

stating their legal views of things before the bishops as judges. The court was open, and was attended by several visitors.

THE missionary meeting in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society was well attended, and was enthusiastic throughout. The Bishop of Niagara presided. The speakers were the Bishops of Quebec and Nova Scotia. The Bishop of Quebec spoke earnestly on the subject of foreign missions, pointing out the great improvement that had taken place in the sentiments of the people regarding foreign missions since the days when Carey was told to sit down, that if God wished to convert the heathen He could do so without the agency of man. The Bishop of Nova Scotia spoke pleasantly and humorously upon what he regarded as the more prosaic subject of domestic missions, and ended with an earnest appeal for their support. The collection amounted to about twenty-eight dollars, and was applied towards the missionary buildings at Nagano, Japan.

At present there are three bishops in Japan, Bishop Bickersteth and Bishop Evington (English), and Bishop McKim (American). Bishop Bickersteth, in his admirable pastoral lately issued to his clergy, hopes for a speedy increase of the episcopate in Japan, not in anticipation of any widespread movement (which the bishop does not think immediate), but as a means of suitable preparation for true evangelistic work. It is possible that two more dioceses may be established before long, one English and the other American, though it seems there is not much hope at present for a native episcopate. In the South Tokyo and Osaka jurisdictions, forming the diocese of Bishop Bickersteth, there are eighteen million souls. In South Tokyo there are twenty priests and five deacons. Of these twenty-five six are Canadian missionaries. There are thirteen lay workers (all ladies), two of whom are Canadian. In Osaka there are fifteen priests and five deacons with twenty-three lay workers, nearly all C M S. missionaries, while one, Miss Smith, is a Canadian missionary. We are pleased to notice that the largest number of confirmees in the South Tokyo jurisdiction, viz., twenty, is in the Canadian mission of Nagano, under the Rev. J. G. Waller. Bishop Bickersteth notes "with much thankfulness the gradual growth of both the Canadian missions," and in conjunction with Bishop McKim, of the American Church, seems to long still for a Canadian bishopric in Japan, for, in the division of territory agreed upon by the two bishops, the words are added, "In the event of a Canadian bishop being appointed on the west coast, Echigo shall be in his jurisdiction."

OBITUARY.

Toronto has lost Rev. Canon Brent, M A., rector of Newcastle, who died on the 8th of April, at the age of 77.

Also Robert Bethune, Esq., one of the sons of the second Bishop of Toronto, and a warm supporter of the church in his own parish of the Church of the Holy Trinity and in the diocese at large.

The Rev. Thomas Nixon De Wolfe, of Windsor, Nova Scotia, died March 28th, leaving behind him about a third of his property and money to good and charitable objects, chiefly to English missionary societies and Nova Scotia objects, amounting in all to about \$10,000. He had built a church at his own expense, and served it gratuitously, and still left money to do good after his own efforts should cease. He died at the ripe age of 83.

THE Bishop of Chôta Nagpore is now surrounded by twenty clergymen, sixty readers, and a great number of catechists. His diocese contains about 13,000 baptized members, half of whom are communicants. It also contains 500 towns and villages, and it is the youngest of the Indian sees save one. When it is considered that the Kols are admittedly one of the most backward of peoples, this rate of religious and social progress must be characterized as simply marvellous. The Kols are known of men as "the Navvies of India," and Bishop Whitley is, at all events, to be congratulated upon the achievement of ruling over a community who have time and again been complimented by the authorities upon their citizen-like qualities.

REPORT OF REV. MASAZO KAKUZEN, JAPAN.

Matsumoto, Shinano, Japan, Jan. 12th, 1895.

I have the pleasure to report you for the first time of my work out here.

I came here from Nagano last May, and commenced my work by calling on two Seiko-Kwai members, one of whom was baptized at Nakano, Shinano, and the other in Tokyo. Besides, I got a list of people to visit from Mr. Tanaka, who had been here four summers ago, and who is the catechist in charge of the preaching station at Matsudo. But many have moved to distant places since then, and some have lost entirely their interest in Christianity; so I have kept only one out of the eight in the list, and even he is not very much advanced. However, I have made acquaintance with a good many people by myself and through those two Christians above mentioned.

During last year I admitted two men and a girl as catechumen, and one man and the girl