

From Mrs. J. A. Beauty of Tokyo.

The Gospels you sent me are all gone and there are men who have never seen nor heard of a Bible, still unconverted. They want scriptures for more than any tract, however attractive the cover.

Men now in this hospital are in a pitiable condition. The frost of winter did more awful work than bullet or sword. - men without fingers, without toes; some without feet at all. And so pale, so emaciated from the long dropping off of those precious hands and feet.

Yesterday, when offered a Gospel, held up two stumps, all wrapped up - off at the wrist. His face told the despair of his heart. I fixed a Bible before him, rapped it open, turned the leaves up a little to the corners, and showed him how to turn it with his tongue.

His comrade on the right had his thumbs and the lower joints of his fingers, and he promised to help him. The comrade on the left, had his left hand but had lost his right at the wrist. One man we found with neither hands nor feet. Yet amid all this depression we gave out some hymn books and had a song service.

I want Testaments for these men, who will never go back again. Send me five hundred and a lot of Gospels. If you have any picture albums, send for these men especially - the men who were frost-bitten.

A warden, yesterday, asked to be directed to a church near by. He said, "Yes, I have heard the Gospel preached in Hongo, but I never knew that I was a sinner, till now. I want to go to some church to confess Christ, and to join myself to believers."

From Miss M. A. Claggett of Tokyo.

I have the names and addresses of two hundred and fifty of those who have received Testaments. All have said they wanted to study Christianity.

At the close of the meeting where there were between eight hundred and a thousand soldiers, they were told that we had a hundred and fifty Testaments which we wished to give to those who wanted to study Christianity.

There was such a rush for them that the officer in charge was afraid that some one would be hurt, and so stopped the distribution. But the men would not move and one of them said: "Those books were brought for us; and we are going to stay here till we get them." Seeing the situation, the officer smiled, bowed, took up the books and tossed them into the crowd until all had been given away; and such disappointed faces as there were among those who did not get a book.

One man grabbed two and started for the door, saying that he had a sick friend to whom he had promised to take whatever he could get, and we let him go.

Presently, some asked us to sit down and tell them what the Bible was, and how they should begin to study it. One man, with an anxious face said: "I want to believe in Jesus. Please tell me how." Another, when told how Jesus came to save from the power of Satan, said: "Then I want to believe in Jesus."

From Miss M. A. Milliken.

Last Sunday afternoon Miss Mizuto and I took a supply of Testaments and tracts and went to a ward at Toyama, where the men are badly crippled and cannot get out to the meetings. They are so ill that they are in little rooms only three beds in a room. They said they rarely had visitors and expressed great pleasure at our coming and especially over the books. A number of them said they had heard of the Bible and had long wanted to see it. One man said he had read "Kokoto Isu" (Mr. Tokutomi's famous novel) and always remembered the girl who found "Kofuku" (happiness) in the Bible. He was going to search the Testament through and see if there were Kofuku for him. He tried to ex-

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TITLE PAGE.

Japan cannot endure defeat! If the present war with Russia is considered it must be admitted that Japan is victorious. Hurrah, Hurrah for her!

In old times the Rabbit had only wooden ships-now our Illustrious Country has several naval squadrons acting in unison. The Badger's earthen ware vessel is Russia's navy. Hurrah for the Rabbit! down with the Badger!

The Eagle is overcome! The world is at peace! Japan has conquered! Hurrah! Hurrah!

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

The Egg is Korea. The Snake is China. The Old Man and Old Woman represent Japan. The Rabbit is the good genius or spirit pervading Japan through all her history. The Lion is England. The Eagle is Russia. The Star is the United States of America. The Badger is Russia's evil genius.

The summing up of the story which is told by the following pictures. The Rabbit beats; Japan conquers again and again, -gains the final victory. Hurrah! Hurrah!

Picture No. 1.

(Old Man) O you old scoundrel! you think you are to be allowed to swallow that egg, do you!

(B) (The old man going home with the egg in his hand) You poor little thing! poor little thing! Never mind I'll give you loving care.

