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That covetous hindrances to Christianity may be removed. Prov.
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JAPAN.

From Miss Cunningham.

NEW FIELDS ENTERED—WHAT ONE NATIVE WOMAN DID—
PRECIOUS SOULS WON FOR CHRIST.

SHIZUOKA.

Mr. Hiraiwa, as I suppose you know, is Chairman of the Shizuoka District. He is a faithful, earnest man, ever ready to give us any help in his power. Since I came here on my return from Canada there have been most friendly relations among all the workers in the District.

We have now work among the women in twelve towns, including Shizuoka. Within a year we have been invited by the pastors to open work in four new places. The work at two of these places is carried on by an old woman, who has

quite a history. She is very clever, and in her younger days had a great deal of influence in the town where she now lives. Many years ago there was an attempt to build a theatre in the town; she felt that a theatre was not a thing to help to uplift the people, but exactly the contrary so she went to all the leading men in the place and persuaded them to use their influence against a building for theatres being put up in the town, and she succeeded in putting a stop to its being built. She also was the means of having the first public school started in the town.

A few years ago she moved to Shizuoka, where she became a Christian, but for some years was not a very earnest one. A little over a year ago her health became very poor and at last she was confined to bed. She was very impatient—said she was tired of life and wanted to die. In January of last year she was in bed longing for death, when one night she had a remarkable dream. She thought many people came to her bedside—sick and poor, some with happy and others with sad faces. They continued passing in great numbers, and at last Christ came, and said: "You have no right to lie here and wish for death; I have work for you to do. Go out among these people and tell them of Me." The next day the old lady got up out of bed and went to work, firm in the conviction that Christ had called her. Since June of last year Miss Robertson and I have been paying her three yen a month, so that she is free to give her whole time to Bible work. Her son, who supported her, is not a Christian, and she was not at liberty to go where she pleased while she depended upon him for bread, but now that we give her enough to live on she can do as she likes. She works in two towns and sends me a monthly report. The pastors at both places speak well of her, and Mr. Hiraiwa says she is doing well.

The work in the other two towns I spoke of is carried on by Mikoda san, who was for five years Matron of the Kofu school, and whom we took on as a Bible woman at the beginning of the year.

We have a "Workers' Meeting" at Mr. Hiraiwa's house every Monday evening. This meeting is composed of all the workers, male and female, in Shizuoka town. We also

have a monthly workers' meeting of the women only, at the school. At our first meeting we had ten present—three Bible women, one woman who gave up regular Bible work on account of ill health, a young woman who is preparing herself for a Bible woman, two teachers and one pupil from our school, Miss Robertson and myself. We hope that this meeting together monthly to talk over the best methods will be a real help to us all.

Perhaps you remember Miss Robertson writing about a party for old ladies, which she and Miss Hart gave two years ago. A year ago the old ladies were again invited to the school. Among them were some who had never attended a Christian service, but who were induced to come to the school as it was a place where they would see many curious things. Two of these we particularly noticed; they began to go to church shortly afterwards. One had disliked Christianity, and came from a family which was known to be in opposition to it. After the party the old ladies attended church and the women's meetings, and last December both received baptism. The grandchildren come to Sunday School regularly, and the daughter-in-law of each now attends my woman's meeting once a fortnight.

INDIAN WORK.

From Miss Maggie Smith.

MARKED ABILITY OF AN INDIAN BOY—JOY OF WINNING SOULS.

CHILLIWACK, B.C., *April, 1895.*

Before I entered the active mission work I thought missionaries made a great mistake in not writing more of their work, but you see I have made the same mistake; and if other missionaries are as busy as we have been, I plainly see how it was.

