

towns in the Province of Shinano, viz., Nagano, the capital, (population 25,000) and Matsumoto, (population 17,000). Our staff consists of seventeen persons, viz.: four clergymen, (of whom two are natives), a lady missionary who has gone out at her own charges, a lady medical missionary with whom are associated seven assistants, and four native teachers. Mr. Waller, who has been subject to frequent insults and acts of violence during his five years residence at Nagano, has now gathered about him a considerable band of converts and workers, among them two Catechists and a most efficient native Clergyman, Rev J. I. Mizuno, who is a stipendiary of the Board laboring in the Province of Echigo; and we read from time to time of confirmation classes of five, fourteen, and twenty persons, and of forty baptisms in one year. A successful effort has lately been made in Canada to raise funds for the erection of a church at Nagano. May we not hope that the board will be enabled to make a grant sufficient to cover the expense of its suitable equipment? Miss Smith, who has been our admirable medical missionary at Nagano for two years, during which she has encountered much persecution, serves twenty patients daily, but is as yet without a hospital, waiting till the funds already in hand for that purpose are supplemented by the contributions of those friends in Canada who have sent her there.

Matsumoto, also in the Province of Shinano, is our second centre. Here the pioneer work was begun by the Rev. Masazo Kakuzen, a stipendiary of the Board, in the spring of 1894. He was joined by Mr. Kennedy in the autumn of the following year, and a Catechist is now associated with them. The Christian converts at present are few, but there are 150 children on the roll of the Sunday School, and as the Sunday services are crowded with enquirers, we may be sure that a church will soon be required here also. Miss Paterson has been stationed at this post, and help is needed for the sustenance of the poor girls in her training school.

This really represents only about half the entire work of the Canadian Church; for there is a society lately formed working in part independently, and in part subsidiary to the Board, which supports eight missionaries. They and their helpers are laboring in Japan, in China, in South America, and within sight of the Arctic Sea. This Society also contributes to the support of nine others, laboring either in the fields just mentioned or among the Indians of our North-West Provinces. While we honor the zeal of this Society, we cannot but believe that were our efforts united in one, more might be accomplished for the work we are each and all striving to do.

And what has the Canadian Church contributed for the support of the missionaries of the Board, and for other objects in the Foreign Mission Field? Our Treasurer received for the year ending July \$11,906.52. We lay it upon the consciences of our brethren whether this is an adequate response from a Church claiming 100,000 communicants? Eleven cents per annum for each communicant! Does that represent the interest of the Canadian Church in the supreme work entrusted to her by her Lord? Is it not too evident that while a few may have been giving up to the measure of their ability, the great majority utterly fail to recognize the gratitude which is owing by the Church for her own existence? A small increase of liberality all along the line, although falling far short of what deserves to be called sacrifice, would enable the Board both to make adequate provision for the effective working of those already in the field, and to extend her operations to other fields which are "white unto the harvest."

May a well of living water spring up in every heart, from which may flow forth an ever swelling stream of love and liberality! May those upon whom God has so abundantly lavished His gifts of grace in this Christian land each and all catch the inspiration of the Name, the age and the opportunity; and may that Love beyond all other love so possess the hearts of Christians that, to spread abroad the glory of His Name, they shall gladly devote their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth!

**NOTE.**—It is recommended that the offerings for this purpose be sent at as early a date as possible to the Secretary-Treasurer of each Diocese, to be by him transmitted to Mr. C. A. Eliot, General Treasurer, Ottawa.

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