Picture No. 2.

(Old Woman) How soon you are hatched! What a fine big chicken!

(Old Man) What! out already!

(Chicken) Heyo, Heyo!

(b) (Old Woman) If you eat a good deal you will grow big fast.

(Badger) I'll get hold of you presently.

Picture No. 3.

(Badger) Catch that cock and have it served for dinner.

(Eagle) All right. All right!

(b) (Cock) Oh how beautiful the sun is! Cockadoodle doo!

Picture No. 4.

(Rabbit) I will get even with that horrid Eagle yet!

(Cock) (surprised) Kokeko! Kokeko!

(Eagle) It is needless for you to make any effort now.

Picture No. 5.

(Old Man) Oh how sad! after all the trouble we have taken to rear it!

(Old Woman) You horrid old Eagle you!

(Rabbit) The eagle has snatched up and carried off the rooster but I will avenge it of its enemy.

Picture No. 6.

(Eagle) Such negligence doesn't do!

(Rabbit) Henceforth there being a good understanding between us we will punish all evil doers.

(Lion) Yes, Yes!

(The Star) Hear! Hear!

Picture No. 7.

(Badger) That impertinent old scamp of a rabbit!

(Rabbit) I wonder what he is going to do with the rooster.

(Eagle) You may know that I am going to eat him for dinner.

(Rabbit) Is there such rascality at this age of the world! Return the fowl instantly.

(Eagle) I don't want any of your impudence-so hush up.

(Rabbit) All right-I'll take the creature by force.

(Black Bird) You are too little a fellow to make such boasts!

Picture No. 8.

(Eagle) I can't stand this! Oh how it burns! There are big ones only-my courage has forsaken me.

(Rabbit) Look here! are you awake? Even though small you see I have some power.

(b) (Eagle) Oh! how it hurts! how it smarts! Haven't you something that will stop this pain!

(Rabbit Nurses) We'll take the best care of you.

Picture No. 9.

(Rabbit) Our navy is ready. A fine up-to-date, ironclad battle ship! Hurrah!

(Eagle) Our navy is ready! A grand earthen ware war-ship!

Picture No. 10.

That Rabbit's everlasting old battleship! How the guns do hit and get the better of us! Pity and forgiveness are at the bottom of the ocean!

(Rabbit) The Badger's ship has gone to the bottom of the sea and the cantankerous eagle with it! Hurrah! Hurrah! for the Japanese navy!

Picture No. 11.

(Badger) The Eagle makes a confession that he has done very wrong.

(Eagle) Most truly!

(The Eagle and Badger bring a present of (Korea) the rooster, a box of cakes (Japanese name Manju) and a box of oranges (Mikan-can also be read Sankan, an ancient name of Korea)

(Old Man) After this you must behave yourself.

It would be difficult to say whether the idea of welding the Chinese masses into an instrument for defending the East against the West has ever been entertained in Japan. During 36 years of close association with the educated classes in this country I have never detected any indication of such a thought, and if an even more ominous ambition with regard to East Asia's millions is read into the mind of Japan by European pessimists the Japanese themselves have always ridiculed it.

Yet the Yellow Peril has reality in their foresight. They believe, as their recent writings show, that it would certainly materialize into a vast menace were Russia settled in Manchuria. For she would then find it as easy to organize and equip an army of half a million Tartars as England has found a similar task in India, and the Yellow Peril would thus be launched, not against the Occident by Oriental leaders, but against China by Russia generals. This child of time may be still in the lap of a very distant future, but who dare dismiss it as a mere chimera? The wave of Russian aggression has been rolling steadily over the face of Asia for cycles, and certainly at this moment, when it threatens to engulf Manchuria, there are no indications that its impetus is likely to be checked. Suppose its momentum reinforced by huge legions of well-drilled well-armed, and well-led Tartars, is there any power that could withstand it? Would not China lie completely at its mercy? The arms of the Tartars would not be unnerved by any feeling of patriotic reluctance to invade China. They would follow an Alexieff to Peking as readily as their forefathers followed Tai-tsung, and just as Tai-twung prefaced his advance against the Chinese capital by overrunning Korea, so the Russian leader would find it necessary to protect his flank by a similar conquest. Russian

