

REST.

Rest thee for a little while,
 Brother let thy toiling cease.
 Knowest thou not the evening time,
 Should from labor bring release.

Rest thee for a little while,
 See, yon distant setting sun,
 Tells the weary day is o'er,
 And the night is creeping on.

Rest thee for a little while,
 Thou hast labored long, indeed,
 Breaking up the fallow ground,
 Casting in the precious seed.

Rest thee for a little while,
 Till the tiny blades appear.
 These maturing day by day,
 Soon the harvest draweth near.

Rest thee for a little while,
 Thou wilt need some strength to gain,
 If thou would'st in future days,
 Gather in the ripened grain.

Rest thee for a little while,
 Thou hast sown beside all streams,
 Bounteous harvest shall be thine,
 Golden bright the vintage gleams.

Rest thee for a little while,
 'Tis thy Master, bids thee rest.
 Gladly take the proffered boon,
 Know that what He gives is best.

The above poem was written some years ago for Mr. Porter, on leaving for a needed rest, by Mr. R. Beal of Brantford, which seems so appropriate for our brother, Dr. McLaurin, and withal so pretty, that we print it for him.

THE JAPANESE CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD'S STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION.

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HE Conference was attended by 627 delegates, representing 25 different countries, and was the first International Conference ever held in Asia. It was an experience never to be forgotten, to meet English-speaking Christian leaders from China, Korea and Japan, from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Russia, America and even from South Africa and Australia.

A remarkable spirit of unity and brotherhood

prevailed throughout the Conference as Christian men of every nation, representing more than 2,000 associations, and uniting 115,000 Christian students, met as "One in Christ," representing almost every Christian denomination, and speaking many languages and tongues.

We were impressed again by the fact that this great continent of Asia is awaking from its sleep of centuries. The "Asiatic Prayer Union" was formed to bind together the Christian students of Japan, Korea, China, and India, and is an indication of the growing unity of this great continent that embraces more than half the population of the world. Asia, which was once swept from west to east by the religion of Buddhism, is now feeling the beginning of a new movement of Christian civilization and progress, which is sweeping, from the east in Japan westwards across Asia.

The Japanese entertained the Conference in a way that scarcely any other country could have done. We had never met with such courtesy and kindness at the hands of any foreign nation. The Emperor of Japan himself sent for Mr. Mott, as the representative of the Federation, to have an interview with him. Marquis Ito, a leading statesman and the author of the Japanese Constitution, several times Premier, sent greetings to the Conference from Korea, with a large donation to the Japanese Committee towards the local expenses. Viscount Hayashi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave a reception at his residence; while Count Okuma, the former Premier, and Baron Goto, a great Japanese statesman in Manchuria, gave garden parties to the delegates, and entertained them most royally. In fact, during the evangelistic campaign, governors or mayors or leading citizens showed every courtesy to the representatives of Christianity from foreign countries, while the press of Japan was most enthusiastic in its welcome to the Conference. When it is remembered that less than 35 years ago Christianity was a prohibited religion, it is significant that to-day Christian representatives should be accorded such a warm welcome from Japan. Anti-foreign prejudice is giving way, and Japan seems more open to the rapid spread of the gospel to-day than almost any other country in the world. If the Christians in Japan rise to their high privilege and press the advantage, the twentieth century will not have closed before Japan has become a Christian nation.—The Baptist Missionary Review.