



Letters from Lottie

THE GOOD WORK CONTINUES

Nov. 22, 1880

Rev. Dr. H. A. Tupper:

My dear Brother,

We have no stations in the ordinary acceptation of the word, that is, a place where a paid assistant holds service. Our Christians are scattered in various places & we visit them as we can. They are expected to meet on the Sabbath & hold religious services; some of them do & some do not. I have askt the makers of the map to note every place in which any of our members or the North St. members live. In some places there are only one or two, in others more. I am sorry to say they have a tendency to gravitate towards the city which is bad in some respects. Moving away from their old friends & neighbors, they have less reproach to endure as being Christians; I think it wd. be better for them to live it down at home & try to influence their own region. They are poor & hope to better themselves by moving to the city. Sometimes they do & very often they lose what little they bring with them. The war rumors seem to have almost died out & things move on quietly as before, only there is constant drilling of troops. It is to be hoped that China will not attempt to cope with the power of Russia: right or wrong, she will be worsted in the war & would probably have to pay a larger indemnity than is now demanded. The people grow more & more accessible. Dr. & Mrs. Crawford were out last week spending several days in a village where there are no Christians & they found great readiness to hear. Mrs. Holmes & I have been making some very pleasant day trips among the neighboring villages. Even these are growing friendly and manifest a willingness to be instructed. The good work grows & there are many causes of hopefulness.

With kindness regards,

Yrs sincerely,

L. Moon

Note: Russia, Japan and China were at odds during the latter part of the 1800s and early part of the 1900s involving Manchuria.