

ler, D.D., deals with one element of acceptable prayer, and one condition of answer that is not always remembered, and will repay perusal.

Mrs. Telfer will also shortly have on hand a few copies of "The Indians of Western Canada," written by Professor Baird, Winnipeg. It is uniform in series with the sketches of our other mission fields already published, and from Prof. Baird's long experience and intimate knowledge of the subject it may be depended on for the latest and most correct information. For prices see List of Publications.

Christian Work in Japan.

A most interesting and encouraging work has lately been accomplished in Japan. Through the agency of the Bible Societies, and with the hearty approval of Prince Komatsu and inferior officials, copies of the Scriptures have been distributed among the Japanese soldiers and sailors, and also among the sick, wounded and captive Chinese in Japan. Rev. H. Loomis, Yokhama, in an article in the "Church at Home and Abroad," writes: "Thus far 30,000 Gospels and Testaments have been distributed. On the 1st. of February, 20,000 are to be completed for the supply of the Imperial Guard, 10,000 are to be ready by the 10th of February, and in the course of about a month we hope to be able to place a copy of some portion of the Scriptures in the hands of every soldier and sailor in Japan, and a considerable of those now in China. Hitherto the work of the Bible Societies and all missionary bodies has been looked upon by many of the people as an intrusion that was without official sanction, and simply tolerated. Now it is placed on an entirely different basis, which, in a country like this, marks the beginning of a new era in Christian work. From this time on hundreds and thousands of the young men of Japan will no longer be restrained from the study of God's Word by military or other restrictions, and permission will be to them the evidence that the religion of Jesus Christ is approved by the highest authorities in the land."

REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

The Board of Management would urge the members of our Society to make this remarkable distribution of the Scriptures a subject, for thanksgiving and prayer in their homes and in their meetings, in the coming months. Thanksgiving.—That God has touched the hearts of those in authority and made them willing to permit this wide dissemination of His Holy Word, and that He put it into the hearts of His servants to use so well the golden opportunity presented them. Prayer.—That the Lord may open the hearts of the heathen to attend to His Word thus placed in their hands, and that He may graciously lead them into the light and