

*GOOD MORNING ROUND THE WROLD.

- 1st—Do you know how all people, from far and from near,
 Say their "Good morning" each day of the year?
 For "How do you do?"
 The right word for you
 Is not just the same from Ceylon to Peru,
- 4th. And how do they do it in brilliant Japan—
 In brilliant Japan, the land of the fan?
 Oh, they bow very low,
 And then as they go
 They say their "Good morning," which is "Ohayo."

* We have found a long poem on this subject in *St. Nicholas*. We will give it to you in verses to suit the study, and, for the sake of helping you, we will number them, so that at the end you can put them in regular order and have a fine recitation, for a number of girls and boys, which will be found very effective when accompanied by bows and salutes,

FIELD STUDY FOR MARCH.

THE Christians of Japan are not yet ready to be left alone to work out the salvation of their nation. As Mr. Cassidy says, there is a new Japan and an old Japan—the new represented in the colleges and churches, a part of which drifts towards German infidelity, the old shown in the worship at the mountain temples. Two of these near Kobe, situated more than half a mile above the sea, are daily visited by hundreds of worshippers. The Japanese are a proud, patriotic people, and are willing and anxious to do everything possible for the advancement of their country. All the missions tend to become self-supporting. There are 37,000 Christians in Japan, representing a somewhat larger Christian community, while its population is about 37,000,000. They still need support and sympathy, both in their work among others and to aid their own faith.

Almost all the missionaries in Japan are sent from the United States and Canada. The work opened in 1859 by the Presbyterians sending Dr. Hepburn, a medical missionary. For 13 years no convert was made. Then came a general awakening. It began during the week of prayer in 1872, among a few young men who had come to the missionaries to study English. In June, of the same year, the church was formed with 11 members. This rapidly increased. The following year our church sent out Drs. Macdonald and Cochran. There are now more than 30 native ministers, regularly ordained, in connection with our Canadian mission. Our Society devotes about half its funds to this work.

The opening of the ports has not had the immediate effect of bettering the condition of the Coreans. Foreign manufactures have taken the place of the native work. No new industry has yet arisen. The country has great resources, but they are not developed. Idleness and poverty prevail.

The religion of Corea is a worship of ancestors. The site of burial is a matter of serious importance. A mountain front is chosen. Should misfortune follow, the bones are dug up and laid in what is hoped will prove a more propitious resting place. For three years after the death of parents sacrifices of food are offered daily, after this on festival, birthdays, etc. They will pay their respect to the dead though they go without food and clothing themselves. Corea has only been touched by missionary work, but many have given proof of their discipleship by suffering for Christ. Her condition is such that change must come. Pray that the land may be taken for our God and Christ.

Canadians have a special interest in the Pacific islands on account of the work of John Geddie. Though not the first missionary to leave British America it was his work that had inspired others. He saw Anseiyum, the island of the New Hebrides, where he spent most of his life, reclaimed from cannibalism to Christianity. After they became Christian she would persuade the women to give up wearing the heavy cord round their necks. This had been in readiness so that in case of the husband's death a few twists would strangle the wife. From his first knowledge of it he had resisted this dreadful work. Often the little band of Christians would call him in the night. Some one was dying and his presence and persuasion might protect the women.

And so we might go from group to group. The Pacific islands present a series of examples of the civilizing influence of Christianity. By no other agent can "a nation be born in a day." D.

QUESTIONS FOR MARCH.

- Why can we not leave Japan to work out its own Salvation?
- What is the difference between old and new Japan?
- What can you tell of the Mountain Temples?
- What kind of people are the Japanese?
- What population has Japan and how many Christians?
- Why do they still need support and sympathy?
- Where do their Missionaries come from?
- Where and how did Missions begin?
- How long before one Convert was made? How many members in the first Church?
- When were our first Missionaries sent out?
- How many native Ministers are there now?
- How much of our money goes to this work?
- What can you tell of the country and condition of the Coreans?
- What is the religion of Corea?
- What respect do they pay to the dead?
- Has Christianity done anything for them?
- What must be our prayers for them?
- Why have Canadians a special interest in the Pacific Islands?
- What change did he see in the Islands of the New Hebrides?
- What awful practice did he resist?
- What is said of the Pacific Islands and Christianity?