

country and knowing the climate, at the same time paying expenses. Notwithstanding the universal tendency to Sabbath breaking—as the Sabbath, above all other days, is scrupulously set apart for extra work—we have good congregations, and the people are attentive, appreciative and decorous.

JOHN NELSON.

NOTES FROM JAPAN.

Letter from B. CHAPPELL, dated AOYAMA, TOKYO, Jan. 19th, 1891.

THE Central Tabernacle, Tokyo, was opened on the first Sunday in the year. Yesterday I went over to the three o'clock English service, as Dr. Eby was laid aside by influenza that threatened pneumonia. The outlook more than met my expectations. In the Sunday-school I found, in one room, an infant-class unexpectedly large for a beginning; and in another room, Rev. J. McL. Brown was teaching a class of more than twenty young men. His burning, consuming zeal impressed me very much. He has a hunger, a passion for souls. He is evidently sent of God for this work. Young men are coming to him almost every day to inquire concerning Christianity, and, through an interpreter, he preaches Christ to them, so that there are already five whom he believes to be fit subjects for baptism. Once a week he has a "workers' class," for the training of Christian young men to reach others.

At the English service there were very few foreigners, because of the prevalence of influenza, but there were over seventy students.

To my mind, the future of this holy enterprise is full of hope. Its situation is excellent. Around it are the toiling, Christless masses, while right over against it is the Imperial University, which needs so much a warm Christianity to confront its cold agnosticism. "The Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified—to the Greek's foolishness."

Facts and Illustrations.

BAPTIST progress in Sweden is one of the most remarkable religious movements of the present time. Revivals are constant. In twenty years the number of Church members has advanced from 7,900 to 32,308. The baptisms in 1888 were 2,390.

ARTHUR T. PIERSON, in an address at Liverpool, stated that he and his wife have dedicated each of their seven children to the work of missions; one daughter is now among the North American Indians, another is in Japan, and "he fully believed the rest would follow."—*Selected.*

As an instance of the degradation of women in Eastern Turkey, a missionary tells of a bride bought a few months ago for \$140, kept one month and then sent home in disgrace, and repayment demanded, because she had cost more than a mule, and could not do the work of one.

A YOUNG Christian lady was preparing to go to India as a missionary, a friend remonstrated with her, saying it was so far away to go to India, when she replied, "Yes, very far if it was only to make money, but not too far to tell the heathen about Jesus!"

IT is reckoned that there are perhaps two-and-a-quarter millions of converts in Pagan and Moslem lands. The heathen are dying at the rate of thirty millions a year, and as many are born every year. If the whole field were divided among the present number of laborers, each one would have 100,000 human souls to care for.

"BETTER than the conscience that drives, is the love that draws to the work of missions. Once brought to the white heat of passion for souls, we are henceforth 'weary with forbearing, and cannot stay' in apathetic idleness and silence; the inward fire must have vent. It is no longer hard to give, but hard to withhold; and, better than the most princely gifts of money, we shall give ourselves a living sacrifice."—*Dr. Pierson, in Crisis of Missions.*

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