

## MISSION FIELD.

## THE CHURCH IN JAPAN.

The *Spirit of Missions* says it has received the following important announcement from the Missionary Bishop of Yedo, concerning the organization of the native Church in Japan, composed of the Christians of the English and American Church Missions:—

The conference of American and English Church missionaries, and the Synod held immediately afterward were, all things considered, very satisfactory—much more so than was anticipated. The constitution and canons (as presented to our General Convention last October) were, with some modifications, adopted. A general missionary society was formed, and a resolution in favor of unity was passed. The question of a name for the Church seemed a very difficult one, but the Synod by a large majority adopted the name "Church of Japan," in Japanese "Nippon sei Ko-kwai." We had never before adopted a name. The name by which we had been called was very objectionable, and all were glad to drop it. Only two or three voted for it. We all hope that the action of the Synod will lead to the more rapid growth and strengthening of our Church. The outlook of work in Osaka (where the Synod was held) and in its neighborhood seems encouraging.

## THE PRESENT DEMAND.

We have spoken from time to time of the need of large gifts for the missionary work, which is pressing its demands on all sides and calling the Church to awake from her slumber to meet the great opportunities which the providence of God has opened both at home and abroad. The wealth which is in the hands of Christians, should be consecrated as it has never yet been to the service of God if we are to do in any adequate way the work to which He is bidding us. The Rev. Oswald Dykes, of London, voices this demand in the following language:

All who study the subject come to but one conclusion—that if the enormous and multiplying swarms of human beings who know not Christ are ever to know His Name—indeed, if they are not, within a measurable time, to choke the earth with the spiritually dead—Christians at home must rise to the occasion, and lavish means and men upon the work at this favorable juncture on a very different scale from anything we have seen. The dignity of the service to which our Lord invites us has yet to be appreciated. The urgency of the hour has to be understood. Our joint and several responsibility for the work has to be brought home to each of us. The money power of the Church needs to be used without stint. But, far more, the ardor of youthful spirits has to be called for. The well-born and leisurely will have to choose it for a life work, and go where possible, at their private charges.

## DEATH IN THE WATER.

## IS THE ELEMENT WE DRINK DECIMATING THE PEOPLE?

## HOW A UNIVERSAL MENACE TO HEALTH MAY BE DISARMED.

A few years ago the people in a certain section in one of the leading cities of the state were prostrated with a malignant disease, and upon investigation it was found that only those who used water from a famous old well were the victims.

Prof. S. A. Lattimore, analyst of the New York State Board of Health, upon analyzing water from this well, found it more deadly than the city sewage.

The filling up of the old well, stopped the ravages of the disease.

Not long since the writer noticed while some men were making an excavation for a large building, a stratum of dark colored earth running from near the surface to hard pan. There it took another course toward a well near at hand. The water from this well had for years been tainted with the drainings from a receiving vault, the percolations of which had discolored the earth!

Terrible!

A similar condition of things exists in every village and city where well water is used, and though the filtering which the fluids receive in passing through the earth may give them a clear appearance, yet the poison and disease remains, though the water may look never so clear.

It is still worse with the farmer, for the drainage from the barn yard and the slops from the kitchen eventually find their way into the family well!

The same condition of things exists in our large cities, whose water supplies are rivers fed by little streams that carry off the filth and drainage from houses. This "water" is eventually drunk by rich and poor alike with great evil.

Some cautious people resort to the filter for purifying this water, but even the filter does not remove this poison, for water of the most deadly character may pass through this filter and become clear, yet the poison disguised is there.

They who use filters know that they must be renewed at regular periods, for even though they do not take out all the impurity, they soon become foul.

Now in like manner the human kidneys act as a filter for the blood and if they are filled up with impurities and become foul, like the filter, all the blood in the system coursing through them becomes bad, for it is now a conceded fact that the kidneys are the chief means whereby the blood is purified. These organs are filled with thousands of hair-like tubes which drain the impurities from the blood, and the sewer pipes drain impurities from our houses.

If a sewer pipe breaks under the house, the sewage escapes into the earth and fills the house with poisonous gas; so if any of the

thousand and one little hair-like sewer tubes of the kidneys break down, the entire body is affected by this awful poison.

It is a scientific fact that the kidneys have few nerves of sensation; and, consequently, disease may exist in these organs for a long time and not be suspected by the individual. It is impossible to filter or take the death out of the blood when the least derangement exists in these organs, and if the blood is not filtered then the uric acid, or kidney poison, removable only by Warner's safe cure, accumulates in the system and attacks any organ, producing nine out of ten ailments, just as sewer gas and bad drainage produce so many fatal disorders.

Kidney disease may be known to exist if there is any marked departure from ordinary health without apparent known cause, and it should be understood by all that the greatest peril exists, and is intensified, if there is the least neglect to treat it promptly with that great specific, Warner's safe cure, a remedy that has received the highest recognition by scientific men who have thoroughly investigated the character of kidney derangements.

They may not tell us that the cause of so many diseases in this organ is the impure water or any other one thing, but this poisonous water with its impurities coursing constantly through these delicate organs undoubtedly does produce much of the decay and disease which eventually terminate in the fatal Bright's disease, for this disease, alike among the drinking men, prohibitionists, the tobacco slave, the laborer, the merchant, and the tramp, works terrible devastation every year.

It is well known that the liver which is so easily thrown "out of gear" as they say, very readily disturbs the action of the kidneys. That organ when deranged, immediately announces the fact by sallow skin, constipated bowels, coated tongue, and head-aches, but the kidney when diseased, struggles on for a long time, and the fact of its disease can only be discovered by the aid of the microscope or by the physician who is skilful enough to trace the most indirect effects in the system to the derangement of these organs, as the prime cause.

The public is learning much on this subject and when it comes to understand that the kidneys are the real health regulators, as they are the real blood purifiers of the system, they will escape an infinite amount of unnecessary suffering, and add length of days and happiness to their lot.

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