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## Results of Missions.

A FEW weeks ago, the editor of this periodical had the pleasure of entertaining at his home three recent converts from paganism to Christianity—the results of the missionary agencies of our Church. One of these was a young Chinaman, who is in course of training for Christian work among his countrymen. He has cut off his long, plaited queue—the special badge of nationality among the Chinese—has adopted the Christian garb, and is doing all in his power for the spiritual benefit of his Chinese fellow-citizens in Canada. He has induced about a score of them to come to Sunday-school to receive religious training, and is full of zeal on their behalf.

The other two young men were young Japanese, who are visiting this country to complete their education in English—one to become a preacher of the Gospel to his fellow-countrymen, the other to study English law and jurisprudence; for the empire of Japan, the youngest of the nations, has adopted a constitution akin to that of Great Britain, and is largely adopting the English system of jurisprudence. I could not help being struck with the fact that here were three young men, who, only a short time ago, were the followers of a system of pagan

worship, now devoting themselves with energy to Christian studies, and two of them about to devote their lives to the preaching of the religion of Jesus among those to whom it is still an unknown sound. Few things have brought to my mind so forcibly the great results already achieved by the missions of our Church among the Chinese and Japanese.

As a result of our Chinese mission at Victoria, B.C., already twenty-five adults have been baptized, and others are under instruction for a similar open confession of Christ; while in Japan we have already native membership of 1,283, of whom sixteen are native missionaries, and eleven are native lay assistants.

It is a cause for congratulation that our Sunday-schools are doing so much for the mission cause. The school offerings for last year amounted to the noble sum of \$27,915, or very nearly one-sixth of all that was contributed in subscriptions and collections by the Church at large for this cause. The most cheering feature is that the school givings are increasing every year. The year before last, those school collections amounted to \$25,526, and the year before that to only \$20,762. Yet, while many schools do nobly, especially the schools in the city of Montreal, very many schools do far less than they might. We hope that a great revival in missionary interest will take place, and that all the schools will do as well as some of them do now, then the school givings to this best of causes will, as a result, have more than trebled. None will be such gainers from this missionary zeal as the schools themselves, for nothing so broadens the mental horizon and quickens one's sympathies and deepens one's piety, as giving to the cause of God.

—A FRESH SUPPLY NEEDED.—A sensible merchant replenishes his stock and makes his show-cases and windows more attractive, or he loses trade. You see the point, don't you, brother? You've been doing business too long on the old stock of religion you got at conversion. It is running low, and, besides, is taking on a second-hand appearance that is not attractive. You may not agree to this, but give the bad boys in your class a chance to express their opinion, and you will hear them say, "That's what's the matter."

God is love; God is light; love and light have undertaken to fill the whole earth with beauty and splendor.—Joseph Parker.