

will speedily gather courage for testimony.

*Sought and Found.*—Under this head, Mrs. Simpson gives a graphic account of how a Chinese woman found the Lord. About a year previous Mr. Simpson had preached in the village of *Chih-li*, where the woman and her husband lived. Within six months the husband fell ill and died, but as his end drew near he said to his wife, "When I am gone you must go and visit them [the missionaries], and inquire more fully about this doctrine. It is too late for me; I cannot go, and I cannot find the way, altho I want to do so; but perhaps God will take me after all." As time went on the woman became mightily convinced of sin. Eventually, after nearly a year had passed from the time of the missionary's visit, she made her way to the station, voicing her need in the words: "Yes, if you want to know the biggest sinner in the hall, here she is." She wanted the Gospel, she wanted the Savior, and the Savior wanted her. The result was that she speedily found the pearl of great price. Simple and childlike in her faith, she sought to know Jesus' own words, and when she got them she stuck to them, and made them her pillow on which to rest. Her joy in the Lord continues to be very great. "People think me crazy," she says; "but they do not know the precious Mediator I have got."

*The Story of Chu-ping-lan.*—We have not space to tell the graphic story of this Chinaman's conversion, or what persecutions he endured. Suffice it to say that, constrained by the love of Jesus, he now superintends, in the busy city of *Chao-ch'eng*, an opium refuge. Since the opening of this refuge, four and a half years ago, nearly 500 persons have broken off opium. Not a few of these opium patients have turned from idols to serve the living God, and to wait for His Son from heaven. There is now a growing church in the city. About 50 persons meet together every evening for

worship, and a large number on Sundays.

*Work among the Ainus, Japan.*—This work is full of promise. At the service held at *Piratori*, the capital, on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor's visit, 200 Ainus were present. "We began," says Mr. Niven, who is now staying at *Piratori* for the study of the language, "with the hymn 'Jesus loves me,' and if the readers of the *Intelligencer* could only have heard it sung they would have had a very definite turn given to their praises that day." The Ainu Christians now number 449, among whom there are some bright and shining lights.

*Tai-chow, China.*—In December last the Rev. J. C. Hoare made a three weeks' tour in the above district and baptized several converts at each station visited—38 in all, of whom 27 were adults. Mr. Hoare notes that a forward movement was manifesting itself at the close of the year, and that the people were recovering from the restraining effects of the war and war's alarms.

*English Presbyterian Mission.*—The Rev. C. Campbell Brown writes hopefully of his work in *Chinchew*. Along with a native preacher and his wife he has been evangelizing in the villages, sometimes walking many miles and preaching wherever people could be gathered to listen. "Again and again," he says, "we came upon men who seemed to drink in the Gospel. The willing hearers make any amount of labor worth while." In *Chinchew* itself the work grows visibly.

*Un-Sio.*—In *Un-Sio*, which is near *Changpoo*, Formosa, there are the faint beginnings of a Gospel work. Hopes are entertained that a preacher will be appointed to this sphere. The town is one of some commerce, and faces the sea. At present *Un-Sio* waits, practically virgin soil, for its apostle.

*The S. P. G. Mission.*—The total income of the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel* amounted, in 1895, to