

"That thou shalt not judge, lest thou shouldst be
By that same harsh judgment tried,—
And—here comes the chief of the Y.M.C.A.,
You'll kindly stand aside!"

—A. T.

REVERIE OF A DIVINITY STUDENT.

Amiable, amiable, good and fair!
I never smoke or drink or swear;
But give me a blossom from Gossip's tree,
I will shake its leaves o'er land and sea;
I will take the word by chance let fall
And in new garments show it to all!
Oh, I am amiable, good and fair!
I never smoke or drink or swear;
But in my love I am far too cute
To brook any rival to my suit.

What man in love would rival me?
One subtle lie, and where is he?
One word in the ear of the girl we woo,
Who knows what wonders that may do?
One finger pointed in the rink
May accomplish more than we ever think!
What it is to be amiable, good and fair!
To never smoke or drink or swear!

Addresses.

THIS issue we are able to give in full the address delivered by Mr. Toshi C. Ikehara, B.A., at the World's Sunday-school Convention in London, Eng., last July, and through the kindness of Mr. W. B. Jacobs, General Secretary of Illinois State Sunday-school Convention, we present an excellent likeness of our former beloved fellow-student. Mr. Ikehara is now an International Sunday-school Field Worker in Tokyo, Japan, which work is maintained by annual personal subscription under the direction of the International Sunday-school Executive Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen:—It is no common pleasure, I assure you, to be present at this memorable gathering and be permitted to say a few words upon the cause I love so much. My pleasure is all the keener, when I realize the fact that in the annals of the World's Sunday-school Conventions this is the first time the work in Japan has had a representative.

I trust, ladies and gentlemen, you have followed with interest the progress of the Gospel of Christ in the Island Empire of Japan. After the introduction of Christian faith in that land, only a few decades ago, marvellous achievements were accomplished, and a few years ago the number of Christians reached 40,000 in round figures. Then we cried out in ecstasy of joy that the Empire of

Japan will soon become a Christian nation; but we now know that our congratulations were premature, and all our great expectations were not to be realized.

The reaction against Christianity set in. The progress of the Gospel was hindered, and now for a few years the statistics show no great signs of improvement, and we are still the same 40,000, among the entire population of 42,000,000, a proportion of one in every 1,050.

It pains me when I read from time to time from the pages of magazines, the organs of Buddhism or Shintoism, the boasting words of their leaders, "We have now completely checked the invasion of a destructive Christ-religion," or "we are now in position to root out Christianity from the land." I know too well that the love of our Saviour has taken a deep root in the heart of Christians in Japan, and that nothing can in any way separate them from it, and yet my heart is grieved beyond mea-



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sure as I look on that far-away field of Christian enterprise, and see that we are but now holding a position of defence after so many years of successful and aggressive warfare.

I have a younger brother, a zealous preacher of the Gospel, whom I had the profound satisfaction of leading to the Nazarene through a Sunday-school in which I was actively and successfully engaged, though I was then a mere lad of fourteen. Both he and I, as well as many Christians in Japan, would gladly lay down our lives to restore the once progressive condition of our fellow-men from the superstition and prejudice by which they are surrounded.

Among the forces used to counteract the influence of Christian missions are: