

vincial Parliament Building. The Governor and his wife were among those on the platform. The Governor is much interested in the work. The building was pretty well filled with men, women and girls.

News from China is not very encouraging. It is stated that the Empress has ordered immediate preparations for her reception in Chentu. Alas! May it be ordered otherwise. Telegrams (secret) have passed through Shanghai ordering viceroys to prepare for war. "God maketh the wrath of man to praise Him," and rules over all. That is our comfort.

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*From Miss Robertson, Kofu, Nov. 17, 1900.*

Feeling that the Missionary Conference in Tokyo would be a great help, I decided to attend, Miss Jost kindly consenting to take charge of the school during my absence. I was not disappointed. It was indeed a great inspiration to be with so many earnest-minded men and women, all eagerly considering ways and means of bringing this "Island Empire" under the dominion of Jesus. Some excellent papers were read, embracing every phase of missionary work, from the spiritual life of the missionary himself, to the different departments of active service. Each one showed, not a visionary, esthetic disposition that deals with the poetry of missions, but that faithful, practical mind that sees the needs of the people, and plans definitely for their Christianization.

The seven week-days devoted to the discussion of the many different topics were all too short, another week could have been profitably spent. I returned home feeling much refreshed in mind and spirit, realizing as never before that surely, though slowly, the leaven of the truth as it is in Christ is making its way through the spiritual darkness of this nation, and that ultimately the whole population must see Jesus.

The American Minister, Colonel Buck, and his wife, very kindly received the entire Conference at their home one evening, and Colonel Buck sent a cheque for fifty yen to help defray the expenses of the Conference.

We were a party of five. Dr. Scott, Mr. Borden, Mr. Hiraiwa, Dr. Killam and myself, to leave Tokyo the morning of the 2nd inst. Dr. Killam and I left the gentlemen at Yoshida, and pushed on directly to Kofu next day. It was good to get home again. Home is never so comfortable and attractive as after that journey over the mountains, though this time, compared with former times, we had it very easy. An extension of the horse-car road, and prices for the various modes of conveyance being