

Great changes, due to contact with the West, are in progress, some of an alarming nature. We refer to Rationalism, Unitarianism, and the New Theology, which has filled the minds of some of young Japan's travellers to the West. It is encouraging, however, for us to know that those missionaries, whose sole aim is to lead men to Christ and to build them up in holiness, have very little trouble with the new "isms" among their converts. The missionary, political and commercial atmosphere of Japan is now electrified as never before. The land lies before us, and shall we not "go up and possess it?" Pray that the God of all wisdom may guide this intelligent and energetic people in this transition period of their country's history.

Our missionary work in Japan began in 1882, at the urgent request of the missionaries of the Parent Board who preceded us in 1873. Providence opened the way for Miss Cartmell to commence the work in Tokyo. God so blessed her labors that when, in 1887, it became necessary for her to return home to recuperate her health, she found it harder to part with her work there than it had been to leave her beloved Canadian home. Miss Lund has taken up her work, and has nobly carried it on. In 1884, a school for girls was opened in Tokyo, which has had wonderful success from the first. To this school Miss Eliza Spencer, of Paris, Ont., now our elect lady Mrs. Large, was appointed teacher, who, on her return home last year, was succeeded by Miss Blackmore, who, in her report of last year, says she knows that God has been with them *every step of the way*. The fame of our Tokyo school having gone throughout the Empire, several cities were anxious to have a girls' school, each offering inducements. Shizuoka, having made the most liberal offer, was chosen.

Two years ago, a girls' school was established at Kofu, which, Miss Wintemute, its Principal, states, is one of the few places which has not yet been affected by the general reaction against woman's education.

Our missionaries in this land are Mrs. Large, who, with Misses Lund, L. Hart, Shoults and Cushing, are occupying the field in the city of Tokyo; Misses Morgan and Robertson in Shizuoka; Misses Blackmore, Wintemute and N. Hart in Kofu; Misses Cunningham and Hargrave in Kanazawa, and Miss Preston in Fukui. In addition to these, our Society employs, under the supervision of Miss Lund, fourteen native Bible-women, who are