

Mission Field.

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Bishop McKim mentions among the encouragements to our mission workers in Japan the following:

The success which God has given us in spite of all hindrances; giving us the assurance that He is with us according to the promise, 'Lo, I am with you alway.'

The raising up of a faithful and Christlike body of Japanese clergy and catechists. Too much cannot be said in praise of our native ministry. Through them a great flock is being gathered together.

The formation of a Japanese Church and missionary society with an independent constitution and canons. This Church has embodied in its constitution the resolutions of the Chicago General Convention and the Lambeth Conference, and thus offers a basis for Church union to those on the right and those on the left.

The new interest our people are taking in the question of self-support. At our last Osaka convocation a pastoral fund society was organized to which almost all congregations and missions have pledged subscriptions.

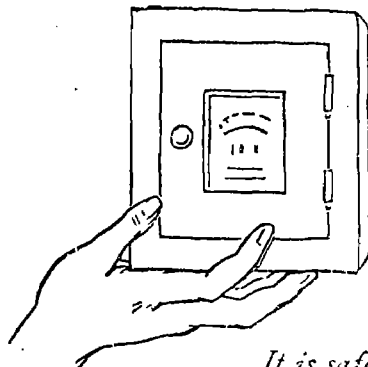
The beginning of an Episcopal endowment. I have announced that at every confirmation service a collection will be taken for the endowment of the future Japanese Episcopate.

The Rev. Chas. S. Robinson, D.D., of New York, who has visited Egypt, writes as follows in a New York journal concerning the important Christian educational work carried on in Cairo by Miss Mary Whately and her sister: Miss Mary Whately, whose school was so long known to all English-speaking people coming through Cairo, died four years ago. This devoted woman gave herself to the instruction of heathen girls for almost thirty years. Later in her history, as the wonderful work she did attracted sympathy, boys were welcomed also and a medical mission was added. She was a very remarkable woman socially, in the heart of a splendid intellectual circle which used to gather in the archbishop's palace in Dublin, when Thos. Arnold brought light and sweetness into it, and Matthew Arnold came with the vision of that fame he was to win even then upon him in his youth. She gave up everything, devoting all her private means to this one end, living her life out to its close among the Copts and Egyptians and Mohammedans, speaking Arabic like a native, making herself welcome in the harems, till a great day came when she received not only the toleration of the pashas, but even a subsidy in money from the Government whose confidence, unsolicited, had silently been won to her, Christian as she was. So as the years passed she toiled on; the school now contains nearly seven hundred girls and boys, and her sister becomes her appropriate and able successor.

THE Rev. Dr. Dart, writing on Sunday schools and Missions in the monthly organ of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, says: Sunday schools contribute a large proportion of the funds raised in aid of missionary societies. It is, therefore, of great practical importance to preserve, and if possible deepen, the interest taken by our Sunday-schools in Foreign missionary work. We have in them valuable organizations ready to our hands for the prosecution of that work, and though we admit that much has been done through them, it is possible for them to be more generally utilized. Whilst some schools do all that can be expected, others do very little, and others, so far as I can gather, nothing at all. Now, obviously, we must look to the teachers as the agents of improvement.

It may not be amiss, then, to suggest that Sunday school teachers must regard the work as one of absolute necessity.

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