

The Half-day village.

The other day, I saw a literary exhibition in which Hanako, a grandchild, appears.

It is a play by 99 third graders in elementary school.

The title is "A Half-day Village."

The dramatic contents are introduced.

A half-day village--- it is the take of a village that a day hits only half a day as its name.

Unless a high mountain is in the background and it passes over daytime, a full day does not hit the village.

Good or bad day for the people in the village leads to the question of life and death.

As you also know the sun is crucial for the growth of crops.

There is very little harvest of crops in this village, especially rice, and the villagers are not active.

The villagers thought they had been born to a bad village.

Moreover, they had given up as kind of "fate"

There was no way of thinking having interrupted the sunshine,

that adults pulled down an obstructive mountain, etc.

However, a child with a gentle heart called Ippei was in the village half day.

Ippei heard that it was sad if even that mountain does not have some evening parents.

Ippei heard come, he heard .

He shouldered a bag from the next morning,

climbed the mountain, and every time he put the ground of the mountain into the bag.

He threw it away into the lake in front of the village.

Ippei did this every day.

The children of the village laughed at the strange thing that was done while watching Ippei.

Ippei carried the ground of the mountain every day, and threw it in the front of the lake, and returned to the mountain again!

However, while watching, it became interesting somehow.

The other children also imitated him and carried the ground from the mountain.

The number which carried the ground had also increased.

However, the adults were surely bound by common sense.

Such children's actions are only laughed at and seen.

When the children's actions were still seen,

It came to be hoped that something may be unchangeable.

Then, adults also began to carry the ground.

It should take dozens of years and dozens of years!

Every day, every day.

It is a repetition of very steady work.

It is just little by little that one goes far!

On a certain morning, from the village to a village on the first half a day.

In this way, it changed from the village to a village on the first half a day.

With the ground put into the lake, the lake was filled and changed to a field.

Advancing step by step is important, also, for it having seemed that it is very impossible.

All the children acted this tale very hard.

They sang all together and each one told their parts.

I felt very freshly relieved.

I was happy about the figure in which small children grew greatly.

It is the teacher's favor of the school which guides you from every day.

I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart.

It is serious to educate many things from now on.

It is the most important time for becoming a splendid adult.

I would appreciate your favor.

You, students, have also surely learned many things from the parents

who visited, all the people and this theater.

I also grew up in a small village.

In order to grow rice, we cultivated to plant many, at least one share of seedlings of rice.

The time of the child who worked until it became dark with all the families is remembered.

I remembered that I was hard to have saddened with pleasant joy of a grandchild's growth and past.

At some point tears came to my eyes.

I get embarrassed enough to cry.

What did this play teach the child and the adult ?

Adults also obtained courage, impression, remarkable progress, etc.  
from children's performance and a tale in large numbers.

Somewhat various language was collected.

- ※ First ! Try breaking away from a fixed idea, stereotypes.
- ※ Soul of coexistence and co-prosperity.
- ※ The value of continuation
- ※ "persistence pays off."
- ※ Not language but action moves others' hearts!
- ※ "If dust also accumulates, change with a mountain."
- ※ Efforts also put upon what it is -" Rome was not built in a day."

It is wonderful to have made the impossible possible by everybody's power.

We also need to have a big dream, hope, and a target.

Since it is good, anything is performed !

Moreover, it became a restart and very good day from today

