

One of the most important missionary results has been the consummation of a new treaty between Japan and other powers, especially with Great Britain and America, by which certain offensive clauses, fitted to produce hostility towards foreigners in the minds of the Japanese, have been abolished, and all portions of the empire have been opened for the free residence of foreigners and missionaries. We have no doubt the result of the war will be the opening of China to the Gospel.

We are glad to learn that the Japanese native Christians are taking measures to inaugurate a missionary movement in Korea. Closely allied to Japan must, of course, be the future of Korea. Whatever its future status shall be after the close of the war, doubtless there will be a new stimulus to missionary work, already well begun in that interesting nation of 10,000,000 of people.

The past year has been memorable in the annals of Thibet. God has been knocking at its door by the most terrific earthquake of the century. A new treaty has been closed with Great Britain, through her Indian Government, by which at length the first open treaty port has been established beyond the Thibetan border.

The McAll Mission in France is doing a blessed work, notwithstanding the death of Mr. McAll, its founder.

The work of Protestant Missions in Spain is making some progress. There are some encouraging signs even in Austria.

Italy is growing less Papal and more awake to her need of a spiritual influence and a Divine Saviour. One of the most wonderful events of the year is the erection of a public monument in the city of Rome to Gavazi, one of the leaders of Italian Protestantism as well as Italian freedom.

The death of the Russian Emperor has been one of the important events of the year. His successor Nicholas III. has begun well, and there seems to be a disposition manifested for the preservation of peace and the extension of internal improvements. The Russian Government has not relaxed its bitter persecutions against the Stundists, who are true Protestants of Russia, and against the Jews.

The American Board has a very important mission in both European and Asiatic Turkey which is exercising wide influence throughout all the East.

A good deal of Mission work is done in Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Chili, Uruguay, Paraguay and Guiana; but Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela are almost entirely unoccupied, and Peru is strongly opposed to Protestant missions although a hopeful beginning has been made in that country.

Cheering is the deepening interest in the great work of missions in the church at home. A marked increase in the spirit of prayer, a true recognition of the supreme claims of missions upon the heart of the church, and a spirit of missionary consecration among our

young people—these and other facts lead us to hope that people are awakening to a better understanding of the Master's purpose for the world, and those especially who are looking for His speedy return are understanding better the importance of the missionary movement in connection with that great event.

Upon the whole, we look back upon the year of 1894 as one of the best missionary years of the last decade of the century, marking an epoch of extraordinary progress and victorious advance on the part of our blessed Captain, and opening the way for yet wiser opportunities and larger work in the days to come. — Condensed from the Christian Alliance.

“WE SPEND OUR YEARS AS A TALE THAT IS TOLD.”

Another milestone on life's journey is reached. The sunrise and the sunset belong to this world, the eternal day lies beyond it all and above it all.

Standing at the dawn of another year, let us pause and listen to the voice which speaks to us to-day.

Wherever we turn the eye, one great fact is clearly seen, namely, that we have reached in very earnest the era of universal instability and change. The fountains of the earth are out of course." The great moral obligations which in times past have bound society together, are in a state of dissolution.

In every department of life here, the same sad sight forces itself upon us.

The two spheres on which the eye is most fixed at the present moment are the church and the world. In the first the symptoms of approaching judgment are thick on every side.

The apostasy from the faith has well-nigh reached its summit, so complete and far-reaching has the surrender of truth been, that but little remains to be given up. Blasphemy against God and His Christ is the prevailing atmosphere of the professing church, and the blasphemy is nourished by pride; "proud blasphemers" "abound on every hand: verily we are in a far spent night, and a very dark night as well! Those who occupy this standpoint, and who witness from its elevation, are decried and refused as alarmists, pessimists, and so forth; in this, as in all else, history repeats itself.

Further, external appearances are all against them it is said, there is the