

about the only way you can do that, if you can't go yourself and want to have a hand in it, is to send your money to somebody who *can* go, so here's my money." Every one who places an offering in God's treasury, applies God's remedy to the evil, and if the offering be a "sacrifice gift," results are multiplied indefinitely. The nations are in peril *to-day* through the darkness of heathenism, how may we drive out this darkness. We are responsible for the heavenly light *we* have received. "The righteous shall shine into all dark places as the sun." We are to declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people. This is God's chosen way of diffusing His light, then let us as individuals assume our responsibility of doing *our* part in the great work, going steadily forward, casting no look backward, until the glorious spiritual kingdom is established in every nation of the earth. God has a claim upon us, in acknowledgment for His goodness in not placing *us* in the depths of heathenism; then we are debtors of the heathen world, for we possess what they have not. Oh, then, Christian sisters, let us prove our love, and in the glow of our gratitude to Him, let us use our God-given intellects to the end for which they were designed; let us educate our daughters and those who succeed us, that they may be better qualified than we have been, to use both pen and tongue in the interests of this great work; let us leave the way as plain for them as we possibly can. The time is short, the moments are precious, let us be *up* and *doing*, for we know not when our Lord doth come. Then we are responsible to a certain extent for the *hastening* of the day when the Church of God shall go forth to subdue the world; and our *crucified Saviour*, dying for the world will draw us into sweeter fellowship, in self-sacrifice for the perishing. Our *risen Christ*, pointing to the uttermost ends of the earth, will impel us to obedience to His resurrection command. Our *glorified Saviour* will share with us His heart's yearnings over the lost, enduing us with power as we aid in seeking to gain for Him the souls *for whom* He died, and our coming King will work with us and in us mightily, as we labor in the interests of His kingdom, making our lives a practical echo of our oft-repeated prayer, Amen; even so, come Lord Jesus, so that the watchman on Zion's walls can answer with confidence the anxious question of the weary traveller, and say, "The morning cometh, the shadows of sin flee away." What is done must be done quickly, events are crowding one upon another, the forces of Christ must join, and push the battle to the gates of the enemy; then will our Captain lead us on to certain victory, the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever, and EVERY knee shall bow to Him, and Christ the crucified Redeemer shall be crowned Lord of *all*.

THE Moravians have projected a mission on the Victoria Nyanza, but have been unable to establish it from the lack of funds. Just before the opening of their General Synod this year, news was brought that a legacy of between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars had fallen to the Church, and it is probable that the work will be speedily carried forward, as the men are ready.

## Along the Line.

### JAPAN.

Letter from REV. JOHN W. SAUNBY, B.A., dated KANAZAWA, KAGA, JAPAN, May 30th, 1891.

IN my last letter, I illustrated very fully some of the difficulties and disappointments which have beset us in our work during the year; and were this all we had to tell, the tale would be, indeed, a dismal one. But, thank God, while failure has beset us on one side of our work, success has been granted on the other. True, our efforts in English among the students appear to have been in vain; but, on the other hand, our work among the common people in Japanese has been blessed to the salvation of souls. Now, along this line I am not speaking of my own individual work alone, but also of the Japanese brethren who have labored with me during the year. As for myself, the year opened with a struggle along the line of speaking the language, and although the struggle still continues, yet I am thankful to say that the way is getting easier for me, and I am now able to teach and preach with a good deal of freedom, except when I happen to have a "hard time," and then it is awful.

Here in Kanazawa we have worked away steadily in two different parts of the city, although having been forced to change our preaching places now and again through the opposition of the people to Christianity being brought to bear on the owner of the house, so as to cause him to refuse to let it to us any longer; still, even in this we have much to be thankful for, because never have we been turned out of one place when another was not opened for us, and the change has always been for the better. Besides the regular work in these two preaching places, which consists of preaching on Sunday evenings, Bible-classes, women's meetings, and meetings for the children, we have started a regular Sunday morning preaching service in our school building, besides a prayer-meeting and a weekly lecture meeting during the week. Our purpose is to build up a cause right at the school, and then convert the building into a church as soon as we can get rid of this school work by the revision of the treaties, because we have really the most commanding site in the whole city for a church. Then, too, away in another part of the city, where we have a most successful preaching place, we feel it imperative that we start a separate cause there also, because that part of the city is most thickly populated and very far from any of the other churches in the city.

Now, as to the results of our work: right from the first there was one who received the truth in the love of it, and that, as usual, a woman. With her there has been no swerving, so that now she is a true follower of Jesus. Then came a young man, a Samurai and well educated, who had been reading the Bible for a good while, and who was convinced of the truth of it. He soon applied for baptism, and, as a proof of his sincerity, he gathered a class of his friends together, and asked me to come and explain the Bible to them. This class continues still, and although comparatively small, is very interesting and encouraging, because the