

munication with the outer world. These brethren deserve the sympathy of the Church, and their fields of labour, though not likely ever to become self-sustaining, are real Missions, for the people are most needy, and cannot do much to help themselves.

Mr. Beaudry, our French Missionary in Montreal, is labouring with such success that the Ministers' meeting has sanctioned the erection of a church for the habitants, and recommends the project to the favourable consideration of our people. We shall be glad to hear of the church being built.

JAPAN.

THE Japanese have become weary of the way in which they have been accustomed to worship, and some of them, in casting off heathenism, are in danger of falling into grave errors. A new religious sect, the doctrines of which remain secret, is said to be spreading. The new faith does not resemble either Christianity, Mohammedanism, nor any form of Japanese religion.

Within the last five years, seven hundred Buddhist temples have been converted to other uses. They have lately contributed to the erection of the best church in the country. The pews, pulpit, and communion-table of the Reformed Mission Church, recently opened, were made from wood that came from demolished temples.

Some of the women who embraced the new faith made kindling wood of the idols which they had formerly worshipped. The Buddhist priests, not being able to prevent their people embracing the new faith, appealed to the government, and said, "If the thing were not stopped the whole of Kiogo would soon be believing in the Jesus' religion." But there was no redress.

Last January the first Christian newspaper was issued.

Dr. Williams, a Missionary-bishop in Japan, is devoting two-thirds of his own small income to carry on the

Mission work, and he lives in a poor little Japanese house, hardly better than a hut; and this is home, church, and school-house.

The Missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as well as our own Missionaries, appear to be labouring very successfully. A recent number of the *Missionary Advocate* contained a view of the first Methodist Church in Japan. A more recent account is given of the third annual meeting of our American brethren, in which they write very hopefully of their work. Another church is being erected, and several new preaching places have also been opened.

REVIVAL MISSIONS.

CHRISTIANS of all denominations appear to be catching the revival spirit. St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey have long been used freely for special religious services; but the various parishes in the metropolis are now the scenes of similar services. York Minster has become a famous place for such services. Enquiry meetings have been held for the benefit of anxious enquirers. In Sheffield, a number of clergymen and laymen, including a nobleman and an archbishop, have been engaged in revival Mission work. A system of house visiting has been organized, whereby every family in the town was called upon for religious conversation. The evening meetings at the various churches were crowded.

Rev. J. W. Bonham has been holding special services in the Cathedral at Montreal, assisted by Canon Baldwin and others.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey are meeting with great success in Chicago. Most of the ministers in the city have joined them in their evangelistic labours. Trains are run on the various railways to suit the services, and occasionally several "overflow" meetings have to be held. The managers of the meetings have planned a series of similar services to be held throughout the North-