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STRICKEN JAPAN

Earthquake, Tidal Wave and Typhoon, create scenes of destruction and death

Those who through the Daily Press have learned the news of "Stricken Japan" have been furnished with the terrible story to a fuller extent than a local weekly can possibly find space for, still even through the weekly, a general view can be given.

The entire world was startled with the news which flashed over land and sea on that terrible September the first, about the ruined cities, and their hundreds of thousands of dead. The principal island of the Japanese Empire had suffered terribly, the catastrophe the worst earthquake shock in the history of the Christian era, or modern times.

The Japanese have dwelt in that far off land on the east of Asia, since centuries before the Christian era, yet it is only in our own days that Japan has won the position of a world power. Largely Pagan, she has been wise enough to live in many ways after European fashion; to learn manufacture, industry and commercial enterprise, even reaching heights in education and science, profiting by the arts of peace, while at the same time she has learned deeply of the arts of war and has already shown her power as a nation whose voice cannot be ignored.

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homes of the wealthy, massive structures of office and state, and the palaces of the ruler, have all felt the power and waste of the shock. Death, no respecter of persons, has stalked amidst them a Prince and peasant, the high and the noble of the land, and lowly dwellers in the humblest homes, have been pushed into the ranks of "Equality", mingled together in the ranks of the dead, sending forth from out the ruins, to poison the air, a stench worse than "fire and brimstone", the awful sickening stench of decaying mortality, strong enough to bring in its wake, plague and more death. Little wonder that some in writing of it, can find only one word to express the horror of the scene and that word "Hell" yet we are told, that the people will rebuild on such a foundation; Japan has unfortunately ever been "the land of earthquakes". More than any other portion of the world, it is subject to them. Quakes for the most part, doing hardly any damage, are of almost daily occurrence, in some portion or other of the Empire. During the centuries of our Era, several severe shocks have occurred in Japan, doing immense damage, and yet bad as they were, this last terrible visitation overtops them all, in fact; the entire world furnishes no equal, awful as some previous disasters have been.

Today, the nations of the world, are rushing to Japan, with sympathy relief and support. It is well, it is the voice of Christianity, the tones of brotherhood. Japan with all her paganism or Shintoolism has not shut her doors to the Christian Churches, and their missionaries are working nobly in the midst of her people, and many noble conquests have been made. The voice of Christ has been heard in the land, and not only among the common people has that voice won a following, but among the great ones of the country; her ministers and statesmen has it gained converts. Amid the gloom, the news is cheering, that on the whole, the disaster which has overtaken so many, has spared the mission work, and that many who were thought to have perished are still alive to lend a helping hand among the hosts of injured with "words of comfort and touch of love."

NEWCASTLE METHODISTS

One who has closely observed and knows, finds that the Methodists are as busy as bees. They are making money and honey both, by the look of things. Nice meetings and functions that promote sweetness, and enterprises undertaken that bring in revenue are the order of the day.

There seems to be something doing all the time is the only inference one can make from the activities of the last ten days.

The Ladies' Aid have held a good home-made cooking sale and a meeting for planning bigger ventures. They are the women to work.

The Young People's Club have had their usual meeting, balanced up their accounts, and said, "We must get down to business and go to it to render farther help to our Church." And they mean what they say.

The Pastor and Sunday School leaders are anxious to start a strong and enthusiastic interest in a Sunday afternoon meeting for young men and women at the Sunday school hour, a valuable auxiliary to the Sunday School life and plans are being made accordingly.

Certain very valuable young ladies to the Church are being claimed by the matrimonial bureau and consequently there will be vacancies in choir seats and other important places in the Church so the choir leader will be casting around for other available material and there will be a challenge in other departments for volunteers to fill up the ranks so that efficiency

can be maintained. The W.M.S. have had their meeting and this fine, worthwhile group of women, with the Kingdom vision of Jesus, gathered in Mrs. Leard's home, as of yore, again felt the influence and benediction of the late Mrs. T.A. Clarke's life and ministry as they listened to a wonderful report she wrote out, a few weeks before her death, of her observations at the Branch Convention.

Eva Allison, a bride-to-be was very much surprised when quite a number of the Methodist young folk gathered at her home Friday evening, bringing in a large decorated clothes basket piled high with handsome presents that their affection and esteem bade them bring. My! wasn't she happy and grateful; and didn't she and her beau laugh over the unique rolling pin and other funny little things hidden away among the fine gifts!

The Chatham District meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. H.C. Rice was held on Wednesday last in the Church. That popular urbane chairman made all the visiting ministers and laymen feel good, and together a pile of business was got through in the afternoon. In the evening the President of the N.B. and P.E.I. Methodist Conference gave a strong and forceful address to a much enjoyed public meeting. The visitors were entertained at the homes of the Methodist people.

Now all this within seven or eight days, besides the regular services. Something doing? Don't you forget it. It's the only way to keep alive and helpful.

Lastly, as the preacher sometimes says, the minister is being kept busy, getting up early to perform a wedding ceremony, staying up late at night to give his presence and help at meetings and social functions and to prepare the sermons that must keep pace with this up-to-date serviceable Church.

He told the folk last Sunday morning that a fancy and crossness religion that smacked of lavender water and velvet upholstery, bloodless and inane was not for Methodists or anyone else. In the evening he stressed the need of the Sunday services and their ennobling healing ministry to offset the ragtime, soil and profanity of daily occurrence through the week.

Next Sunday he is going to do in the morning what Ian MacLaren's young preacher at Drumtochty was urged by his aunt to do: "speak a good word for Jesus Christ" and in the evening he is going to ask particularly of men, young and old: How do you see? Red, blue or white? The man who sees red will likely feel ashamed.

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