

Miss Anderson, teacher and Bible-woman in the West End, Montreal, writes:—Five years ago the West End Mission School began with eleven pupils—it now numbers seventy. Some are now well advanced in the ordinary branches of study, and all are getting religious instruction, thoroughly Protestant. Nearly all French-Canadian parents wish their children to learn more English than French, but we give religious instruction in both languages. In my Bible work, I often meet the pupils we had the first year, and it is very encouraging to find that some of them are now members of Protestant churches, and many others attend Methodist Sunday Schools. Two of the girls are happily married.

I have been greatly helped in my Bible work by reading matter kindly given by ladies interested in the mission. Many Roman Catholic families enjoy reading papers of a religious nature, and have made the remark to me that Protestants seem to have more good religious reading matter than their denomination has.

I find the Bible work more satisfactory in every respect this year, an increase in the number I visit, and those who send their children to the school seem to appreciate what is being done for them.

I am sure all will be thankful for this cheering letter from Miss Anderson, one of our most faithful workers.

I remain, yours sincerely,

L. W. Ross.

FROM JAPAN.

Letter from Mrs. E. SPENCER LARGE.

I HAVE been taking stock lately of the visible results of our work thus far, and have been led to feel that the time has not all been lost. Some years ago there came a young girl to our school who seemed to be touched at once by the truths she heard from day to day, and ere she had been with us six months she had asked for baptism. Some four months later she received this, but had not the peace she longed for, and knew the reason of it—her idols were still in the pillow she wore under her sash. Of course she did not worship them any longer, but they were there. She tried to convince herself that it was all right to keep them—they were old friends, she was only keeping them because they had been put there by her mother years before, etc. But on her journey home for the summer vacation, she obtained the strength needed, and they were thrown into the sea, and there was nothing between her and her God. She was for some time a “class-leader” in the school, and went out from us to a home of her own—a non-Christian home—and shortly after removed to about fifty miles from Nagasaki, where she knew no one, and where no Christian work had ever been carried on. In such conditions, it was no wonder that her faith grew cold, though she daily prayed that her heart might be kept all right with God. One day she heard of a Christian woman who lived in the same town, went to see her, and found that this woman had just heard of her, and had resolved to find her out, in order that they might help each other. The result of that visit is that these two women are carrying on a Sunday service, to which they gather men, women, and children; and the Word is being spread by their labors. A sister of this woman lived in Tokyo, while O Tao San was attending our school. This sister had all that this world can give to make her happy—a kind husband, a little son, a comfortable home, and plenty of money—yet she was far from happy, was always found in tears, or whining over her hard lot. Through O Tao San's efforts she was brought to Christ; her tears were all wiped away, her whinings were turned to rejoicings, and to-day she is a happy earnest worker in Fukui, doing in woman's meetings, Sunday School, and in other ways all that she can find to do for the Master's sake.

In Nagoya we have a former pupil giving all her time to good works. She is president of the King's Daughters' Society, Sabbath School teacher, secretary of a benevolent society, visitor in the hospital and among the poor. Across on the West coast are three teachers in a public school; two were pupils of our Tokyo school, the other was led to Christ by one of these two (her sister). The two sisters heard of the third as having been so long away from Christians that

she was growing careless, and at once began to plan some way by which they could win her back, and succeeded in procuring a situation for her in the same school as they were engaged in. (I may say this news was sent them by a girl now in our school.)

In Sapporo we have another who left us a little over a year ago. In a letter received last week she says: “I am so happy to tell you that my brothers are going to Sabbath School every Sunday, and they are very much interested. I have a class of boys in the Sabbath School, and I am often surprised by what I find they have learned. I am doing what I can in Jesus' service.”

In Kanazawa, associated with the work there, are two former pupils of this school; one is a Bible-woman, the other acts as teacher and interpreter. In Shizuoka is another, associated with our school there; while here with us we have our first graduate, a comfort and stay; two who graduated last Christmas, ready to join us in our work, if their parents agree; another taking some special lessons to fit her better for the place designed for her to fill; while over a dozen are privately, every day, and in Sabbath-school working as they can. These are some of the proofs that work has been done, which came to me as I took stock; but, besides, my mind travelled on to those who in their homes are doing what they can, and of whom nobody hears much, and of these the stock cannot be taken until the day when “He cometh to number His jewels.”

You have heard probably of the faithful man who has charge of the school kitchen, and of the souls he has been the means of bringing to Christ. Of late we have had a very nice tinsmith to do any little work we had; his shop is but a few steps away. Last Friday he was in doing some work for us, cleaning chimneys; and as I talked with him the thought came as to whether Sentaro had ever spoken to him of his soul, and I decided to ask him at my earliest convenience. Yesterday, on going into church, I saw some one bowing to me, and on looking to see who it was, I found it was our tinsmith, brought to church by Sentaro. “Before they call I will answer.”

The work so far this year has been very uneventful—only the steady, daily round of planting, without much of the fruit gathered. This makes it very hard for us to find items with which to make a letter which will interest and encourage the friends in the home land. The discouragements are better untold. Our school does not increase at all in numbers. The hopeful say to wait a little and the interest will increase in women and their education, and then more will come into the schools. It may be that a change will come after awhile, but if it does not, and we have to work on with sixty or seventy, we can still do good work, and work that only our schools can do.

You speak of the different departments of work you have in hand. We here are not able to follow all that is being done in the home lands. We take no daily papers other than the one published in Yokohama, which we must have, and for which we pay yen 22.50 a year (\$16 gold). It is very hard to find time for even a little reading each day.

You will have heard of the death of Miss West, who represented the W. C. T. U. in Japan. We had the pleasure of her company with us over night, and appreciated having her with us. I do not think I ever met anyone so full of her work and so forgetful of self as Miss W. Truly indeed the women of to-day are favored, in the places they are permitted to fill and the work they are enabled to do, and yet I look with envy on the young folk of to-day, and wish I had had the preparation for my life-work that they are getting; if this generation has been able to do so much, how much more should the next be able to accomplish.

THE Bible stand at the Crystal Palace, London, commenced work nearly thirty years ago, and has disposed of more than 12,000,000 Bibles and Testaments, and 11,000,000 Scripture cards. This distribution includes both sales and gifts.

THERE are 200 baptized Christians in Uganda in connection with the Church Missionary Society, and about 2,000 adherents under instruction. The Gospel of Matthew has been translated into the native tongue. The arrival of 100 copies from England was attended with the wildest joy.