

content to note it as another example of that devoted courage which the earnest practice of the Christian faith has repeatedly been observed to inspire. As for Mrs. Large and the Misses Hart, we should like to think that there are many English women who would have behaved as they did.

#### THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE REV. T. A. LARGE.

The last act of the sad Tokyo tragedy attracted a large concourse of sympathizing friends, both Japanese and foreign, who assembled in the spacious Azabu Methodist Church. In spite of the fitful showers and the unsettled weather, the building was completely filled, among those present being H. B. M. Minister, the representatives of Germany and Austria, the First Secretaries of several Legations, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Napier, and nearly all the leading residents of Tokyo. The service, according to the wish of the deceased gentleman, expressed when he little thought how soon it would have practical effect, was of the simplest character. At the residence, shortly before the hour of the public service, the members of the mission thus sadly bereft stood by the coffin of their dead brother and the couch of his wounded wife, and sang one of Wesley's stirring helpful hymns, after which Dr. Macdonald, who combines in one the skilful physician, the helpful friend, and the faithful missionary, led prayer. The body was then, in the midst of falling rain, carried to the church, which was speedily filled. The pulpit and altar were draped in black, relieved by two large floral crosses and a few wreaths here and there which had been presented and could not be refused, though every effort was made to prevent unnecessary expense on the part of friends, especially among the Japanese, who in many cases can ill afford the tributes they are so willing to give in such a moment as this. A hymn was sung, after which the Rev. R. Whittington read a portion of the First Epistle to the Corinthians indicating the Christian hope in the resurrection of the dead. The Rev. Dr. Imbrie offered prayer, short, simple, but tremulous with emotion. After another hymn had been sung, the Rev. Dr. Cochran, senior colleague of the deceased, gave a brief outline of his short and promising career, cut off in its early morning. It appears that he was born in Canada in 1859, in an earnest Christian home; that from boyhood he had aimed at a high standard of life and service, and had won for himself in school and college the reputation of a pure, unsullied character, rendered still more attractive by social and musical gifts of an unusual order. The speaker was able to lay on the bier of his younger colleague the white flower of a blameless life, while he prayed for those who were specially bereft by this mysterious providence. The Rev. Y. Hiraiwa, pastor of the church, next addressed the congregation in Japanese. He first spoke of meeting and parting with the happy family of the Larges, at Miyanoshta only four days ago, then of the sad telegram the following day calling him home. He spoke of meeting Mr. Large's aged parents in Canada some months ago, when he was received as a son in honor of their own boy. He told of the reputation the deceased had among the friends of his childhood and of his student life in Canada; then described the parting of the son from his loved ones to come to work for Japan, and eventually of the terrible news that will come to them as a thunderbolt of his having been foully murdered in the land to which he came with hopes of adding a blessing. He spoke of Mrs. Large's prayer that God might forgive the sin of the murderer of her husband, and that his death might be turned to the benefit of this land; of the fact also that no one attributed the act to anything but the desperation of burglars, arising in no sense whatever from antipathy to

foreigners or to the Christian religion. During his address the tide of emotion rose with every sentence. At times the speaker could not control his feelings, the suppressed sobs of many were heard, while eyes unused to weeping shed silent tears. The Rev. F. A. Cassidy, of Shidzuoka, offered a short prayer, referring to the sad event, but also to the pleasing feature that foreigners and Japanese were there assembled mingling their tears together in a common sorrow; he prayed that it might have the effect of bringing about a more sympathetic blending of hearts, though of alien races, by diviner ties. The procession was then formed and proceeded to the Aoyama cemetery. A large number gathered round the open grave where the body was committed, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The simple burial service was read by the Rev. Dr. Eby, and the soil soon covered the mortal remains of one whose life was without spot, whose death showed him to be as brave as he was gentle, and whose tragic end will long be remembered in Japan.

THE following letter from Rev. Dr. Macdonald, dated April 14th, gives some further particulars of this sad occurrence:—

There has been a terrible tragedy at Azabu. Mr. Large was killed by armed burglars on the night between the 4th and the 5th inst. Mrs. Large also was badly wounded. She has a sword cut, down to the bone, commencing about two inches above the right eye-brow, extending downward and outward over the outer third of the eye, and down the face about four inches. She also received a cut across the hand which severed the right index finger, so that it hung only by a little of the integument, the middle finger was irreparably damaged and the third finger was badly cut. The thumb also was badly injured. The index and middle fingers had to be amputated. Mrs. Large is recovering satisfactorily. I need not go into particulars, as I will enclose herewith clippings from the *Japan Daily Mail*, and will also send you a copy of the *Weekly Mail*, that will give all the information to date. We were well nigh overwhelmed by the tragedy. Mr. Large must have fought like a lion. He had three cuts in his head; one of them would have proved fatal. Without doubt he received these wounds in his own room, at the time he fell as is stated in Mrs. Large's evidence, wounded unto death he maintained the fight until he fell dead on the corridor. Mrs. Large got her wounds on the corridor in trying to preserve her husband. Mr. Large lived a blameless life. His Christianity was of a manly type. He has fought a good fight; he has finished his course; he has kept the faith. He will be remembered in Japan as amongst the bravest of the brave. The conduct of the ladies concerned was heroic. Several persons have been arrested on suspicion, but have been released, as nothing could be proven against them.

#### BISHOP TAYLOR ARRIVED IN NEW YORK.

THE following letter from the apostolic bishop, William Taylor, will be read with interest:—

I arrived in this city to-day (April 21,) by the steamship *Alaska*. Thank God, I am in good health, and am abiding in Jesus, and have not returned to America to rest, but to work for God and Africa.

Our missions in Africa, in spite of all sorts of discouragements, are developing most encouragingly. This year will exceed any in the past in preparing mission houses. We have just completed the repairs of the Monrovia Seminary building and will, by July,