

IN THE REALM OF RELIGION.

MISSIONS.—Letter from a Schoolboy.

The quaintness and charm of this letter from a real Japanese schoolboy will be appreciated and enjoyed by the most casual reader. It breathes of sincerity and earnestness in every line. It is dated at Tokio, Japan, and is addressed to a well-known missionary. Here it is exactly as it was written:

"Dear Father Newton: I have read your letter, and much ashamed of my idleness in writing letter. Please excuse me. But please understand that I am not able to forget you and your Kwansel. I felt always the desire to write you, but I am sorry I have been very busy for these several weeks, because I am entertained as an assistant preacher at Ginza church, which is pastored by Rev. Ukai. On the one hand, I am a diligent student at Waseda University, and on the other hand I must be an able assistant for church. At first I desired to be helped by and also to help Dr. Coates, and visited him two or three times, but as he had a graduate assistant, and as Rev. Ukai asked me to take work at his church, I agreed that, and now working there. We have just to-night finished the thanksgiving special dendo meeting for whole a week, and for this meeting with it preparation, I spent whole two weeks at church, and I must work to get fruits of this meeting in future. Perhaps I must spend whole this summer vacation for this purpose.

"And moreover I am going to teach English at night school which is established by this church. So, I am so busy that I have never gone to bed before 1 o'clock at night. But I am very comfortable. Hard work for good brings always comfortableness. And especially it is my great gladness that I am working for the church of Christ with all my possibilities. We get 102 Kynoshia during this meeting. And yesterday I am going to send them card to invite them lately. I am working also for Sunday school at this church. Mr. Nemoto who is elected few days ago member of Parliament, is the principal of this Sunday school. All the brothers and sisters love me much and I also love them in Christ. I have never felt so much a happiness as I feel here. I have much to say to you. But now I am so tired that I feel much difficulty to write English letter, because time is ten past one now. Please excuse me all, and forget all my idleness and acknowledge all my synsere love and reverence to you. From your synsere, A. Tanaka."

About China.
Missionary Chas. A. Leonard, of Laichowfu, China, tells a pathetic and striking story. The Chinese have a proverb which says: "When you strike, strike dead; when you save, save alive." Although a conservative people yet often they do to the extreme what comes to hand.

The weather is given to extremes in this part of China. The winters are very cold, with bitter north winds and snows. The summers are just as extreme in heat, often even Chinese dying from heat and missionaries barely able to exist. This summer there has been no rain for more than a month. Consequently, the crops are suffering greatly and the people are distressed.

In their helplessness the heathen are, of course, appealing to their gods. Small naked boys, bearing garlands on their heads, are visiting the numerous village temples and worshipping before the idols. Over nearly every door there is a sprig of willow, and in the city all principal streets are overhung with hundreds of strings of colored papers bearing prayers to the gods for rain. The old city idol, in whom faith has waned of recent years, has now received renewed worship, the official bowing before him twice daily, beseeching for rain for the people. In order that this old idol appreciate fully present conditions he has been taken from his dusty walls and placed in the sun that he may get full benefit of the heat and realize the dryness of the atmosphere. At one village not far from here the people decided that the spirit of some deceased relative was withholding the rain. So they cast lots to determine who it was. The coffin was taken up and beaten, and then reburied. Sometimes the body is removed and beaten and dragged about the streets.

The most interesting of the practices in this immediate section to secure rain is the attempt of the people to locate a large rock that is said to be imbedded in the mud of the city moat at the west gate. At that point there grows in the mud and water a great quantity of beautiful lotus plants which are now in bloom. These flowers are held sacred by many of the people. The rock they are seeking is said to be among the roots of the lotus, and if found and worshiped will give abundant rains. It is said that many years ago during drought the rock was taken out and worshiped and rain came. The rock is supposed to contain the spirit which controls the rains.

In their extremity the people are now seeking for that rock. I went over to see the sight yesterday. Hundreds of men from many villages were working hard and had already dug two great holes in the deep mud, and had removed several rocks. Most of those working were coolies, but men of apparent intelligence were superintending the work. Whether the county official has any faith in this procedure I do not know, but he goes there twice a day, in the direction of the holes dug, this probably to retain his office.

