

bystander said: 'I know all the foreigners, and will take you to them. But you don't know their ways; you can do nothing with them unless you give them a dinner first. Give me \$2.00 and I will provide the dinner, and make all right.' But they cautiously replied that they would wait and see the foreigners first. The man took them to the Church Missionary Society bookshop, and it turned out that all he knew of the matter was the existence of this shop. The *colporteur* sent them to Mr. Hutchinson, and they began by producing, in true Japanese fashion from handkerchiefs, two large tins of mutton, which they had brought as an introductory present. Mr. Hutchinson heard their story, felt satisfied of their sincerity, and told them he would send them two teachers to instruct them in the religion of Jesus, but they must expect no money nor any worldly advantage. He sent Mr. Nakamura, the present catechist, and another.

Some months afterwards he was summoned to examine their catechumens. He baptized seventy at the house of the head man whom we visited, and soon after twenty more whom he had put back for further instruction. There were now 140 well-instructed Christians there. Bishop Bickersteth afterwards visited them for confirmation; and one man, who was not able to be present, afterwards walked fifty miles to receive the rite at Fukuoka. They maintain a Christian school. Formerly near the spot where the church has been built were two trees which were considered sacred, and between them hung the sacred straw rope connected with Shinto worship. When