

# Sunday Reading.

## JAPANESE MISSIONERES.

How the Spirit of Christ is set forth Daily in Social Life.

A crucial test of our ability to set forth the spirit of Christ, in social contact with the people, comes when taking a trip into the country or travelling on a coast steamer. One is excusable for not being in exuberant spirits on a little dirty tub of a steamer, where passengers are packed away like sardines in a box. The surroundings are not conducive to a pleasant state of mind. Neither does it help one's feelings if he happens to be aroused from a troubled nap by finding a man, in the next row above, is warming his bare feet under your pillow. But even under such annoying circumstances, let us remember that any show of selfishness or irritability detracts from our influence for good. I once knew a Japanese who was travelling some distance on the same steamer with a lady. They had never seen each other before, but hearing that she was a missionary the Japanese determined to watch her, to see if Christianity really did make any difference in the lives of its followers. Most fortunately this young woman, unwittingly, bore the inspection well. She bore the discomfort of the journey in a pleasant spirit and showed a thoughtful interest in others, which won the admiration of her inspector, and, if I mistake not, the man was so impressed that he afterwards became a Christian himself.

On another occasion when travelling on a very crowded car, a missionary of our own board arose and gave his seat to a Japanese woman who would have otherwise been obliged to stand. It was interesting to watch the effect of that little act of courtesy upon our fellow passengers, and presently a well-dressed man came forward and begged our missionary to take his place.

Japanese callers are sometimes tedious. It requires a great deal of grace to lay aside the work we want to finish, and, instead, entertain a caller who seems unlimited in his hours of leisure. The more we are in danger of being annoyed at the length of our call, let us the more earnestly teach our guest of Christ, and if we can succeed in influencing him we shall never regret the time. One can spend a great deal of time in calling upon the Japanese, and I think it pays well. A great many informal calls can be made on a single afternoon, when one simply sits at the doorway for a little visit. This avoids the bother of taking off shoes and also prevents the family from giving tea and cake. If Christians are absent from Sabbath services for several weeks, it is a good plan to call and enquire the cause. . . . It is astonishing when effect a dish of ice cream will have on almost any of the Japanese, and I never knew any ill to result from giving it. It is quite generally known in Kanazawa that we make ice cream for the sick, and requests sometimes come for it from entire strangers. Thus our circle of acquaintances is enlarged.

A music box gives a good deal of pleasure in a sick room. Last week, the widow of a former high government official, while calling here said with tears in her eyes that our music box had been the chief comfort of her husband during his last illness. Bound volumes of illustrated papers can do the same kind of missionary service, and if one keeps a few feather pillows to soften the beds of the dying, which we give in the name of Him who had not where to lay His head, may it not be one of the little deeds which we are promised shall not lose its reward? Let us show that we do not consider our 'things' too nice to use in reaching the people. Let us include our possessions when we offer ourselves up as living sacrifices, which is our reasonable service.

I never knew a Japanese to be ill-humored or contrary after a pleasant visit at the supper table, and it one wishes to further plans that he fears may meet with opposition, I advise him to try giving a good meal first. If there by anyone who, reasonably or otherwise, bears a grudge against you, his feelings will be wonderfully mollified by a dish of hot soup with 'more to follow.' I speak from experience. Hot soup is more comfortable to take than hot coal on the head! Many people of the official class will lose their prejudice against foreigners when they are brought into contact with us at our dinner table, and will be very friendly even when they cannot be persuaded to accept Christianity. Perhaps more of them are convinced of its truth than we know. Let us be given to hospitality and we shall have opportunity to sow our seed by all waters.—Mrs. Winn in 'Woman's Work.'

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK.

Some of the Essentials of Practical Rescue Work.

The Rev. Charles Roads in the New York 'Observer,' makes the following suggestions with regard to the possibilities of Christian Endeavor work:

What are some essentials of comprehensive rescue evangelization for young people?

1. House to house visitation by wise and

cheery Christians. Every house may be and must be visited by enthusiastic and consecrated young people; visited with definite and thoroughly understood purposes. It must be regularly visited, and specially visited more frequently when there are sick, aged, and poor, and seekers.

Practically, we are delighted with the special fitness and value of young Christians for this service. Cultivated young ladies, bright young men, refined and enthusiastic, surprise the dwellers in courts and tenements, and are received in the homes of the neglected rich gladly. How welcome their hymns in the sick room, and their happy presence and prayers everywhere! The plans for this visitation should be comprehensive, dividing the city into districts, blocks, streets; preserving until all is assigned and worked. Use holidays, and one special day for simultaneous effort to reach every door. Perfect the organization in districts and under tabulated full reports, have every important item, such as people very ill, church preferences expressed, children for Sabbath-school needing clothing, and especially those found serious, immediately available to refer to pastors, and for further endeavor.