To see such cannot but move one to pity, and I took advantage of the opportunity to bear witness to the true God, and point the people to the Ruler of the Universe who alone can give rain. They were also invited to the prayer service to be held in a few minutes at the church where the Christians would pray for rain, but only a few would listen, and the superintendent, evidently fearing that I would hinder the work, began sounding a gong. The hint was heeded, and I left the people to pursue their superstitious inclinations.

African Boy Preacher.

The Christian Observer tells a beautiful story which illustrates the possibilities of Christian work in Africa. Dr. William Morrison tells of a community in Africa where he found a chapel erected by the natives, with a boy twelve years old as teacher and minister. This boy had attended a Christian mission school for a brief time, and on being taken to his home by his parents, began to teach his little companions how to read by writing in the sand. The men of the village gathered around and stated that they could not allow the boys to learn something that they did not know; so the boy became the teacher of the men. Finally they said to him: "You be our teacher and leader, and we will erect a chapel for you so that you can do the work as it is done by the Christian missionaries." Thus this boy was teaching the whole village the knowledge of the gospel as he had learned it. There are hundreds of other villages where the people are just as anxious to know the truth.

A Praying Queen.

The native women in the Transvaal are said to have a wonderful power in prayer. They have a prayer union of 800 members, scattered over that part of South Africa. To the annual conference one dusky delegate went as a representative of the queen of Swaziland, making a difficult journey of four days in order to attend a series of prayer meetings. After this woman's return to the queen's "kraal," the queen gathered some of her women together and held a prayer meeting. The prayer movement, which arose five years ago, is under the supervision of the missionaries.

An Appalling Situation.

The following facts concerning the

province of Kwang-Si, China, as given recently by a missionary, are interesting:

"The area is 77,000 square miles. According to a late official report, the population is 8,000,000. There are seventy-two walled cities in the province. Only nine of these have been opened as stations with resident missionaries. Of the remaining sixty-three cities only six have chapels in charge of native workers. Nor is this all. There are 1,200 market towns and 45,000 villages scattered throughout the province, only a few of which have gospel chapels. Kwang-Si was formerly known as the rebellious province. The great Tai-Ping rebellion of over fifty years ago had its rise in this province. It was one of the most hostile of all, and was the last to yield to the residence of foreign missionaries. Now the whole province is open to the gospel."

A Note from Burma.

Speaking of her service as a missionary in Burma, a young woman said:

"We dwell not upon the external life with its mosquitoes, frogs, spiders and smells, but upon the blessings of the inner life. Fellowship with the Master, joy in service, the blessedness of light-bearing, of sowing and reaping in the school work, over one hundred won to Christ in the last few years—these are some of the blessings."

A Macedonian Call.

A pretty little gospel story comes from the province of Cordoba, in Argentina. An Italian family there hearing of the work of a mission station began correspondence with the missionary in charge. Later the missionary visited the family of the latter, cheerfully bearing the expense of the trip. As a result of a week's visit, after having preached every night, he baptized twelve, and with one already baptized, formed a church of thirteen. The missionary says that the secret of his success there was the reading of the Bible for more than twenty-five years by the consecrated wife and mother. Often persecuted and cruelly treated by her once drinking husband, she never gave up until the Lord gave her a precious victory in her entire family. They had never heard a sermon until the arrival of the missionary.

Some Striking Facts.

The Japan Sunday School Association was formed in 1907 and although only six years, have passed since then, 32 district organizations have come into existence with 414 schools, 1,576 officers and teachers and 16,678 scholars.

Fifteen American missionary societies have work in Porto Rico. They report 167 missionaries, 120 church organizations and 9,692 communicants.

The American Bible Society, with the co-operation of the Arabian Mission of the Reformed church, distributed 4,550 copies of the Scriptures in Southeastern Arabia last year.

