

is my parish," first set foot on the shores of these far-off isles, and they soon found that Methodism had a mighty work to do there in common with her sister Churches. It was in the same year that the Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States sent out their pioneer missionaries; and from that time the two missions have worked along side by side in mutual inspiration and helpfulness. Of course the great Methodist Episcopal Church has outdistanced her humbler Canadian sister in the numerical strength of the force put into the field and in the territory covered; but not one whit has the one exceeded the other in the wealth of zeal and consecration manifested by the different workers.

We must now turn our attention more particularly to the mission of our own Canadian Methodist Church. Firstborn among our distinctively foreign missions, Japan has received a large share of hearty sympathy and support from the Canadian Church, and still holds a very warm place in the affections of those who were instrumental in the formation of the mission, and of those, also, who have contributed so largely to its support.

Our Church chose wisely when it committed this new mission into the hands of George Cochran and Davidson Macdonald. The former had already risen to the highest position in the pastorate the Church had at its disposal. From the pulpit and pastorate of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, this devoted servant of Christ went forth to an untried work. The latter was not only an ordained minister but also a fully qualified physician, and was thus doubly equipped for such a work.

At first our pioneer missionaries settled down in Yokohama to study the language and await the opening of some providential door through which to enter on their God-appointed task. Dr. Macdonald has the honour of being one of the first missionaries, if not *the* first, to leave the treaty ports to reside and labour wholly in the interior. He received an invitation to become a teacher of a school in the old castle-town of Shidzuoka. From that day to this Canadian Methodists have, by the blessing of God, held the fort in that city and prefecture. Dr. Cochran, in Tokyo, began religious services in his own house, and very soon, under the blessing of God, gathered around him a company of believers. Would you see the results of his earnest toil? They abide to-day in at least three churches in the city of Tokyo, and more especially in men, like the Rev. Y. Hiraiwa, so well and favourably known by the people of this country who were brought to Christ through his instrumentality. Nor is this all, for I am sure there is not a single Japanese pastor in our Church