

ENIGMAS.

I am composed of 16 letters. My 1, 6, 8, is a lawless crowd; my 3, 9, 7, 11, is on the seashore; my 16, 2, 4, 15, is what you do in the morning; my 12, 5, 10 is something used to fasten; my 16, 13, 14 is what you do on a door. My whole is what you all ought to take.

CHARADES.

My first is a boy's name; my second is a member of a family. My whole is the name of one of our Japan missionaries.

My first is what the PALM BRANCH goes through before you see it; my second is a heavy weight. My whole is the name of another Japan missionary.

Rambles among our Missions.

After spending a couple of hours in Winnipeg, away we sped westward, until Winnipeg was but a little blue line on the horizon and we found ourselves in the midst of a fine farming country. The houses were almost invariably surrounded with stacks of grain, or perhaps there would be as many as seventy stretching out in a straight line from the dwelling.

At many of the towns through which we passed, there would be little groups of Indians at the station presenting their work and curios for sale.

These are the real, original, Indians, and doubtless many of the readers of the PALM BRANCH would be inclined to laugh at their grotesque appearance; some with faces painted yellow and red, others decorated with their feathers and beads, and all extremely dirty.

Yet, we must remember that it was for such as these Christ died, and we must earnestly pray that God may give us some part in bringing the heathen of our own land out of their midnight darkness into the marvellous light of the Gospel.

The Woman's Missionary Society is carrying on a most successful work among the Indians at Chilliwack and Port Simpson of which I will tell you something later.

On reaching Calgary, the ground rises perceptibly and as the Rocky mountains are already just in sight, it is not long before we are in the midst of scenery so surpassingly beautiful that it quite baffles description. There were the majestic mountains whose lofty peaks pierced the clouds, and sometimes overtopped them. Away down beneath lay the quiet, picturesque valleys, and everywhere might be seen numerous trickling cascades, fast becoming noisy torrents, as they descended to meet the mighty rushing river.

The words "Marvellous are thy works" often came to mind and what looked like "everlasting hills" showed by their formation that at some period, they had been contorted and twisted by a mighty upheaval, reminding one of His power

who "weigheth the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance. Very impressive also, is the power and skill manifested by man, "made in His image and likeness.

The construction of the railway is something marvellous, winding and twisting, creeping around the slope of immense hills or tumbling through them, crossing numerous bridges or gliding through forty two snow sheds, down to quieter waters at Yale, nestling so cosily under the beetling cliffs, we reach the head of steamboat navigation. The Fraser widens here and the country becomes more open, but very shortly we again enter a wild, rocky, district and when we again emerge into the open, we are skirting Burrard Inlet, and on down we go along its shore toward the sea, to the city of Vancouver.

The Wisdom-System of the Buddha in Comparison with the True Wisdom of the Christ.

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According to statistical tables there are in the world, three hundred and seventy millions of Buddhists who have "gods many and lords many."

They have shrines dedicated to the Pearly Emperor, the Shang Ti of the Sombre Heavens, the five night Spirit Rulers, the Sailor's God, the Dragon God and so on, until the number of their divinities almost equal the number of their temples.

Buddhism is divided into sects, and in this one respect resembles Christianity. There is Northern Buddhism, Southern Buddhism and Buddhism in Siam, Ceylon, Nepal, China, Japan. As these are all growths from the one parent stem, the father of which is Sakya, there is a family resemblance between the various phases of the faith. It is one of the most ancient oriental religions, consequently during the ages all accumulation of legendary history has entwined itself around the original thought of the founder and is very different now from what it was in its primitive state.

Buddhism can scarcely be called a religion, as it is theoretically, purely atheistic in its belief, ignoring the existence of a supreme deity. It is a mass of metaphysics, having an indulgent philosophy, nevertheless the moral code of this peculiar system is one of the best in the world. Buddha is not a deity in any sense of the word, but simply a human being, who having learned to subdue his body and control his mind, professed to have arrived at the knowledge of the truth. By long meditation and force of thinking he discovered the causes of change in human life, by which