

on subjects of a moral character and travels a great deal through the Empire, having just returned from a professional tour, presented himself and wished for immediate baptism, as he had to leave before next Sabbath. Three months ago he made application for baptism, and was instructed as far as possible. Last evening the service took place, and beside Mr. Miyaki, Dr. Aiso, who could not be with us last Sabbath, was present to be received into the Christian Church. A goodly company was gathered, and the meeting was excellent. Both those gentlemen will, I trust, be very useful. The Doctor, in his professional walk, will have many opportunities of doing good and evincing the Christian character, and of him I expect a great deal. But I was particularly struck with the rapt and intense spirit of Mr. Miyaki, who, with hands tightly clasped, and eyes glowing with emotion, seemed to have forgotten everything in the universe but the subject in hand. In my own self-communings I have likened the Christian Missionary to one of the racers in the old Athenian game of *Lampadedromia*, in which one runs a certain stage and hands his lighted torch to another, who stands at the station ready to snatch it and bound away to another post, on the way to the goal, when another runner, seizing it, carries it on. There is this difference: till death we Missionaries do not hand over the torch, but retaining it,

thank God! we are permitted to light not one, but many in the hands of others. Mr. Miyaki will, I am satisfied, be a flame of fire, and while we are on this spot, will not be able to tabulate the results of the testimony for Christ which boldly and unflinchingly he gives. I make no doubt that eternity will show that love for God and Christ will have been kindled by his zeal in many a heart in different parts of this land. I have done what I could to furnish him for the work for his attachment to which he has already begun to suffer persecution.

In these seven months of residence here I have baptized fourteen persons. I could make a much more handsome statistical report, but I labour to keep the standard as high as the "General Rules of our Societies," and the Church as pure as that of the New Testament.

It is with exceeding regret that I have to say that Mr. Yebara, who only returned home on Saturday last, is still very far from being well, and is regarded by his family as in a very dangerous condition. If he were to be called away, what would be the fate of this Mission, only the Head of the Church can tell.

We are all,—my wife, sister and myself—suffering from weakness, and have been obliged during the past few weeks to take more rest than has been our custom since we came to Japan.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

VERY earnest are the appeals for a new sanctuary at White Fish Lake. We must admire the zeal and perseverance of the Missionary and Teacher, and the generosity shown by friends at Edmonton House, towards this good object. Such energy and zeal are worthy of encouragement, though our good brother Steinhauer's method of relieving the Missionary Society is somewhat novel.