journals in St. Petersburg and Port Arthur lately sought to convince themselves and to persuade their readers that the great northern Power's presence in Manchuria is necessitated by Japan's aggressive ambition. The existence of such ambition remained undiscovered until its ~~detection~~ by these publicists. They have also endeavored to prove that the desire of Japan to add the Korean peninsula to her own dominions is her sole reason for objecting to its absorption into Russia's. Probably, if the heart of Japan could be dissected, some such desire would be found engrained in its fibre. But it may safely be affirmed that her thoughts do not run upon forceful conquest. She would be altogether content to trust to the slowly working instruments of commercial and industrial development, since her ambition is, not to annex for the sake of empire, but to preserve for the sake of protection.

The Editorial comments of The Times:-

Extract from letter from
A. V. Bryan.
Matsuyama, March 18, 1904.

My sympathies in this war are with the Japanese and I hope she will win every time. When I think of her progress during the years I have lived here, when I think how she was despised by other nations and how patiently she has gone about to fulfill the what I believe to be God given destiny, I rejoice in her triumphs and as sorry for her many failures. But her cause through all these years has been for enlightenment, liberty of conscience and the uplift of the people. Various officials from this local office are now going around the province to teach the farmers lessons of economy and while the people is taxed, it is also well looked after in many ways by a kindly though paternal government. As I walk the streets ~~the good feeling that~~ and see the teaching and enforcement of the laws of health, I can not but admire the good feeling that this government has for its people, when I could have made at least a trial of devotion. The garbage is collected from each house by men who go around each ^{day} with carts and is carried to the fields on the outside of they city and there burned for manure. When a scalp disease made its appearance a years or two ago, presumably coming from Formosa, the policemen instructed all the barners about taking precautions and the disease is about a thing of the past. The foreign merchants were very much apposed to treaty revision and said they could get no justice in the Japanese courts, but this feeling has about died out and now these same merchants are getting over each other in contributing in various ways to a war fund, the money of which will

be turned over to the Japanese. The tone of at least one English paper published in Kobe, concerning this war is ~~xxxxxx~~ entirely different from what it was during the China-Japan war. It is true that the officials seem to act in reference to what other nations will think and judge, but not in any semblance of hypocrisy, but naturally to have the good opinion of foreigners. And yet, where foreigners will never know what is being done, there is a healthy and steady effort to work for the well being of the people at large, and I think that God has raised up this nation as He did Cyrus of old;"though they have not known my name". If I am mistaken in all this, still it gives me more hope and cheer in the work than otherwise I would have.

Imperial Recognition of the Young Men'S Christian Assiciation.

With regard to the Imperial donation of Yen 10,000 toward the Y.M.C.A. work, most press comments speak very highly of the success attained by this Association. Some ridicule the Buddhists, stating that, while they accuse the Christians of being less patriotic, they are far behind the Christians in patriotic work. The Jiji Shimpo (the "Times" of Japan) says on the subject.

"Though the Christian religion is of recent introduction, the improvement it has effected on the moral condition of the nation, and the influence it has had on the minds of the people are very great. No one can deny the great good accomplished by the believers of that religion in establishing many charitable institutions, in assisting the progress of the nation, and in promoting the happiness of the poor and helpless. There are already many schools and colleges, both for boys and girls in the country, which are supported entirely by the Christians. As for the charitable institutions, excepting those which are established by the public, it is not too much to say that all are the result of Christian enterprise. These had their origin during the time of peace.

Now in the time of war, the Y.M.C.A. an association of Christians, was the first to send its members to the front in order, to comfort the soldiers by various means, and the good which it has done for them ^{cannot be} estimated. Such enterprise needs money as well as ability. However earnest they may be, if they are not supplied with enough funds, their effort cannot bring ample results. It is very likely that this is what the Emperor feared and consequently it induced him to make this donation."