

World of Missions.

The Revival in Japan.

The revival in Japan is one of the most notable ever known in the history of Christian missions. In this land where, thirty years ago, the Gospel had apparently taken root so firmly, and was spreading so rapidly that Japan promised to be a new power for the world's evangelization, there came, twenty years later, a movement so decidedly retrograde that "Backslidden Japan" came to be a proverbial phrase, and even Neesima's *Doshisha* seemed destined to be a school of Unitarianism and skepticism.

There has been of late much special prayer for a new quickening in the native Church. Particularly there has been a special united movement—the *Taiyō Dōdo*—to give the Gospel to the whole island empire, if possible, before the first year of the new century is passed. This was decided by the Japanese Evangelical Alliance last year, and submitted to the Foreign Missionary Conference in Tokyo, with ramifications in all the districts outside.

It was easier to work the district scheme than the Tokyo field, with its wilderness of little houses. After much prayer, the Kyōbashi district of the city was chosen as a starting-point. There was singular humility and sense of weakness in coping with such a vast field, and daily prayer was an important feature of the effort. Street-preaching and distribution of notices and tracts, with a concentration of all the workers at night upon the six meeting-places, were the main features of the work. On the first night inquirers were numbered by tens, and the hopes of the workers were thus far exceeded. This, announced at the union prayer-meeting next day, gave new courage and zeal to all engaged; and for the whole two weeks of the meetings the tide of blessing rose higher and higher. Backsliders confessed and sought restoration. Debts were paid, quarrels made up, Sabbath-keeping revived, and even children began to beg others to pray for them, or, themselves finding Christ, begged their parents to accept Him. Ladies of high rank and members of parliament were walking the streets, giving out invitations to the services. Crowds packed the churches, and overflow meetings had to be held outside. At the end of a fortnight, over 700 souls had been saved, and the work had only begun, and two weeks more were added with like fruits. Yokohama, Nagasaki, Saga, Osaka, and other places have shared in the campaign, and Dr. Greene, of Tokyo, wrote that up to the middle of June 4,000 persons had there expressed a wish to be Christians. Similar reports come from Sendai and Matsuyama. The evangelistic movement continued through the summer, and in the autumn a further advance was planned.

Meanwhile, July 14th, 48 years after Commodore Perry first landed in Japan and presented President Fillmore's letter, the anniversary was kept by the Japanese with great eclat, and they planned to mark the place of his landing with a monument to the commodore, 50 feet in height, and consisting of a huge slab on a base of granite. It was a gala day—that 14th of July—and the Japanese and American navies were represented, with 5,000 Japanese troops. The premier and many high officials were also there to express gratitude for what intercourse with the United States has done for the Sunrise Kingdom. What a happy contrast to the conditions in China! And what a new incentive to prevailing prayer and consentaneous evangelistic effort. The motto

of the Student Volunteers, "The World for Christ in this Generation," has proved in Japan a mighty trumpet-peal and signal for revival.—The Missionary Review of The World.

Health and Home Hints.

The average amount of sickness in human life is nine days out of the year.

To induce the soundest and most restful kind of sleep, apart from brain sensitiveness, make the room absolutely pitch dark by means of a thick black blind over the window.

Cook Books.—These should have a little shelf by themselves in the kitchen, with a curtain or door in front. Even if a cook can not apply what the book contains, she is proud of being in good company; and the mistress can conveniently find the authority for her instruction when she requires an exact knowledge of "times and seasonings."

A little secret in poaching eggs has gained the writer many compliments. Have the water (saltec) just at the boiling point and keep it there. Too rapidly boiling water is a mistake. Break fresh eggs, one at a time, into a saucer containing a scant teaspoonful of vinegar. Slip gently into the water. The vinegar aids in retaining the shape as well as in whitening the egg.

Pressed Chicken.—Add to a chicken just enough hot water to cover; simmer until meat drops from bones; remove from liquor and chop both dark and white meat; season with paprika, salt, one-quarter teaspoonful grated onion; simmer liquor down to half pint; then mix with chicken and pack into a loaf pan; place weight on top for twelve hours unmoiled and garnish with parsley.

Of course, every good housekeeper sees that the stains are removed from the linen before it goes into the wash. If it is not convenient for you to use lemon juice and salt to take out iron rust spots, it may be easier to buy lemon salts to keep on hand for such an emergency. The salts are somewhat stronger than the lemon. Grass stains will always yield to cream of tartar if the spot is wet and well rubbed.

Surprise Potatoes.—Select potatoes of the same size and of good shape. Wash and scrub them, then bake in a hot oven until done. Cut off the top of each and with a spoon scrape out into a bowl, being careful not to break the shells. For four good-sized potatoes allow one teaspoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of hot cream, salt and pepper to taste and the whites of two eggs. Put through a potato press, add the butter, cream and seasoning and whip well. Cut in lightly the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff, dry froth. Refill the shells, replace the covers and return to the oven until very hot.

Spanish Bun.—This recipe for "Spanish Bun" has been given in this paper before, but by special request we again insert it: Yolks of four eggs, white of one, one and one-half cups brown sugar, one half cup butter, two full cups flour, one cup sweet milk, three teaspoonfuls baking powder, one each of cinnamon and cloves. Beat together butter, sugar and eggs; sift together the flour, baking powder and spices and add to the mixture. Bake in a flat pan. For icing use the whites of three eggs and one cup brown sugar. Pull the cake carefully to the front of oven, pour over it the icing and brown in top of oven.

Pale Young Girls.

HOW THEY MAY GAIN BRIGHT EYES AND ROSY CHEEKS.

THE STORY OF A YOUNG GIRL WHO SUFFERED FROM HEADACHES, DIZZINESS AND FAINTING SPELLS—HER HEALTH BECAME SO BAD THAT SHE WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP SCHOOL.

Miss Catherine McLellan is a young lady well known in Charlottetown, P. E. I., and greatly esteemed among her acquaintances. Like so many other young ladies throughout the land, Miss McLellan fell a victim to anaemia, or poorness of blood, and although several medicines were tried, she found nothing to help her until she began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Miss McLellan tells the story of her illness, as follows:—"I am now eighteen years of age, and for a considerable time suffered much from anaemia. My blood had almost turned to water, and I was very weak and pale; in fact could not undergo the least exertion. My appetite failed me; I suffered from headaches; if I stopped I would become dizzy, and frequently I suffered from fainting spells. I tried several kinds of medicine and doctors prescribed for me, but instead of getting better I was gradually growing weaker, and eventually had to discontinue going to school. About this time I read the testimonial of a girl whose condition was similar to mine, who had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I then decided to try these pills, and have every reason to be gratified that I did so, as they have completely restored my health. Every one of the symptoms that had made my life so miserable have disappeared, and I am now enjoying as good health as any girl of my own age could wish, and I shall always have a good word to say for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Miss McLellan further stated that while she was not desirous of publicity in matters of this kind, she nevertheless felt that her experience, if known might be the means of bringing health to some other sufferer, and it is this very praiseworthy motive that has induced her to give the above statement for publication.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make rich, red blood, and give tone to the nerves. It is because of this that they bring bright eyes, rosy cheeks and light footsteps to girls who have been weary, pale and listless and had begun to feel that life was a burden. Pale and anaemic girls everywhere should give these pills a fair trial, as they are certain to restore health and strength. See that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all dealers or sent postpaid at 50c. a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address.

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