

my joy in being permitted to come and tell this people of Christ and His great salvation. There have been times when we have felt ineffable disgust at what we were compelled to witness, but the predominant feeling we have for them is profound commiseration.

But I must stop. We are anxious to hear from you and our Canadian friends. Since we reached these shores, we have received only one letter, and that was written by my dear sister only a few days after our

departure from Canada. And only one Canadian paper has come to hand, a copy of the *Guardian*, for which I had to pay 13 cents. Will you please say in the *Guardian* that our address is Numadzu.

My dear wife has not been well since we left San Francisco, but I hope after a little she will be better. We expect to get into our new house, which they are building for us in the Canadian style, by the first of January, where we shall be much more comfortable.

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*From the Rev. C. S. EBY, B.A., dated No. 4 Tsukiji, Tokio, Oct. 24, 1876.*

After so many months of dissipating travel, and all the *et ceteras* connected with our pulling up in Canada, and our settling down here, it is really not so easy to bring one's self to the task of writing details. However, I cannot delay any longer my communication to you, and will try to do the best I can with the rust of three months' idleness on my pen and amid the profoundest household confusion.

We endured, rather than enjoyed, our journey both by land and sea, and arrived somewhat weary, travel-worn, and storm-beaten in Yokohama on the 8th of September. We were able, by the outgoing mail, only to announce the fact of our arrival, and circumstances have prevented my writing until this present mail, which leaves to-morrow or the following day. On the day of our arrival we were welcomed by our brethren, Cochran and McDonald, whom we found at the ship's side almost as soon as we cast anchor. The same evening, Bro. Cochran, myself, and family came on to Tokio, Bro. McDonald bringing the remainder of the party the following day.

On Saturday, Sept. 9th, we held the first official District Meeting of our Church in Japan, Bro. Cochran, of course, in the chair, and the brethren, after the opening of the meeting, laid upon me the honours and duties of secretary. Bro. Cochran welcomed the newly-arrived members in kind, fraternal words,

and the usual business of such meetings was then gone through. It will be interesting for you to know that the returns show an aggregate of seventy-eight baptised converts, as the tabulated result of the work of the two brethren already in the field. Another interesting act of this district meeting was the recommendation of three promising and pious young men to be received on trial for the ministry of our Church. It was thought that the time had come when our Society rules and catechism should be translated and published for the use of the Japanese converts and inquirers. This work, as well as the preparation of a suitable course of study for candidates for the ministry, was accordingly given into the hands of a committee. Many matters, peculiar to the work, here came up for discussion, and were handled in such a way as to be of benefit, at all events, to the new arrivals. When the meeting was over, the day was spent, and we closed with an earnest wish and hearty prayer that this day of small things might be the beginning of a great work for God and Japan.

The following day, Bro. Cochran's Quarterly Meeting was held: it had been postponed so as to greet our arrival. In the morning, at nine o'clock, a goodly number of worshippers met in the largest room of Bro. Cochran's house, and we felt the Master's presence while Bro. Meacham talked to us of heaven.