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WHAT THE CHURCH COULD DO.

Rev. John Stewart, of Madras, says: "If the churches of Christendom sent forth their missionaries in the same proportion as the Moravian church, there would be on the field 400,000 instead of 14,000, and if only a quarter of the members and adherents of the Protestant church gave one half penny per day, the amount raised would be \$25,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000." As it is, the church is at present in touch with less than one two-hundredth part of those for whom Christ died, and 30,000,000 are dying without a knowledge of salvation. The work will certainly never be done unless a very different and higher standard of consecration to God is adopted by the Christian men and women of our land. "The urgent need, the absolute duty, the unspeakable blessedness, and actual possibility of living wholly for God, is the ground on which not only our responsibility, but our appeals for the evangelization of the heathen world must ever rest."

BIBLE POWER IN JAPAN.

In the Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, Japan, is a Japanese girl named Nana Hirano, who has been taught Bible truths and has become a Christian, although for a long time there was no one in her father's family to encourage her effort to live a Christian life. The superstition and idolatry which prevailed at home caused her much grief, and she was at a loss to know what to do. In her anxiety she appealed to her teacher for counsel, who said, "Suppose you give your father a Bible?" She thought it would do, no good, as her father did not believe in Christ, or care for Christian books; but the teacher said, "I will send him one, anyway." So a Bible was procured and sent by express, and prayers were offered that it might be the means of bringing light and salvation to that distant home; but as nothing was heard from it for a long time it was at length quite forgotten.

Some four years afterward the girl came one evening to her teacher's room in a perfect ecstasy of joy, holding in her hand two letters from her father, one for the donor of the Bible and the other for herself. In the former he apologized for waiting four years before acknowledging the gift. The reason was that he was angry when he

received it, and laid it on the shelf without so much as opening it. Then he told how he and his family had cast away their idols and superstitions and embraced Christianity. The Bible now was the greatest source of comfort he possessed, and all his spare time was spent in reading it. He regarded it as the best gift he had ever received, and was ashamed that he had never acknowledged the receipt of it before.

He is now a faithful Christian and an officer in the church, and a second daughter has been sent to the seminary that she also may learn the wisdom that cometh from above.—*The Rev. H. Loomis.*

CRADLE ROLL.

The following is the Burnt Land Brook Cradle Roll: Cyril Ivan Lockhart, born Oct. 3, 1904; Ethel Grace Everett, born June 1st, 1904; Vernon Skillwell Jenkins, born May 27, 1903.

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Mission Notes and News

The missionaries entered Japan as soon as it was safe for them to do so. At first they did their work in secret. Public preaching was not allowed. As late as 1868 there were edict boards which said: "The evil sect called Christians is strictly forbidden; suspected persons should be reported and rewards given." Now the emperor says the missionaries are his guests and must be treated by the people as his friends.

A devil priest has lately been converted at Travancore in the India Mission of the English Church Missionary Society. He was believed by all to be the dwelling place of a foul spirit and was much consulted by the heathen in cases of sickness. His former disciples expected to see great harm come to him as the result of his becoming a Christian, but as during one month he was still preserved, several others have followed his example in seeking to become Christians.

A Baptist missionary in Japan tells of a scene before the communion table, when a Japanese Christian, with strong emotion, insisted on confessing a sin before he would partake of the Lord's Supper. The sin was this: "In the rush and hurry of wheat harvest and of setting out rice plants my mind was distracted with the work, and for two days I did not take time to compose it to think upon the loving kindness of my Lord. . . . That I should have been so ungrateful overwhelms me with shame and confusion of face."

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At Lanchau in Kansu, China, is a farmer who has long been convinced of the truth; and none the less because it urged him to stop raising poppies whose opium brought him much money. This year, after he had planted his fields as usual, some strange power showed him what manner of man he is that will not surrender to Jesus because it costs to do so. Then one morning he took a grim determination that materialized in the form of a harrow and ripped up his opium fields. There is now one more happy Chinese church member at Lanchau.

Many of the prominent men of Japan are Christians. To this creed belong one member of the Imperial Cabinet, two judges of the Supreme Court, two presidents of the lower house of Parliament, three vice ministers of State—not to mention a host of officials in the lower ranks. In the present Parliament the president and thirteen members in a total membership of 300 are Christians. In the army there are 155 Christian officers, or 3 per cent. of all, and the two largest battalions are commanded by Christians. In Tokio three of the great daily papers have Christian editors.

Here is a hint of the influence of Mission Leper Asylums working in India. The Bible-woman at Nasik (Bombay) Asylum was taken sick and could not conduct evening prayers. The Hindu women in the asylum, though not pretending to be Christians, conducted the services themselves, singing the hymns, repeating Scripture texts one after another, then the Ten Commandments, and finally the Apostles' Creed, after which the leprous Hindu women called on a Christian girl to offer prayer. The girl prayed for help, gave thanks for help given, and so the strange service ended. So out of the mouths of these babes in knowledge does God ordain praise!

Here is a remarkable showing: The Yoruba people (in Africa) received church Missionary Society missionaries at Abeokuta in 1846. They were then pagan, used human sacrifices in worship and sometimes practised cannibalism,

In 1904 the whole charge of the Anglican church work at Abeokuta, both educational and evangelistic is in the hands of both native pastors and teachers raised up from the old pagan stock within fifty years, and the paramount chief of Abeokuta calls at the C. M. S. missionary house in London to express warmly his sense of the benefits his people have received from the society. And yet there are people who profess to believe that foreign missions have been a failure! Don't they know better?

JAPAN'S NEWSPAPERS.—Nowhere else in the world has the "progress of the press" been so rapid as in Japan. The first "daily" made its appearance in 1872. In 1890 there were already 716 journals of one kind or another, with a circulation of well over 2,000,000 figures which have been very largely increased since then. The increase of all kinds of printed matter is facilitated by the prevalent low wages and the cheapness of paper. The number of books of all kinds is also exceedingly high, an average of nearly 24,000 having appeared between 1895 and 1899.

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