

ing. The abacus is to be found on the dirty counter of every Chinese store, opium joint, or gambling den, and in every house where any business is done. There is also to be found a half-dozen books made from a peculiar rough paper, and resembling very much common wrapping paper. Those are his account books; and his ink resembles a cake of stove polish, and his pen is a very small brush made from a piece of bamboo, with some hair glued in one end. When he wishes to write, he puts his pen into some water, rubs it on the cake of ink, and proceeds to make his intelligible hieroglyphics. The Chinese are also fond of a rubber stamp with their name both in Chinese and English. The Chinese make this name on a piece of wood the same length as a common type, and engrave it. The rubber stamp can be then made from this engraving.

KEEP THE SOUL ON TOP.

NOT long ago I read a story that I wanted to let our little ones read, but it was too long; so I will tell you the first part of it, and let you read the rest.

A little boy, named Bertie Flynn, was sitting, after dinner, with two apples in his hand. Suddenly he said aloud, "Thank you, little master." His father asked him why he said that, and Bertie replied:

"I'll tell you about it, papa. I had eaten my red apple, and wanted to eat the green one too. Just then I remembered something I'd learned in school about eating, and I thought that one big apple was enough. My stomach seemed to me for a minute just as if it said to me, 'Thank you, little master.'"

"Bertie, what is that Miss McLaren has been teaching you about eating?"

"She told us to be careful not to give our stomachs too much food to grind. If we do, she says, it will make bad blood that will run into our brains and make them dull and stupid, so that we can't get our lessons well, and perhaps give us headaches too. If we give our stomachs just enough of work to do, they will give us pure, lively blood that will make us feel bright and cheerful in school. Miss McLaren says that sometimes, when she eats too much of something that she likes, it seems almost as if her stomach moaned and complained; but when she denies herself, and doesn't eat too much, it seems as if it was thankful and glad."

"That's as good preaching as the minister's, Bertie. What more did she tell you?"

"She taught us a verse one day about keeping the soul on top. That wasn't just the words, but it's what is meant."

At this, papa's paper went suddenly right up before his face. When in a minute it dropped down there wasn't any laugh on his face as he said:

"Weren't these the words, 'I keep my body under?'"

"O yes! that was it; but it means just the same. If I keep my body under, of course my soul is on top."

"Of course it is, my boy. Keep your soul on top, and you'll belong to the grandest style of man that walks the earth."

Along the Line.

NOTES FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Port Simpson District.—Reports from missionaries indicate that although in some places long-standing feuds and troubles hinder the good work, still evidences are not wanting of the all-conquering and uplifting power of the Gospel among the heathen. At *Bella Bella*, a hitherto heathen village has united with the Christians at the mission station.

Victoria District.—Besides the city work at Victoria, where more direct missionary work is needed among the native population, as well as along the east coast of Vancouver Island, the labors of our domestic missionaries are being prosecuted with some degree of success. *Maple Bay* and *Salt Spring Island* mission is large enough for two distinct fields. The work there is prospering. *Wellington* is looking up, in spite of the great colliery strike there. Its church has been repainted and a bell procured. A nice new church free of debt, thanks to the generosity of S. M. Robins, Esq., of the Victoria Coal Company, has been erected upon lots donated by that gentleman, who also had the lots cleared of standing timber ere the building was begun. Nanaimo Indian Mission School has also been revived, and is having some measure of prosperity.

New Westminster District.—The Chinese Mission is being visited with reviving influences. New Westminster city missionary collections taken up simultaneously in the three churches on Sunday, January 25th, realized \$868, so that when the collectors have done their work, New Westminster expects to be this year, as it was last, the "banner" circuit of the Conference in missionary givings. The work along the Fraser valley is developing, and hopefulness attends the workers.

Kamloops District is so wide and vast, and its opportunities for missionary enterprise so inviting, that description is difficult. At Kamloops the Sabbath-school work is very is very encouraging. Revelstoke has just erected a new church, and Bro. Turner rejoices at the prospect of enlarged usefulness which it affords. The Chinese work promises well upon this district, although no agent has yet been appointed.

More laborers, both on our Domestic Missions and in the native work, are urgently required, but the laborers are sadly too few. Are there no consecrated young men in Eastern Conferences or among our people there, who have the same missionary spirit which led forth John Hunt, James Evans, George McDougall, and hosts of others who have their record on high? If there are such, let them report themselves for duty at the Mission Rooms, or to the President of the British Columbia Conference.

NOTES FROM MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

THE revival spirit has been graciously felt on many of our fields of labor. The evangelists have assisted a good deal in bringing about the glorious work in various places.

We have been visited this year by Miss Williams,