

hinder the teaching in our Christian schools, but that is "because they are afraid of this religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is marching on to the overthrow of theirs—marching on to certain victory! How much can we help it on this year? God wants us all in His army. He wants the active boys. He wants the merry-hearted girls!

KANAZAWA.

Kanazawa is a very large city, the capital of one of the largest dynasties of the old regime. It is a very strong Buddhist centre. The industrial school is doing well, the sale of the embroidery netting quite large returns. Christian teaching is given there, and also in the school where matches are made, so that many may hear it who would not otherwise have the opportunity, and so our schools prove a centre for Christian work and influence. In the night schools elementary education is given to a number of poor children. In the orphanage there are at present fourteen children.

Some time is devoted to work among the boys in the Boys' School.

There are meetings held for women, and there is visiting in their homes. During a great feast, held in the spring, many Bibles and tracts were sold to the people.

Misses Crombie and Sifton are consulting with reference to the purchase of the house in which they live, which is for sale.

Nagano is the capital of the large silk-producing province of Shizuoka, and the seat of the great Buddhist temple of Zenkoji. The average attendance at the Girls' School has been twenty-two. The first closing exercise was held on the 12th of June.

A class in English of the Post Office officials has been successfully carried on and good has been done in this way.

AUXILIARY SUBJECT OF PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY.

"The Indians of our Dominion. The Stranger within our Gates."

Of all our missionary work, the part that lies nearest our hearts is that which is being done among the Indians of our Dominion. This is as it should be, for have we not entered upon his inheritance and forced the Indian to forsake his native forests and rivers, to make room for the white man? We believe this was necessary for the development of the country, and that God intended this vast land for our possession, but He also desired the civilization and evangelization of our Indian brothers. Instead of this being done, the Indian has gradually been driven back, until we find there are only about 100,000 in the whole Dominion. But both the government and the church are waking up to their duty in this respect, and efforts are being made to educate and Christianize these people. The government has acknowledged its responsibility, and is willing to erect schools and pay half of the

teacher's salary, the other half to be paid by the society which employs the missionary. There are already eighteen industrial schools in the Dominion, and 277 government day schools. These are chiefly confined to British Columbia and the North-West Territories, the 12,000 pagan Indians of North Ontario receiving very little help of this kind.

The W. M. S. is doing a grand work for the Indians of British Columbia. The Coqualeetza Industrial Institute, at Chilliwack, is one of which we are justly proud. Last year 123 pupils were in attendance. Besides being taught all the branches usually taken up in our public schools, the girls are taught sewing, knitting, dressmaking, laundry work, cooking and music, while the boys learn different trades. Some of the music pupils play very well, one of the girls being organist in the Sunday-school. They have a live Mission Band, which meets once a month. Misses Alton, Smith and Burpee are the missionaries in charge.

The Crosby Girls' Home, at Port Simpson, also reports a very successful year's work, although retarded by sickness during the early part of the year. There have been 41 girls in attendance, and all have progressed in their work. Our missionaries there are Misses Clark, Paul and Elliott.

The Hospital at Port Simpson, under the management of Dr. Bolton, with the aid of Nurses Spence, Laurence and Strycker, is doing a noble work in the relief of suffering among the Indians.

At Kitamaat the work is steadily advancing, and Mr. Raley is greatly encouraged. A new home has been erected, and 32 boys and girls are in attendance. Misses Long and Walker are the missionaries who assist Rev. and Mrs. Raley in this work.

At Morley, N. W. T., there is a large school, known as the McDougal Orphanage, under the management of Rev. J. McDougal, which is a great blessing to the Indian Children in this locality.

Let us pray earnestly this month that the blessing of God may rest on our noble band of missionaries among the Indians. Their self-denial is great, their discouragements many, and how it must cheer them in their hour of need to know that we remember and pray for them.

We are also to pray for "The Stranger within our Gates." All foreigners who have left home and people to take up their abode in our country. Many do not worship our God as we do. Let us so strive to live that our example may be worthy of imitation, and that soon they may be persuaded to "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and to walk therein."
Ont. A. C. W.

SUGGESTED BAND PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY.

1. "I am so glad that our Father in Heaven."
2. Lord's Prayer all together—standing.
3. Roll call—responded to by verse of Scripture, whose initial letter shall correspond with that of the member reciting.
4. Business reports, etc.
5. One more verse of "Jesus loves me."
6. Field Study Questions, with map or blackboard.
7. Solo, recitation or dialogue.
8. Short prayer for poor Japanese children.
9. A few words from teacher, or visitor, and dismissal.