

Munro has cheerfully given her right-hand helper, Rin Wakabayashi, the first graduate, and Sei Tmadzawa to meet the need for loyal, Christian workers in Shidzuoka, and one of the Christmas graduates, Yo Yamanaka, has gone to teach in Kofu.

You can imagine what demand the eight Bible-classes with the women make upon the leaders. Miss Hart has the heaviest burden, as, in addition to the care of the Evangelistic Department and visiting, she has her study, and gives her lessons in Japanese. To lessen the strain upon myself, as the meetings were in widely separated districts, I began by giving the same subject in each place. But it is impossible to keep the classes together, so that now, with the Bible-class and the teachers in the school, there are five different weekly lessons, four in the Old and one in the New Testament. However, one lesson helps and minifies the amount of preparation necessary for the following ones. Among the hearers are found every grade, from those who come because of your importunity to the eager enquirer.

We are pained by the kindly intended remark, "You come so far, therefore we must come." We will not be satisfied till they love the Truth, and come because they wish to know Christ better. As with the students, we know that with the women also, nothing but heart to heart, steady, faithful work will tell.

Returning, one morning, from a visit to a dying man, a Japanese woman came up to us with unusual frankness and said she wished us to come to her house and teach her. Knowing that if ever we found her house it must be then, we consented immediately. Surprised and pleased she led the way. Being alone, without an interpreter, we could only chatter a little, sing a few hymns, and read the Lord's prayer and ten commandments. Yesterday we took our interpreter and went again. The poor woman seemed pleased, yet uncomfortably excited, while wishing to be polite. We urged that if she were busy we would come again, but no, she was not willing we should go away. She asked us to wait a minute, and hastened away. Quickly she returned and hurried us in next door, where we found her aged mother bedridden, but very glad to see us.

She had heard a little, but knew nothing, about "Yasu" (Jesus). She appeared most interested and grateful as we talked and sang with her. When we left, the married daughter met us at the door, and whispered her husband had just come home, but he was drinking. We needed no further explanation of her fear and excitement. This reminds us of a woman who has attended O Yu San's meetings once or twice. Her husband drinks. In some way she knows that our religion helps people to give up drunkenness. So she told O Yu San that every morning now she comes out into the street, stands where she can see the Azabu church, claps her hands together, rubbing them and bowing, praying for help to come. Every child of God can see, as they read, where we need help through prayer. May the various classes spoken of realize their own poverty and accept Christ in His fulness. If that poor old woman could have her eyes anointed, and see heaven opened and Christ ready to receive and carry her in, what a joyful surprise would soon be hers! Only the Holy Spirit can do this, yet even He asks for the human voice to speak the Truth to her. Help us!

Yours sincerely,

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FRENCH WORK.

ON April 27th, in the Assembly Hall, the fourth annual closing exercises of the French Methodist Institute, Montreal, took place. A large number of sympathizers and appreciative friends of the Institution were present. Around the platform were grouped beautiful flowers, breathing out inspiration and hope to the young lives of the earnest students, who sat in the front seats of the large, bright hall, some of whom have been cradled and wrapped in the spiritual errors of Romanism, but are now rejoicing in the Truth which alone makes free. On the platform were the Rev. Dr. Williams, who presided; Revs. Principal Hall, M.A., E. DeGruchy, C. R. Flanders, B.D., F. McAmmond, B.A., S. P. Rose, D.D., M. Sadler, J. Duclos, Principal Lariviere and Mr. Chas. Norton. After devotional exercises, and a few brief remarks by the chairman, Principal Hall

read the report of the year's work, in which he expressed his grateful recognition of the generous support accorded to the Institution by the Parent Missionary Society and by the W. M. S., and also to the Douglas Mission Band, who rendered unremitting service by teaching some of the special subjects. He also expressed thankfulness to all other benefactors who, by donations of various kinds, had aided their work.

Eighty-four pupils have been enrolled during the past year—forty-five girls and thirty-nine boys. One of the Institute pupils entered the Theological College, and has, at the recent examinations, been most successful. Between thirty and forty students, who have been in attendance at the Institute, are now engaged in mission work. They have gone forth to realize something of the holy joy of helping to lift a darkened, struggling people into the light. Following the encouraging report of the Principal was a very interesting programme. An oral examination, conducted by the Rev. L. Massicotte, head master, on Scripture geography and controversy, was full of interest. The pupils answered readily and intelligently, proving themselves to be able defenders of their faith. How necessary it will be for the youth of our land to be valiant *defensores fidei*, we cannot at present compute, but we know that the survival will be to the strongest.

About midway in the programme, a number of beautiful books were presented to the students who had excelled at the late examinations. Prize compositions were read in English by Miss Lily Cockburn, and in French by M. Louis Panly. Recitations were given by Miss Widdison in English, and by M. Louis Adam in French.

Bright, attractive singing by the pupils formed a most interesting part of the programme. The proceedings terminated with one-minute speeches by the Revs. DeGruchy, Rose, Morton, Lafleur and Mr. Morton. At the conclusion, the audience were invited to partake of cake and coffee, which were served in the parlors of the Institution.

Those who were present at this delightful "Closing" must have received fresh impetus to still "labor on." Our Home Mission work should be very precious to us; we have been told, "Love thou thy land with love far brought from out the storied past." This glorious Canada of ours—this land which is our own, our native land—has a rich storied past, resplendent with heroism and devotion of men and women who lived the life of self-forgetfulness, in order that they might gain some to bow at the foot of the cross. May we catch an inspiration from the "storied past," which will make us ashamed of our ease-loving, and impel us to greater consecration and effort in our French work, for we know "if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith." Our French work should appeal most forcibly to our woman's heart; for while we would not in the least relax our efforts to send the angel message to our Eastern sisters in foreign lands, let us not forget that there are thousands of women in our convents, who are willing captives, held bound by a fascination, the untold meaning of which we are not permitted to speak.

May the Spirit of God overshadow us and shine into our hearts, and give us the courage and faith necessary in this struggle.

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VICTORIA, May 1st, 1893.

IN my last letter I gave you some account of Ah Quai, and will now send another chapter in her history. Soon after I wrote to you I had to take her before a judge here, in response to a petition from her late owners or pretended relatives. I was not fearful of the result, if the decision were left to the girl herself, but scarcely knew how the case might turn. The judge sharply criticised her statement of her remembrances of her Chinese life as absurd, but, on the other hand, he did not agree with the argument brought forward by the lawyer on the opposite side, that she had not had fair chance for choice, and that she be sent back to her friends for a time, at least, and finally said that the greater advantage to the girl was certainly offered by the