steel. Such was the trend of my simple discourse. I knew not what "the chief" thought of it; but this I know, we seldom heard an oath afterward. A year or two afterward, when he had been promoted as captain of an important ocean liner, I had a letter from him, saying kind things of my work which I dare not reproduce, and giving evidence that the seed had not fallen on barren soil.

(To be continued.)

OUR MISSIONARY.

MY DEAR BRO. HILL,—I will snatch a moment from other duties to write you a line. So many letters have gone from my pen lately—and such letters; the very thought of them makes my spirit bow with shame, and convinces me that more ought not to be written just now; yet I see no way of improving, unless by neglecting other work which has a just and pressing claim upon my attention. You will find inclosed an account of my journey from Bihe to Ocingi. No matter what use is made of it, you have a right to know my movements, and I have referred Dr. Smith to you for any information he may desire further than he has received from me. My stipend, as you are likely aware, will be reduced to that of a single man. At the annual meeting it will likely be placed at \$650 a year since last January. I am forced to engage extra help, in order to carry on my household, and yet have time for my varied duties outside of the house, but will be able to get along nicely under the altered circumstances. You perhaps know already that during the past year, while in search of desirable sites for new mission stations, I travelled over 600 miles through countries previously unvisited by any missionary; at least, within almost 200 years. It is expected that I will make further explorations after my return from the coast in July, when I am to bring in Dr. and Mrs. Webster. If all be well, the work of exploring will be finished before the close of the dry

season; we will then have a fairly good idea of this country for almost 100 miles all round Bailundu; we will then be in a position to decide intelligently about forming a new station. I purpose to ask the mission, at its meeting next month, to appoint a committee to advise with me about the choice and settlement of our Canadian station, and to make such arrangements as will enable me to go right ahead with the work as soon as a favourable opportunity is afforded. The brethren, for reasons you will readily understand, rather object to one missionary being alone in a station, but I shall urge the having no one dependent on me, or whose comfort I should be pleased to consider more than my own. I am in a position to do the rough pioneer work of preparing the way for those who are soon to come to my assistance; and I fancy permission will be granted for me to do what may seem wise in this direction. So far as one can see at present, there is no reason why I should not spend a portion of next year in our future mission ground, getting up buildings and attending to other matters necessary in beginning such work. With the Lord's help, I shall do my part to the best of my ability, and work in faith that the churches at home will do their part, and that they will soon send another to join me in the work. If only some of you could come, see the condition of these poor, yet promising people, and the large opportunity there is for work, and then carry back a full report to our churches at home, I am sure the sympathies of every Christian in Canada would be so aroused that no one would hesitate to do fully as much as he is able to give the light, the hope, the comfort of Christ's Gospel to these people who sit in the black darkness of feticism, smarting from the fetters their own superstitions have forged for them.

As soon as our station is selected, we will require two or three hundred dollars in order to fence in a lot and erect a house and outbuildings. I will require a horse or riding-ox, so as to be able with the least expense to go from village to village, making known the things of Christ; but I believe Bond Street Sunday School is to provide that. I expect, as soon as settled, to have a couple of boys to recommend to Sunday schools which have expressed a desire to undertake their care. If any kind friend known to you desires to provide the mission with a pocket case of surgical instruments, it will be well taken care of, and will be of service to me until such time as our physician comes, when, of course, he will have charge of it. In the meantime I often have cases in minor surgery to attend to, such as sewing up wounds, opening and dressing sores, etc., and have only the roughest instruments—a pocket-knife or a trade needle—to use. When out on the road I would often be unable to leave camp if I could not help the sick among my carriers, for I never take more men than are actually needed