

JAPAN.

OUR readers will be glad to know that Rev. J. G. Waller has arrived safely in Japan, which country he and his wife reached on the 24th of November, after a very rough voyage which lasted twenty-one days, the usual trip taking but fifteen days. We have received a letter from Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, which we hope to publish next month. Regarding Japan it may be well to note that B. Chappell, in a letter to the *Toronto Mail* on the opening of the Japanese Parliament says: "Christian missionaries find in the *personnel* of the Legislature much that indicates the working of the Gospel leaven. Of the forty millions of Japanese one in a thousand is a Christian; of the three hundred members of the House of Representatives, one in twenty-two is a Christian. Further, of these fourteen, three were nominated for high positions, and (cause for special rejoicings) one, Mr. Nakashima, has been elected to the highest office in its gift, the presidency. This shows that while, in Japan, the Gospel does reach the poor and ignorant, it does not reach them only; also, that there is not among this people a strong feeling against Christianity; and it also reminds us of the edict that until lately might be read upon the highways:—'As long as the sun shines or water flows, should any Christian or the Christian's God dare to set foot in Japan, he will pay for it with his life.'"

It is gratifying to know that at length the Church of England in Canada, has her own missionaries in the midst of these important events.

The Church in the United States has set apart Alaska as a diocese. The Rev. J. W. Chapman, a missionary already at work there has been appointed its missionary bishop.

THE REV. MR. STARR, a prominent Methodist Minister of Toronto, lately said in public:—"If I had my way and some day I will, the church in which I preach would be open seven days in the week, and every night."

THE Bishop of Jerusalem, Dr. Blyth, calls attention to the literal fulfilment of prophecies which indicate the return of the Jews to their own land. In 1843 there were only 800 Jews in Palestine, now there are fully ten times that number and are rapidly increasing.

A LADY in England says to the *Thorold Parish Magazine*:—"The accounts of your work and progress in the parish are most interesting, and the Canadian Church Magazine is a far better one than ours in England. It is so full of varied interest. I always enjoy reading it, and I am truly obliged to you for so kindly sending it to me."

It has been well said that the missionary spirit works downwards. It begins in the head, descends to the mouth and then to the heart. It goes further down till it reaches the pocket and then attacks the legs and feet. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth the glad tidings."

A TRIP THROUGH OUR MISSION FIELDS.

By MRS. WILLOUGHBY CUMMINGS.

III.—DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.



ONE day while journeying on the Canadian Pacific one man was heard to observe to another "the next station I stop at will be Q—apple"! When this diocese was first set apart a vote of the few resident clergy and lay delegates was taken as to the name it was to bear which was to be one of three. Namely—Qu'Appelle, Regina or Assiniboia—and many Church people in Eastern Canada and England were disappointed with the choice, especially as Regina will probably be ultimately the cathedral city. The history of the diocese was fully given in a former number of this magazine, but for the benefit of readers who may not have seen the former articles I will briefly state the following facts concerning it.

Qu'Appelle was set apart from the Diocese of Rupert's Land in 1882, and is coterminous with the District of Assiniboia. In response to a strong appeal from the Bishops of the North-West Territories to the Church in England on behalf of the thousands of people pouring into the country, while little or no provision had been made for their spiritual welfare, the Rev. and Hon. A. J. R. Anson, son of the Earl of Lichfield, offered himself for three years work in this new country—(when he supposed the then existing crisis would be passed and men and money would have been freely offered) to return to his busy life in England. Other clergymen followed his example, one of whom Rev. W. W. Boulton we met while in San Francisco, where he is now assistant Minister at St. Luke's Church. Two years later, however, the Bishop's plans were all changed, for on June 24th, 1884, he was consecrated Bishop. How rapid has been the growth of the Church in this Diocese since that time, will best be realized when one remembers that seven years ago there was only one place of worship of the Church of England in the District, while now there are twelve places with churches and resident clergy—ten other places where there are Churches, and nearly fifty schools or houses where services are held occasionally for the scattered settlers. The Bishop told us that his staff consisted of sixteen priests, two deacons and eleven lay readers.