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SUNRISE IN SUNRISE LAND.*

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EVEN before Commodore Perry had started on his famous expedition to Sunrise Land, the Christian Church had cast longing eyes across the waste of waters toward that island empire still so shrouded in mystery. Already missions had been established in the treaty ports of China, and several missionaries were there awaiting an opportunity of entering the land of the Mikado. This was furnished by Commodore Perry in 1854, and the eager heralds of the Cross were not slow to take advantage of it, and

*From a forthcoming volume on Japan, to be issued, with many illustrations, by William Briggs, Methodist Book and Publishing House. In view of the military activity and success of the empire of Japan this account of its religious progress, and of the work done by Canadian Methodism in promoting it, will be of special interest.—Ed.

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