

After the sermon, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to about forty persons, including the Missionaries and their families. After service, there was a great deal of greeting, and an abundance of good wishes for the newly-arrived Missionaries.

At two P.M., an interesting love-feast was held. Some of the natives spoke in English, and others in Japanese. It was a sight cheering to the heart and quickening to the faith to see so many fine young men of promise enlisting in the service of a Saviour who is as yet but little known in Japan. In the evening, a Japanese service was held, in which Brother McDonald preached. He seems to have acquired quite a command of the language of the country, and natives assure me that he speaks very correctly.

In the course of the week, Bro. M. left for Shidzuoka, and shortly afterwards Bro. Meacham and family departed for Numadzu, accompanied by Bro. Cochran and a deputation from the Numadzu Institution. But I will allow Bro. M. to give you a detailed account of his journey and interesting reception at his destination, and how the Lord has already given him fruit of his labour.

From that first week the question of a home for myself and family kept us all both busy and in suspense. We were anxious to live outside of Tsukiji, the foreign concession, for all the houses to let were in a very unhealthy locality. In order to do so, I engaged to teach in Mr. Nakamura's school for a nominal time and wage. But we had fallen on unpropitious times, and no consent could be obtained to live outside, unless on the school compound. As there was no house there, we had no alternative but Tsukiji. And there the two alternatives were: to rent in an undrained, filthy corner, or buy a most desirable property—in every way desirable—with buildings that could easily be turned into comfortable houses for both families. Said property being just at this moment available, Bro. C. and myself

felt it our duty to buy. We will thus make a call on the funds for about \$2,500 for property and repairs, but we save the Society by this step an outlay of nearly \$1,000 per annum, which would otherwise be sunk in rents. The next step, of course, will be, when the Society is able, to erect suitable houses, as the present ones cannot last many years. Here we are, any way, in our "cottage by the sea," and yet in the heart of the great city, breathing a pure and invigorating atmosphere, which already begins to tell on the appetite and larder.

As to the work itself, the interest felt in Canada in the Mission here is well placed, and, I trust, will increase more and more, and that sympathy of heart may be shown by liberality in support until the work be placed on a solid and permanent basis. God has wonderfully led our brethren, Cochran and McDonald, in their work. He has given them success, but that success, in order to become complete, must be followed up, or else the fruit will be lost, as has been the case with many a victory, which, for want of immediate advance, has been turned into a defeat.

We ought to have, within the next two years, if possible, ten or fifteen thousand dollars in land and buildings, and then the presence of two more Missionaries in this great centre of the empire. The property is needed—first, for Missionaries' homes; secondly, for a theological institute, and thirdly, for a girls' school or college.

As to the first object, nothing need be said, as every one will wish to see the Missionaries provided with a roof over their heads. As to the second, the necessity will at once be apparent when the situation is made clear, and as to the third, I will say more about it another time.

Our object here, of course, is to do the most we can for the rapid and complete evangelization of Japan. Now, it will be impossible for you to send out many more Missionaries here, and if our number