2. Evangelistic work in public institutions. Organize bands of workers for every hospital, street car sheds, police station, jail, almshouse and all other places where men gather who are deprived of church privileges. How they welcome earnest and happy young Christians! Arrange for meetings at regular periods. Report immediately the facts of attendance of workers, of audience, each participating and results, if any, to the evangelistic chairman, if the work is of a union nature.

3. Noon meetings once a week in factories and workshops are easily arranged, often by Christian Endeavor work people themselves or by others. This form of service has been undertaken in hundreds of instances.

4. Open-air services on street corners, in parks or squares, and at church doors. These may be held on occasions of great crowds, as at Pentecost, and every Sabbath afternoon and before evening service. Here religious papers, tracts and cards of invitation are useful. Have much singing, brief testimonies, addresses and prayers. Two young men can hold such a service, or fifty may participate.

5. Rescue the children. Use the Juniors for open-air singing and prayers. Children will save children. Special open-air meetings for children are delightful. Give the neglected little ones an afternoon outing in the park, or a winter evening social in hall or church parlour. How wonderful the effect! Follow up the children your visitors find, house them in churches or Sabbath-schools, help their homes! O for the mother hearts in Christian Endeavor for these neglected little ones.

6. Evangelistic church warning and lighting. True and lasting Christian Endeavor rescue work flows in a complete circuit out of the churches and workers and back to them in a full stream of the rescued. We harvest into the churches. But what if some of these be cheerless, unsocial, unhelpful? Then throw all Christian Endeavor enthusiasm, prayers and efforts into the churches to warm them. When we bring the frozen traveller home let us be sure the fire is blazing cheerily on the hearth.

All these plans can be easily adapted to the large towns and country districts. In these towns a neighborly acquaintance, unknown in cities, still exists, and a town-wide personal influence is possible even to humble workers, which adds to our comprehensive soul-winning new forces of spiritual power. In country districts the societies have still other great opportunities. There are thousands of little villages in the United States where no churches yet exist. Here, during the long country winter, with its abundant leisure, the Christian Endeavour workers may open a Sabbath-school and a prayer-meeting in the hall, if there is any, or in a private house. In summer a neighbouring grove will be attractive, or the pleasant lawn of a home may be secured for the typical young people's meeting, which is always the best form of evangelistic service. You may be able to obtain the use of the school-house for regular religious services, or even a barn, or the village blacksmith shop. And in all country plans, as in cities, let our aim be comprehensive evangelism, to preach the gospel to every creature. In the country we need not miss one!

## A World of Struggles.

The world is full of struggles and always will be; struggles for power among the worldly ones and struggles for ecclesiastical exaltation, but the spiritual struggle will go just as far as Christianity rules the world. It will die out of modern skepticism gets the upper hand. So the Christian spirit, struggling for a higher life, should guard against the influences, and in the silent conflict that may not be shared by any other force onward toward the light of eternal happiness that shines before him.—Rev. Dr. James O. Murray Princeton University.

## A GOOD SUGGESTION.

How a Country Church Redoubled Its Offering.

Our village had felt the hard times, writes one signing himself 'A Pastor.' The great mills, the main industry of the place, had frequent shut-downs.

Wages had been reduced fifteen percent. The General Assembly, however, had asked the churches to increase the gifts to Foreign Missions twenty-five percent, and we knew there was urgent reason for giving.

The second Sabbath in December is our foreign mission day. Last year we raised \$154. This year, when the offering was counted, we found it amounted to \$307, almost exactly double the amount of last year. How was it done? Our plan was as follows:

1. Distribution of literature. The Board sent us leaflets (three sets) and envelopes. Two weeks before the taking of the offering one set was distributed through the pews. Others were handed the people as they passed from prayer meeting. The children had stories, the older folks facts, and some particularly strong arguments were put where they would do the most good.

2. A prayer meeting was devoted entirely to the subject. It was a good service. Persons were seen and urged to attend. The room was full. A new map spoke eloquently of the world's spiritual destitution. Our best talkers presented phases of the work. Prayer was unusually fervent. The meeting had to be extended beyond the hour.

3. The Missionary Committee of the Endeavor Society held a meeting to arrange for an Endeavor offering. Specially prepared envelopes were distributed two weeks before the day of offering, and members were urged to drop in a piece of money every day. This meeting was largely one of prayer, and as they knelt before God a blessing came upon them.

4. An all-day offering, morning, afternoon and night. As the collection for foreign missions comes before us but once a year, we do not believe in crowding it into one hour. We offer the people a chance to give more than once. We let them see the session is in earnest. We aim to get all we can.

5. An offering from all organizations—church, Sabbath-school, Y. P. S. C. E., Junior Endeavor and Pansy Band. The gifts of the Women's Board are separate. This amount was put on the blackboard of the Sabbath-school once during the day and announced from the pulpit, so the people could know how the offering was going.

