

commenced about sixteen years ago and is especially connected with the Baptist churches in Victoria. In the mission school a large number of bright Japanese young men are being instructed and taught the way of Life, and there are constantly hopeful conversions among these children of heathenism, many of whom have expressed a desire to go back to their own people and tell them of salvation through Christ. Here we see how the Home Mission work has a direct and immediate bearing upon the Foreign work. Scattered all along the Pacific coast are thousands of Chinese and Japanese who come directly under the influence of our Home Mission workers, and as these are won for Christ, if only the money was available for their education, we know that many would be willing to return to their own country, bearing the Gospel Message. There is no doubt that work among these people will in years to come give an abundant return in the salvation of their own countrymen, through their influence. If we do our duty by these heathen at our door they may prove the very best reinforcements that we could send to our missionaries already in the field.

From all parts of the North-West field the reports are most encouraging. Missionaries doing good work among the vast foreign population that is pouring in—Doukhobors, Galicians, Scandinavians and many others. Last year the first Galician chapel was dedicated in a settlement twenty-eight miles from Emerson. *The North-West Baptist* gives a very interesting account of the exercises. Several persons were baptized on the occasion, among them a Galician young man of much more than ordinary ability and promise, who had been doing good work assisting the pastor in charge. They purpose sending him to Brandon College to prepare more fully for the ministry.

I am sure we cannot but feel that the work at Grande Ligne is deserving of our warmest sympathy and support. As we see what is being accomplished there in the face of so much difficulty and discouragement, among a people so completely under the sway of the priesthood, we can surely feel that the Lord's hand is in the work, and that if we do our part in upholding and strengthening the workers, we shall see yet greater results. An encouraging feature is the increasing desire among the Roman Catholics to read the Bible, and in many cases it has indeed made them "Wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Nearer home, in our own province, how important it is that the destitute churches should be cared for, and remote sections where a preaching service is seldom held, be more regularly supplied. There are isolated places in our province where the people have not the opportunity of hearing the Gospel, and a Bible is not to be found in their homes. One of our minister's wives told me that not many years ago, travelling with her husband in a remote part of Yarmouth County, being overtaken by storm and darkness they decided to ask shelter for the night at the nearest house. The people proved hospitable but very ignorant, only one in the family being able to read. As bed-time approached the minister suggested family worship and asked for a Bible, his own having been left in the carriage. After a good deal of searching a remnant of a book was found, which proved to be part of an old History of Scotland, the nearest to a Bible which they had in the house. Surely we who enjoy so many privileges, to whom the lines have fallen in such favored places, ought to be willing to reach out a helping hand to such as these. Let us each ask ourselves the question,—“What am I doing for the neglected ones?” Have we given, have we worked, have we prayed for the saving of their souls? When we come to meet them by-and-by will they be able to say to us, “Your prayers and your gifts led me to the Saviour?” May we each realize more and more our responsibility in this Home Mission work. Let us make sacrifice if need be, and as we pray, “Thy kingdom come,” let us remember that we can in a great measure answer our own prayers in the sending of men and providing of means to carry on this great work of winning our land for Christ.

We are very anxious that this year there shall be a larger amount contributed by our societies for Home Mission purposes than ever before. And how can this be done? We would urge our societies, especially those which have not been in the habit of contributing anything for Home Missions, to try the plan of appointing a Home Mission Treasurer, one whose duty shall be to try to collect from every sister in the Church some amount, however small, for this purpose. Where this plan has been tried, it has proved very successful, and we think if the work is thoroughly done, each society doing its part, it cannot fail to result in a large increase in Home Mission funds.

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