

LEAFLET GLEANINGS.

MISS CLARKE, Crosby Girls' Home, Port Simpson, B. C., tells of Emma Taylor, a little Indian girl, who died of consumption, May 23rd :—

She was always a reticent, nervous child, difficult to hold conversation with, but she left a clear testimony of her love for Jesus and her hope of heaven. The last Sunday she attended Sunday-school, Miss Elliott was speaking to her class of the great desire she had that they should all love Jesus. Much to Miss Elliott's surprise, Emma spoke up and said, "I love Jesus." The surprise was not that the child loved Jesus, but that she found courage to say so. The last day she lived, while very weak and suffering very much, Miss Elliot visited her and expressing her gladness over her testimony that Sunday, asked her if she could still say the same. With a smile, she answered, "Yes." Miss Elliot went on to speak of heaven and to tell her the inhabitants know neither pain nor sorrow, when Emma added, "They neither hunger nor thirst." Emma was eleven and had been in the home less than two years. Her knowledge of English was limited, as she knew scarcely a word when she entered, still she had listened to God's Word and learned its meaning.

Sunday, May 21st, was celebrated as Children's Day, which is kept at this early date so that the Indians may benefit by the exercises. As it was, some had already gone to the fishing, still enough were left to make a large congregation. Flowers were not very plentiful, but sufficient were found to decorate prettily and provide a button-hole bouquet each for nearly all who came. A written text of Scripture was offered with each bouquet. The exercises consisted of a review service with singing interspersed, and a Scripture exercise called "The Water of Life," by eleven girls and five boys. They sang together at its close, "Shall we gather at the river," more sweetly than I remember ever hearing it sung. Mr. Richards, as superintendent, conducted the service, and Mrs. Dudoward, with the help of the picture roll, explained the Sunday-school lessons to the people in their own language. The service was most interesting, and the children did their part so well, one could hardly imagine how they could have done better.

From MISS MORGAN, Chinese Home, Victoria, B. C., June 29th, 1899

On the evening of June 5th, in the "Home," Elsie was married by Rev. J. C. Speer, before an audience of about twenty-two English and Chinese friends. The room was prettily decorated, and the bride looked quite charming in a simple white muslin, the gift of the groom, Peter Choro.

Bessie (Ah Ho) and Mr. Chan Fui stood up with them and everything passed off very pleasantly. Both English and Chinese friends were very kind in giving the bride and groom pretty and useful presents. The home is just two

blocks north of us, and Elsie is here every day. She and Peter are happy together and we are hoping she will settle down and be a sensible little woman. Before her wedding she asked to be baptized, but I did not think she was prepared to take that step.

MISS MORGAN also says :

Will you kindly remember at your prayer-meetings some of my women in Chinatown. I believe one is seriously thinking of becoming a follower of Christ. She and her husband have both had long talks with me. He has one of the worst gambling dens in Chinatown, but nothing is too hard for our Father to do.

MISS IDA SIFTON, of Kanazawa, writes :

I enjoy the work among the children so much. If they can only be reached and led to a knowledge of the Gospel of Christ before their minds are filled with erroneous beliefs, it cannot fail to have good and lasting results, for we have the assurance, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth ; it shall not return unto me void."

There is a large Normal School just across the street from our home, and as day after day I see the young teachers in training around the school, and the hundreds of little children playing about the yard, I long for a chance of making their acquaintance and of seeing them brought under Christian influence. The authorities of the school, however, do not approve of the students having anything to do with Christianity, so we can only pray and wait. We are gradually gaining a little ground, as we have made the acquaintance of three of the teachers, and have entertained them in our home. Some of the children have also visited us. We find it a great help to make the little ones welcome at our home. Not only are we able to lead them to the Sunday-school after winning their confidence, but their friendship makes it possible for us to reach many homes to which we would otherwise have no entrance.

The more I see of the work among the women, and so get a knowledge of their superstitions and false beliefs, and find how very difficult it is to replace them by the truths of the Gospel, the greater do I feel the necessity for reaching the children.

MEDICAL WORK.

From DR. MAUD KILLAM, Chentu, March 5th, 1899.

We have eight or nine patients three times a week. Their diseases may be classed under minor surgery and skin diseases almost wholly. Several have had diseased bound feet.

Some of the women are exceedingly brave in bearing pain, much more so than is ordinarily seen at home. Why so, I do not know, unless it is that they are less nervous and know less about themselves and methods of treatment.

I have made a few calls out to homes. One was to a very pleasant place and among very pleasant women.

I was not able to talk directly about the Gospel very much in that house, but tried to interest them by a word or two now and then, and by singing for them. It was mission work, however, to just be pleasant with them and to break down prejudice. I do pray that God will yet lead them to Himself.