6. The high-water mark reached was not without sacrifices. One young man, a mill under-foreman, made a sacrifice of a prospective pleasure upon which his heart had been set, and literally gave all that he had. One member gave a much larger sum than usual in memory of a deceased sister.

So glad is the church over the thing which God has put into their hearts to do, that they look forward to the time when they will go still higher.—Church at Home and Abroad.

## Work in Hindostan.

There was a mela the other day at some Mohammedan tomb near Old Deesa, says a missionary of the Irish Presbyterian church in Hindostan. So in the afternoon we started off. There was a noisy crowd around the tombs where the booths and things were, but we took up our stand a little distance off by the roadside, and we started to sing. A crowd soon gathered. Ramabai spoke, then we sang again then I spoke, and we sang and then again, and then began to sell our books. Things were not going very briskly, when some old gentlemen came along; one an old Parsee of the old-fashioned sort, whom I knew very well by sight, with a curl in front of each ear. Now Parsees never by any chance stop to listen to street preaching, or buy books; they are far to respectable. But these gentlemen seemed to think they were out for a day's pleasure, and might forego their dignity so far. They had heard us singing familiar native airs in the distance, and now they came up and politely asked us to sing. They asked in particular if the Sahab could sing, and were much astonished to learn that he could, or thought he could. And when we actually did start some of the most genuinely native among the hymns they were quite delighted, and asked for hymn after hymn, and then began to buy hymn-books, and then went on from that to buy gospels. Other people see-

ing these respectable gentlemen purchasing our books began to buy too, and for twenty minutes or half-an-hour there were four of us selling away and giving change at a distracting pace, that would have tired the most experienced stall-holders in a fashionable bazaar. When we counted up our gains I found we had sold that afternoon more than half as many books as are mentioned in the report as having been sold in Deesa during the whole of the previous year. Work like this is delightful and, indeed, one constantly feels far more like being 'in a book' than we can imagine possible in real, prosy mission work.

## The Model Wife.

Every man blessed with a good wife knows that a large measure of his success, usefulness and elevation is to be attributed to the companion of his choice. It is not possible for all women to be learned or to keep pace in intellectual improvement with their husband, but they can study to gain in discretion and in proper control of the tongue. If they temper their speech with charity if they cultivate loving thoughts and express them in words of kindness and sympathy, they are sure to promote a spirit of harmony and good feeling in the home and in the social circle in which they move.—Rev. Stephen W. Dana, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

## Our Guardian Angels.

If we would but see with eyes of faith, perhaps our lives would be ordered differently, perhaps our feet would be less swift to seek the devious paths of unrighteousness, more ready to enter the narrow way that leadeth to eternal life, and surely if the ears of our heart were quick to hear the whisper of our angels' voices, our eyes to behold the presence of our angel guardians, our lives would be holier and happier, for happiness is only found in righteousness, and the angels of light are the messengers of the God of righteousness.—Rev. Father Charles J. Powers, San Francisco.

## FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

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Send us ten (10) cents in money or stamps as soon as possible, so that your order may be filled promptly.

Send small silver coins, or the proper amount in one, two or three cent stamps. Stamps of larger denomination will not be received.

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## NEW ENGLAND APPLE BOUNCE.

It Astonished and Delighted Col. Crayton, of Kentucky.

When old Col. Crayton's daughter married her brother's chum from Yale, who was a worthy son of old Maine, the old colonel tore his hair, gnashed his teeth and swore till he was black in the face. He was under the grinding delusion that his proud Kentucky blood had been disgraced. But when his son-in-law bearded the lion in his den, displaying spirit, breadth of character and brains, the colonel reversed his opinion and would have called out any one daring to speak disparagingly of his Yankee son-in-law. Indeed, he became infatuated with this new member of the family and gladly accepted an invitation to spend Thanksgiving with him after the manner of New England.

He did a good deal of shivering and vigorously condemned the climate, but when it came to the Thanksgiving dinner he generously conceded that too much prominence had been given to Kentucky hospitality. Some tempting sample of every edible he had raised was on the great family board. The colonel delivered himself of repeated eulogies on the pumpkin pies and declared the hard cider one of the best temperance drinks he had ever tasted. The peach brandy was tempting, yet familiar. When it came to the apple bounce the old general rejoiced in the discovery of a new nectar. It was a potent elixir that stirred his blood and fired his imagination. When it was gently suggested to him that the bounce was as treacherous as seductive, there was something of resentment in his confident laugh. He had summered and wintered with the favorite beverage of the Blue Grass state and was too well seasoned to be upset by any home-made liquor of the far north.

