

garden in the shade of the trees, and around at the well they saw her, drawing a pail of water, but could not speak to her. They were surprised to see the change in her appearance, not only in her clothes, which were the poorest, but in body—she looked weak and sick.

Not very long after that the pupils received a letter from her, telling them she knew she was soon going on a long journey, never to return; but they were not to grieve for her, as she would then be at rest and with her Saviour—that she was happy and glad to go. A funeral was seen to leave her home, but her mother would not acknowledge that she had died—but said she had gone away. I asked if there were many of the Christian girls treated like that in their homes. The reply was, "No, I don't think many are, because most girls yield to the parents, and do just what they say: they have not such strong faith as this one, who died for Christ."

I wonder how many of our dear Christian girls could bear the same test of their love and faith?

I must now hasten to a close. The people in Tokyo and elsewhere, are most certainly, deeply interested in the war. But there is none of the tumultuous demonstration you might naturally expect. Immense numbers of soldiers are sent from Tokyo forward to the seat of war, and their places filled from the interior. But very little is seen of their movements, except their quiet marching through the streets while at exercise. New Stations on the R. R. have been opened for the embarking of the troops. Special days and trains are taken, but no private persons are allowed there at that time, and many leave during the night. Every effort is made to prevent excitement among the masses and successfully.

When news of the victories come men run through the streets crying, "Gomai" (extras) which are readily bought. The city is soon gay with flags flying from every house, and all the street cars waving their silent joy. There is plenty of quiet boasting, no doubt, yet the nation is to be commended for the modest way in which she bears the honors of the day.

The contrasts between the treatment accorded the Japanese prisoners taken by the Chinese, and that given to the latter by the conquering army speaks volumes for the civilization so readily received instead of Japan's former ideas of military patriotism—if feudalism can be called by a name that embraces country and not clan.

You may be sure that every thought of home is connected, these days, with thoughts of God and His power. Truly "He is our refuge and strength." May He be glorified!

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

"Nellie Hart" Mission Circle, Picton, Ont., held its first public meeting in connection with the First Methodist Church prayer meeting on the eve of Thanksgiving Day. The Pastor, Rev. T. M. Campbell, read and expounded a portion of scripture very ably, emphasizing the importance of mission work, etc.

The President then gave a report of what had been done since its organization in August, as well as an invitation for others to join the circle.

Much interest was manifested in the work; and the thank-offering given was accompanied by scripture texts, the variety and beauty of which were marked. The offering amounted to a little over \$7.

N. S. BAND NOTES.

We are glad to learn that another new Mission Band has been added to our list, organized by Mrs. Ainsley, Oct. 27th, at Ritcey's Cove, Lunenburg Co., with a membership of 16, which has increased to 18. It is to be called the "Blackmore" Band, after our missionary. Instructive and interesting meetings are reported. May they be continued, and may the "Blackmore Band" be a grand success! A. F. B.

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— The following comes from Burlington, Hants Co., N. S., and contains a lesson for those who are failing to keep up their Bands because so few attend:

"The Large Hart" Mission Band is still alive although we thought for a time there was little prospect of keeping it up. On getting together we found that we could rely on six members, and now with two or three honorary members we number ten. Some are very young and not able to do much. However, we will keep together even if we do not accomplish much financially."

A. F. B.

"A child a penny gave
With it a tract was bought;
By this a heathen chief
Was to the Saviour brought."

A little church *he* built;
Men turned from idols cold,
Till many kindred souls
Were gathered it its fold.

How many *they* shall lead
In joy with Christ to dwell,
The fruit of this small seed,
Eternity must tell.