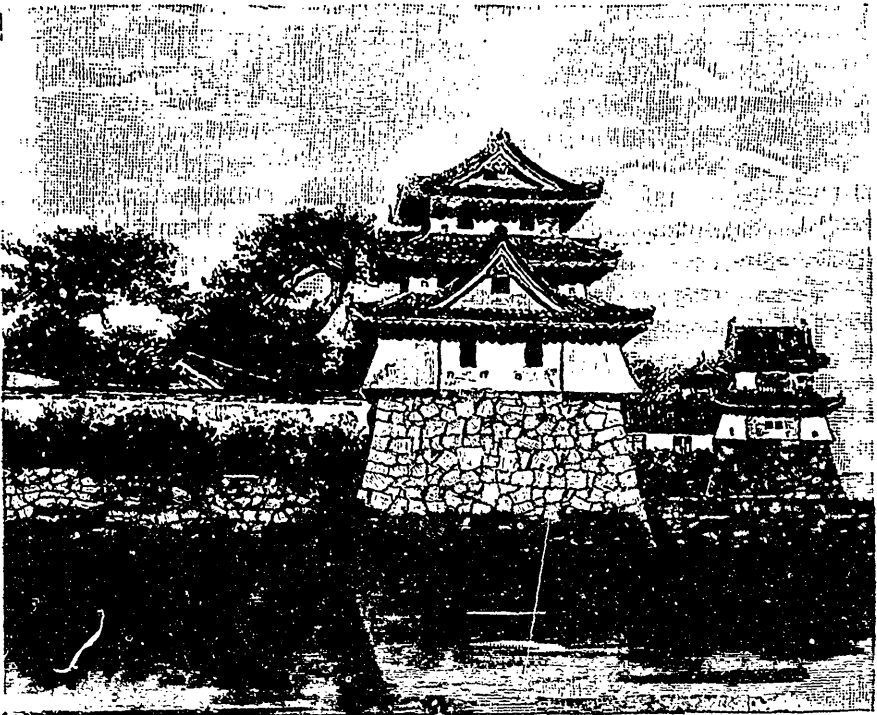




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of seeing the young Christian college, the Dōshisha, rise to be the foremost Christian educational institution in the country. Now the remarkable coincidence is that the very first class to enter the theological department of this new school was composed of the band converted under the instrumentality of Captain Janes, and a number of these men are in the very foremost ranks of the Christian ministry in Japan to-day.

But this is not confined to one Church. There is not a single Christian organization that has not witnessed the same Providential dealings, by which a strong contingent of earnest native workers has been put into the field. The significance of this is far-reaching. It means that ere many decades have come and gone, the whole Japanese Church will become grandly self-supporting, and will become a strong factor in the problem of the evangelization of the Orient.

But we must hasten to sketch the work of the Methodist contingent of the Christian forces operating in Japan. It was just when the sky began to clear for the Christian missionary, in the year 1873, that the spiritual descendants of him who said: "The world