

to the new Branch, and many good wishes for its prosperity. Fuller particulars will be give later.

The Rev. R. Benison, writes from Nepigon, as follows, in answer to enquiries as to his condition since the fire, which left him homeless:—"In reply to your kind letter of the 6th, I beg to state that many of our kind friends in Toronto and other places have responded very spontaneously to our pressing needs. It will take about \$200 still to complete the amount necessary to repair our losses, and whilst I do not wish to make any demands upon your beneficence, we shall be thankful for any help that you can send, if you could do nothing more than write the kind sympathetic letter that you have sent, even that in itself is no small help, because a word of cheer and sympathy does good, like water on a thirsty land. We have been camping out by the Lake-side for several weeks past, but will soon have to get into more comfortable quarters before the autumnal winds begin to blow."

These extracts from a letter just received from Miss Smith, will show us how her work is growing. Should Japan be attacked by the Chinese, Miss Smith and her nurses will have their services more in request than ever. We trust that Japan may be left in peace. "Just as soon as I received Dr. Mockridge's letter enclosing the first quarterly allowance (\$100), I wrote to Osaka and Tokyo to engage four more nurses to enter the school at the beginning of next term (Sept. 1st.), and have since been trying to engage another Christian doctor to work with us. Mr. Foss is having a new mission-house built, to contain a large room to be used for preaching to the heathen, another for a night-school for young men; and now since there is money to carry on the work, he is going to have another room for a Dispensary. This is in an entirely heathen quarter of the city, in the neighborhood of one of the large Shinto temples. I think it is a very good idea to have the Dispensary in the same building where the Church services are held, for when patients come for treatment, we can tell them to come to the same place for the services. We are doing a good deal of work among the women (the lower classes especially) in our little Dispensary in the school, which I have entire charge of myself. The more difficult cases I send to the doctor of the hospital where the nurses receive their instructions, but there are many cases that any trained nurse would take the responsibility of. Our district work and cases of private nursing increase all the time, and we have been unable to attend many of the calls we had from the native doctors; but now that we are about to get more nurses, that will be remedied. I think I wrote you about our new Church being consecrated in the spring. By this mail I send you a photograph of it. The native Christians are very proud of this Church, as they contributed a large portion of the money with which it is built."