

BLIND PETER.

Blind Peter was one of the first pupils the Rev. W. H. Murray had in his little school in Peking. He had invented an easy system of reading and writing for his blind scholars — raised dots, as with us, but the difficult Chinese characters were simplified and numbered; and as numbers they were read.

Peter was twelve when he was brought to the missionary by his elder brother, who promised to come back soon. Their parents were dead, and together, they must have begged for their living; but alone, his brother could work. But he did not come for years. There are some 500,000 blind people in China, and they are mostly beggars.

Peter learned to read very quickly, as well as to prick his writing. He likewise learned to read music, to sing and to play the organ. By and by, he was very useful in teaching the new pupils all he knew himself.

Blind Peter had a wonderful memory. He played the organ at the mission services, and once, when there was a change in the hymn-book, he learned in two months all the fresh four hundred hymns with their appointed tunes.

Mr. Murray has pupils coming to him sometimes from long distances. One young man walked three hundred miles to Peking. One man wheeled his blind wife four hundred and fifty miles in a one-wheeled barrow, over a wild country without roads.

They all learn to read the Bible and are taught about Jesus Christ. Several of them, when they go back to their country homes, read with their fingertips to their friends and neighbors, so that when a missionary comes there after some time, he is surprised to find how many have learned to believe in Jesus Christ, and are just waiting to be baptized. — *Philadelphia Methodist.*

COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED.

A small cause may have results far greater than we dreamed, and words or actions that seem to us trivial may lead others to good or evil, as the case may be. A correspondent of the *Review of Missions* tells the story of an unexpected harvest of this sort.

About six years ago a man was passing along one of the streets in Osaka when the sound of children's voices singing in unison, in a little native house near the street, attracted his attention. He turned aside to listen, and heard for the first time, "Jesu ware wo aisii" ("Jesus loves me.") The words struck him, and the simple talk to children (it was a street Sunday school conducted by a missionary lady assisted by a young Japanese) left a deep impression on him. He was a man of good family, well educated and trained in Confucian ethics, but he had fallen into a dissipated life. As evening came on, he was scarcely ever found sober; he was unreliable, and a source of dread to his family. From this time forward, when he came home from the office, where he had a small position, instead of going to his bottle, as had been his wont, he would go to some of the Christian chapels where there was preaching, to hear more about the love of Jesus. His wife was greatly rejoiced, for he had given up drink, and as a consequence had become a kind father and a considerate husband. He came thoroughly transformed, so that he was a new man. A year or two passed, and there was a call for a helper in one of the country towns. He was asked to go, and consented, going simply as a helper, and doing faithful work. The next year there was need of a sup-

ply in the important city of Nakatsu, and this man was sent. He filled out the year satisfactorily, and then served two years on trial in the Conference. A New Testament that he has used for several years has been interlined until here is scarcely a page that has not every available space filled.

RELIGION IN THE FACE.

A beautiful story is told of a young lady missionary in Japan, whose peaceful face witnessed for Jesus.

Miss B—— was travelling by steamer from one Japanese seaport to another. On the same boat was a Japanese merchant, whose business anxieties had so worried and annoyed him that he was seriously contemplating suicide. He noticed Miss B—— sitting quietly by, looking over the waters with such an expression of peace upon her face that he found himself turning to look at her again and again.

He did not know her, but he said to himself, "It must be she is one of the foreign Christians. Perhaps it is something in her religion that makes her face so calm and bright."

Addressing her with profound respect, he made known his strange request and sorrowful reason for asking the way that gave the heart a peace so great that the face spoke it in every look. He listened to Miss B—— as she told him the gospel story, and it made such a deep impression upon him that he resolved to accept as his own the Saviour whose gift is peace.

Does your face and mine bear testimony that we have "been with Jesus?" — *Western Christian Advocate.*

NO TIME FOR THINKING.

An old man lay on his death-bed, and beside him was his son, a worldly-minded youth. The father, who had long yearned for his boy's conversion, now asked him to grant a favor ere he died; and the dying request could not be refused. This request was a strange one.

"Promise me," said the old man, "that for six months after my death you will retire to my room for a half-hour every day and think."

"And about what?" said the son.

"That I leave to yourself," answered the father, and soon after died.

The youth kept his promise, and for some time had no difficulty in passing the half-hour. But soon the thought of eternity, and the condition of his soul, came up before his mind. His father had taken care that the lad would have time to think; and ere long the half-hours had lengthened into hours, as he sat thinking on his eternal well-being. Thus he was led to the Bible, and led to believe on Jesus, and was saved.

Could you bear to be alone for half an hour, pondering the great question, "Where will I spend eternity?"

SINS AS SCARLET.

"We have some difficulty," said a scientific lecturer recently, "with iron dyes, but the most troublesome of all are Turkey-red rags. See me dip this rag into my solution. Its red is paler, but still strong. If I steep it long enough to efface the color entirely, the fibre will be destroyed and it will be useless for manufacture. How, then, are we to dispose of our red rags? We leave their indelible dye as it is, and make them into red blotting paper."

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