

now she is "safe in the arms of Jesus." She was indeed a precious treasure, lent for a brief season, to gladden all our hearts and lives; here, and to bind us yet more closely to the heavenly home which Jesus has gone to prepare for all those who love Him.

We had a Chinese service with the women in the afternoon, when several hymns were sung, a few verses from John xiv. read in concert, and then all present led in prayer. We buried her on the evening of that same day in the south compound, under the shade of a date tree.

The attendance at the afternoon meeting still keeps up, which is something to be thankful for. Some of the women are Christians, I believe, but fear prevents them from making an open confession, and, indeed, it requires no little courage on their part to continue coming, for the long continued drought was the means of reviving the old wild stories here in Chu Wang.

August 17.—Since writing my letter word has come from Chung-tê-fu that another little daughter has come to the Goforth's home. "A life given and a life taken." All were well when Dr. Dow wrote.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Baptism at Alberni.

FROM MISS JOHNSTON.

Alberni, B.C., Sept. 15, 1896.

We have had an unusually busy summer. I got home on June 2nd; school closed; on the 22nd the wedding came. In that month, July, all the children were with me most of the time, and fruit nearly all comes in then. Early in August we had the visitors from Toronto and the Presbytery of Victoria in the same week. Soon after they left Miss Armstrong went out again to the conference held at Victoria. Rev. E. G. Taylor, B.A., took her place. Now Rev. Mr. Frew, of Birtle, Man., is at Alberni, and is here quite often, although staying with other friends.

To-day we had a most interesting ceremony. Simon (Indian name, Simsanimack), one of our young men, was baptized on confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus. For a good while Simon has wished to be known as one of God's family on the earth, but did not feel satisfied as to his knowledge of the meaning of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. This summer he has been a good deal with Rev. E. G. Taylor, B.A., home missionary, and last week expressed a wish to sit at the Lord's table with us on the 20th. When asked if he would be baptized at the preparatory service, he said no; he wanted to be baptized at the mission.