But bluff has no efficacy against the insidious power of the apple bounce. It led him to make a rambling but emphatic speech. The burden of which was that the war was over and that the colonel would consider it a personal favor to meet the bloodthirsty villain who said that the war was not over. He rendered two or three national airs in a manner to justify mob law. When carried to bed he was reciting some original verses in laudation of apple bounce and in the morning offered a large reward for any one who would identify Col. Crayton and his exact geographical location.

In a week he could make his way down stairs without falling, and when he started for home a month later took a barrel of bounce for distribution among his political enemies.—N. Y. Dispatch.

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## Sorely Tempted.

'Did you win anything on the election?' casually inquired the passenger with the gorgeous necktie of the elderly stranger, with whom he had been occupying a seat for half an hour or more.

'No,' replied the elderly man. 'My position as a clergyman—'

'I beg pardon for having asked the question. I didn't know—'

'Would hardly be consistent with the practice of laying wagers on elections. My brother, however, who is a vestryman in my church, was so confident of Bryan carrying Illinois that, when he offered to bet me \$100 on that result, and even swore most profanely at me because of my conscientious scruples, I confess I was strongly tempted to take him up. If I had done so I should have made \$100 very easily and taught him a much-needed lesson. But I didn't do it.'

And the elderly stranger heaved a sigh of mild regret and changed the subject.—Chicago Tribune.

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## NO BUILDING BIG ENOUGH.

Probably the two women whose names we are about to mention (by their good will and consent) never saw or even heard of each other. A broad bit of sea-water rolls between the places where they severally live. Still, the world is getting small, or every day, and it is quite possible they may meet; if they do, they will have a common subject for a talk. Without waiting for that, however, we will let the reader into the secret (so far as it is a secret) right on the spot.

The first lady to be named resides at Bishop Norton's, near Kirton, Lindsey, Lincolnshire, and in a letter dated the 16th of the blustering month of March, 1893, she says, 'I trembled from head to foot.'

This would scarcely be worth mentioning if it had been simply the result of a fright and therefore bound to pass off in a few minutes. But it lasted for a long time and did not arise from a fright or from any other form of excitement. It meant sheer weakness and a wholesale upsetting of the nerves. 'I was constantly sick and dizzy,' she says, 'and had a dull pain between the shoulders. I had no appetite, and the effect of what little I did eat was so bad and gave me so much distress that after a time I hardly dared touch any food or drink. During this period I may just mention that I was terribly constipated intervals of ten days sometimes elapsing between the action of the bowels. No laxatives or enemata availed to relieve this condition, and I became more feeble and prostrated day by day. My illness began in August, 1892, and after four months' suffering I was completely cured in December by your remedy. Indeed it was not necessary for me to take quite one bottle. If anyone who reads this little statement of mine wishes to know more about my case, I will gladly answer inquiries. (Signed) Mrs. M. G. Walsham.'

The second lady, writes from her home No. 12, Horgan's Buildings, College Road, Cork, dating her letter the 27th of the sunny month of June, 1893. She says, 'Everything was a trouble and a burden. For nights together I got no sleep. I couldn't bear the noise of the children. I had no desire for company; I wanted to be alone in my misery. I was in this way for nearly twelve months.'

Now this was bad; very, very bad. When a woman cannot bear the noise of her own children—where all the noises is least observed by a mother's ear—why, her nerves are as we might say, all gone to pieces. And, inasmuch as the nerves are only part of the body, it follows that the whole system is badly out of order. And so it was. 'The complaint,' she says, 'came on in October, 1890.' It was marked by failure of the appetite, pain and weight in the chest after eating, a sinking feeling at the pit of the stomach, biliousness, flatulency, and other signs with which the readers of these articles are so sadly familiar.

Oh! the progress of the malady and how low it reduced her she has already spoken. The end of it all—a happy end. Thank Mercy—was like this. 'In September, 1891,' she adds, 'my husband persuaded me to try a medicine he had heard and read so much about. I did so, and soon found relief—a relief that none of the other medicines I had used were able to give me. My lost appetite came back, and my food digested easily and strengthened me. You hardly need to be told that I continued taking the medicine, and soon I was well as ever I was in my life and have ailed nothing since. Yours truly, (Signed) Mrs. Lucy Carroll.'

Women, like men, never agree on all the topics which come up in conversation. It would be a dull world if they did. But these two will agree that they were afflicted with the same complaint—Indigestion and dyspepsia; and that Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, which restored them both to health, is one of the very best friends in time of trouble that their sex ever had.

And what is more, if all the women in this kingdom who think the same were collected in one meeting, no building could be found big enough to accommodate them.

## Considerate.

A woman with only one eye applied at the state department the other day for a passport. The diplomatic clerk who filled out the paper discreetly inserted the following description in the blank opposite 'Eyes': 'Dark, soft, full of expression, one of them being absent.'—Washington Times.

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