I have excellent health, and enjoy the work so much, and have always felt that this is just where God wants me to be. I am glad you have secured a Matron, as I felt I would like to remain in the school, since I am actually school teacher, having been relieved from other duties in February, when

the cooking teacher came to us. I have had a great deal of individual work in the school, so many coming in at different times, and the most of them to commence at "C-a-t." Then, I did not care to put big ones in with the little ones, so would teach them individually till they could enter classes with some near their own ages; but now I have the school nicely graded. We work on the half-day system—half-day work and half-day school. The smaller ones go to school both sessions; so that I always have fifty odd, and in the afternoon session more. My school hours are 9 a.m. to 12 m., and 1.15 to 3.30 p.m., with study mornings and evenings, which is just like school. It is so interesting to teach them, as they are as a rule very anxious to learn. One of our largest boys, who entered the Home August 29th, 1894, is now reading in the Third Book and working Fractions, although he could not add when he came. He was converted in December, and has expressed a wish to be a worker. I pray he may keep in the straight path, and be one of our missionaries in the future. I have a very interesting First Primer class of ten boys and five girls, all about the same size, and such bright little things, too.

How thankful we all should be for God's goodness to us, in answering our prayers for the conversion of our children. Although I had always tried to work for Jesus, I knew not the joy of leading a soul into the Light till this past winter; and it has been such a blessing to me. I have had some remarkable answers to prayer. I am leader of the girls' class; when I started, only a few were Christians, and now only four are not, but they are like little children, and need guiding continually. They are very conscientious; and if they have done anything wrong, I can always tell it by their faces, and they will be very sad till all is right again. We have a nice Sabbath School, with six teachers.

Everything is looking very spring-like. We certainly have a nice Home, and I hope and pray that many of the children will go forth from us to work among their own people.

Miss Burpee is our delegate to the Branch. I hope the new Matron will arrive among us safely, and enjoy the work as much as I do. I will do all in my power to help her. May God bless us all, is my prayer.

From Mrs. D. L. Spencer (Sadie Hart).

CONVERSION OF AN INDIAN CHIEF—HARDSHIPS OF
MISSIONARY LIFE.

PORT ESSINGTON, *May 15th, 1895.*

Yours of November I received only when I reached the coast, two weeks ago. Usually there is one mail sent over from Naas across what is called the "Grease Trail," but this winter no mail was sent, so we had to do without. We were seven months without communication with the outside world. Just what that means, one must pass through a like experience to understand.

Our home is in a village of between three and four hundred inhabitants, only about one-third Christians, so that a great many heathen practices are still carried on, but fewer this year than any previous one. The head Chief this winter has become a Christian. Several of his household have followed him. The heathen acknowledge their power broken; and though they still persist in their old ways, many have staked out building lots for their new houses, saying it will not be long now before all will be Christians. In heathen life, many families live in one large house, but when they give up the old way, they build small houses for each family.

The climate is very different from the coast. I did enjoy the bright, dry weather, day after day and week after week. We had very cold weather during the winter, but did not feel it when as low as 27° below zero as at 10° below on the coast.

I was sorry to learn nothing is definitely settled about a Home for that part of the country. I think a Home there would be better managed by letting the children return to their parents for vacation. Indeed, while it would make more trouble in one way at Simpson, still I think, on the whole, the children in the Simpson Home would be more contented if a short vacation were allowed. I have had some opportunity this year in studying the real heathen character of these people.

To reach Simpson in time for the District Meeting, we had to leave Kishpiax before the ice was all out of the

river, so that for three days travelling was tedious and often most dangerous. When the ice was strong enough, the canoe was unloaded and carried to the next opening, the stuff being carried over after. This was hard enough, when the ice often stretched one or two miles; but I soon learned there was much worse than this to be passed, when the ice was broken into small cakes, and these often standing on end. Then the canoe had to be pushed over them, the boys jumping from one cake to another. Often the ice broke beneath their feet, letting them down to their waists in the water before they could catch themselves and gain the next cake. They never let go their hold of the canoe at such times. Then, again, there were short ice jams to be gotten over that, should they happen to go to pieces when in their midst, there would be little hope of the canoe, so that until the ice was passed, there was constant danger.

By travelling early and late, and all the last night, we reached Simpson in time for the last day of District Meeting. We leave the coast at Inverness to come up the Skeena River, pass Essington, which place you probably will remember is sixty miles south of Simpson. Kishpiax is situated about two hundred miles from the mouth of the Skeena River.

**“ God Hath Not Cast Away His People Which He
Foreknew.”**

The present position of the Jews amongst the nations of the earth is altogether without parallel in the history of mankind. They are scattered among all people, but they are nowhere amalgamated or absorbed. You find them everywhere, and everywhere you recognize them as Jews. They are oppressed and trodden down everywhere, but they are nowhere stamped out.

Neither mountains, nor rivers, nor deserts, nor oceans, which are the boundaries of other nations, have terminated their wanderings. They abound in Poland, in Holland, in Russia, and in Turkey. In Germany, Spain, Italy, France and in Britain they are more thinly scattered.

In Persia, China and India, on the east and on the west of the Ganges they are 'few in number among the heathen.' They have trod the snows of Siberia and the sands of the burning desert, and the European traveller hears of their existence in regions which he cannot reach."

Their Holy Land and their sacred city, though trampled under foot by the Gentiles for eighteen centuries, is their land and their city still—theirs by the irrevocable gift of the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and theirs by the ineradicable patriotism of every true Jewish heart; theirs by the passionate cry, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning," and by the dignified resolve never to buy back as another's what by inalienable right and title they hold to be their own. And all this which we see and know to day we find written long centuries before it came to pass in the Scriptures of truth—written with an accuracy of description, with a minuteness of detail, with a life like and graphic power, which almost startles us by its resemblance to the work of the contemporary historian.

"And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even to the other. . . . And amongst these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shalt the sole of thy foot have rest, but the Lord shall give thee a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind. And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee, and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life" (Deut. xxviii. 64-67). *"For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth"* (Amos ix. 9)

So wrote the ancient prophet, and the yet more ancient lawgiver of the Jews; and so it has come to pass.

Like as the Lord thought to do unto them, so hath He done. And then this lamp of witness to the truth of God, kindled in the past, projects its heaven born light upon the future that is in store for Israel and for us. "All Israel shall be saved, for it is written, the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." "The Lord shall reign in Jerusalem, and on Mount Zion, and

before His ancients gloriously." And the "receiving of them" shall be "as life from the dead" to the Gentile world. "If the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?" (Rom. xi. 12). When Joseph shall be made known unto his brethren, the Egyptians and the whole house of Pharaoh shall hear it. "From every clime they come to see Thy beauty and to share Thy joy, O Zion! An assembly such as earth saw never; such as heaven stoops down to see." And to this, the Jew, as he now stands before us, is a witness. The accomplished fulfilment in the present is the pledge and assurance of the expected fulfilment in the future.

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Suggested Programme for August Meeting.

I. Opening exercises :

“ Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things that I say.”—
“ Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole Creation.” (Mark xvi. 15, Revised Version).

II. Regular Business.

III. Hymn.

IV. Subjects for prayer for the month : For African and Jewish Missions. Hosea xiv. 3, 6, 7.

(a) *Scripture Lesson*—Zech. viii. 13-23, Ezekiel xxxvii. 21-26, Jeremiah xxiii. 7, 8.

(b) *Reading*—“ If Daniel, when he knew the first restoration was near at hand, set himself to plead that it might come and not tarry, how should we likewise set ourselves to plead that this greater and better restoration be hastened in his time? Let us ponder his earnest teaching and his importunate petitions, and ask ourselves whether our hearts are similarly exercised in intercession for the ancient people of God. We know what their restoration will be to us and the world. Prayer, therefore, for Israel, and on Israel's behalf, seems emphatically the present duty of those who remember that they are beloved for their fathers' sake, and that ere long there shall come into Zion the Deliverer.”—*Guinness*.

(c) *Prayer for the final in-bringing of Israel.*

V. Missionary Camp Fire.*

VI. Reading.†

VII. Watch-Tower.

VIII. Hymn. Prayer.

* See *Christian Guardian*, July 17th, 1895, and the *Wesleyan* about the end of same month.

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