

twenty-eight student Young Men's Christian Associations formed where there had been only eight at the beginning of the tour. At the convention held in Tokyo, for the purpose of bringing all these associations into union, the constitution of the World's Student Christian Federation was adopted, and Japan added her Christian associations to the body of men destined to advance the evangelization of the world.

Yet the work of the missionary in Japan is still a great need. With a population of forty millions, of whom thirty millions have not yet heard of Christ; with many groups of islands, inland towns and cities without any witnesses for the Cross; with many problems confronting the Church; with the masses still in the grasp of Buddhism; with the educated class permeated with scepticism or atheism, much of which is due to erroneous theories about God and nature in western countries, Japan, if ever, stands in need of educated consecrated men and women, who will give their lives, if need be, for the salvation of the land of the sunrise. Rev. R. B. Peery, of the Lutheran Mission, Saga, Japan, in closing his book, "The Gist of Japan," says: "The course of Christianity in the future will not be an unopposed easy march to victory. There yet remains a great deal to be done. Many clouds still linger on the horizon, making us anxious about the morrow. But so much has already been done that the churches at home should feel encouraged to renew their energies for the final contest. When one division of an army has forced a breach in the enemy's lines, it is not left to hold the position alone, but reinforcements are hurried forward to its assistance and the advantage gained is instantly followed up. The attack has been made in Japan, the enemy's lines have been broken, but the victory is not yet. This is no time for retreat, for hesitancy or for cavil; this is a time for prompt reinforcement and liberal support. Let the home churches feel that such is their present duty toward the work in Japan." God reigns, and His declaration is that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

### Missionary Meeting.

THE missionary meeting with the subject, "Japan, Korea and the Isles of the Sea," may be made very interesting by adopting one of the following methods, or substituting a better one:

#### I.

1. Ten-minute paper on the History of Japan.

References—Art. Japan, "Encyclopædia Britannica."

"The Gist of Japan," R. B. Peery, pp. 32-51.

"Japan—Its People and Missions, Page, pp. 11-34.

"Japan—The Land of the Morning," pp. 42-127.

2. Ten-minute paper on History of Missions in Japan, with the present need.

References—Books named above.

"Concise History of Missions," Bliss, pp. 191-210.

"Strategic Points in the World's Conquest," pp. 170-201.

Facts on Foreign Missions—

*Christian Guardian*, August 3rd, 1898.

*Christian Guardian*, August 10th, 1898.

*Toronto Evening News*, July 23rd, 1898, article by Dr. Carman.

3. Ten-minute paper on Mission Work in Korea.

References—Facts on Foreign Missions—

*Christian Guardian*, May 18th, 1898.

"Korea and Her Neighbors," by Mrs. Bishop, is good for general information about Korea.

"Concise History of Missions," Bliss, pp. 209, 210.

"Korean Sketches," by James S. Gale.

#### II.

1. Paper on Japanese Characteristics.

References—Good material in Peery's "Gist of Japan," pp. 51-107.

"Japan," Jesse Page, Chapter VI

2. A well-told story about Joseph Neesima.

References—"Gist of Japan," p. 181.

Page's "Japan," Chapter IX.

Dr. Davis' "Life of Neesima."

A. T. Hardy's "Life of Neesima."

3. Description of Religions of Japan.

References—"Gist of Japan," pp. 122-143.

"Student Missionary Appeal," pp. 349-353.

"Strategic Points," pp. 193-200.

"Japan—The Land of the Morning," Chapter IV.

#### III.

1. Brief outline of missions in Japan since 1859, with present outlook.

References—See closing chapters of books on Japan already mentioned.

Rev. M. Takagi's letter in *Christian Guardian* of August 10th, 1898.

August CAMPAIGNER.

2. Story of James Calvert's work in Fiji.

References—Facts on Foreign Missions—

"Life of James Calvert," by R. Vernon.

*Christian Guardian*, June 1st, 1898.

3. John Paton and his work in New Hebrides.

References—"Story of John G. Paton," \$1.50; two volumes, \$2.00.

Facts on Foreign Missions—

"Concise History of Missions," pp. 211-224.

DR. JACKSON is not able to write a letter to the Leagues, but gave us a message to the Toronto Central District Epworth League. "Tell them," he said, "that I feel their prayers have helped me, and are helping me. Although I cannot understand why God has taken me aside from my work, still I feel He upholds me, and that underneath are the everlasting arms. Ask them to pray for me, that if it be God's will I may be restored to my work among my Indians." The Leaguers will be glad to know that Dr. Jackson's health is improving, although he is not yet able to be out of bed.

THE Rev. D. R. McKenzie, one of our missionaries, who has been in Japan for ten years, is now home on furlough for a year, and will be available for conventions, League meetings, etc., during that time. Mr. McKenzie has brought with him a large collection of stereopticon views of mission work and workers, Japanese scenery, customs, arts, etc., and will be prepared to give illustrated addresses, as well as to impart general information in regard to missionary work in Japan. Any Leagues desiring his services should communicate with him at 568 Parliament Street, Toronto, or in care of Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., of the Mission Rooms, Toronto.