During the past year in the churches connected with the six missions in Korea there were 11,700 baptisms. This includes infant baptisms, but the bulk of them were upon profession of faith. In one mission alone, 7,075 catechumens were enrolled during the year. Also in the congregation of this church 1,055 Bible classes, each running not less than four days in length, and often much longer, were organized. The aggregate attendance was 43,398.

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Citrange, the New Fruit.

(Bamberg Herald.)
Capt. W. S. Bamberg brought us a few days ago several citrangs, which is a new fruit to this section of the country. This is the fruit which the agricultural department of the United States has been experimenting with for several years in the effort to grow an orange which shall be frost proof. Capt. Bamberg has several trees, most of which are now bearing. The fruit tastes somewhat like grapefruit, and makes a fine breakfast fruit when a little sugar is put on it. The citrange also makes good lemonade. Capt. Bamberg's trees are all doing well and bearing nicely.

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As a child grows older it requires more and more personal attention from the mother, and as the functions of the bowels are of the utmost importance to health, great attention should be paid to them.

Diet is of great importance, and the mother should watch the effect of certain foods. A food will constipate one and not another, and so we have a healthy food like eggs causing biliousness to thousands, and a wholesome fruit like bananas constipating many. It is also to be considered that the child is growing, and great changes are taking place in the young man or young woman. The system has not yet settled itself to its later routine.

A very valuable remedy at this stage and one which every growing boy and girl should be given often or occasionally, according to the individual circumstances, is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This is a laxative and tonic combined, so mild that it is given to little babies, and yet equally effective in the most robust constitution. At the first sign of a tendency to constipation give a small dose of Syrup Pepsin at night on retiring, and prompt action will follow in the morning. It not only acts on the stomach and bowels, but its tonic properties build up and strengthen the system generally, which is an opinion shared by John Dey, of Bloomfield, N. J. He has a large family and at ages where the growth



MARIE DEY.

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COTTON FARM FOR SPINNERS.

English Manufacturers Purchase a Large Tract in Mississippi.

Manchester, Nov. 15.—Consul General Carew Hunt, in a recent report, says that one of the largest transfers of cotton land that has ever been made in the South has just been completed by a British syndicate of cotton spinners, organized under the name of the Deer Creek Cotton Estates Company. Twenty-five thousand acres of land were purchased by this company for \$2,000,000. The land is situated in Warren, Issaquena and Sharkey counties, in the State of Mississippi, better known as the Yazoo Delta. About 15,000 acres of this land are now planted, and the remainder will be at once brought into cultivation of long staple cotton. The land lies in one stretch, and extends for 17 miles along the main line of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railway of the Illinois Central system.

Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

- "Don't sit in a draughty car."
- "Don't sleep in hot rooms."
- "Don't avoid the fresh air."
- "Don't stuff yourself at meal time. Overeating reduces your resistance."
- "To which we would add—when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all dealers. adv."

The Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention will meet at Bennettsville on December 9th to 11th. R. M. Pratt, chairman of the entertainment committee at Bennettsville, gives the following notice to delegates:

"As is known, the Baptist State Convention will meet at Bennettsville December 9-11, 1913. We are now at work trying to make arrangements for the accommodation of the delegates and visitors. It will greatly facilitate our work, and very likely work to the best interest of the delegates, if they will notify the chairman of the entertainment committee, as soon as possible, of their purpose to attend the convention. Let those who expect to come notify me as early as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute."

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GORED TO DEATH BY A COW.

Wife of Farm Demonstrator Near Durham Meets Horrible Death.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 13.—Gored through the head by an infuriated cow, her clothes nearly torn from State farm demonstrator, met a year of age, wife of the United States farm demonstrator, met at horrible death this afternoon at her home near Durham.

Mrs. Fletcher was found lying in the door of a stable by her son and nephew, who stopped to visit her on their way home, her bonnet on the inside of the cow's stall. She was in the agonies of death and died a few minutes later. Her husband was away from home, and the supposition is that Mrs. Fletcher went to the stable to do the evening milking.

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