



A WAYSIDE SHRINE IN JAPAN.

country a large influx of miners and adventurers. In 1857 the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel sent two missionaries, and in 1859 they wisely sent a third invested with episcopal orders. This was the Rt. Rev. George Hills, D.D., who at once settled down to true missionary work in a diocese as large as England and France put together.

1862.—Coming back now to Upper Canada we find that the endowment for the new see that was to be established in its eastern portion was completed, and the territory set off under the name of the Diocese of Ontario (a term without any meaning, except that there is a lake bearing that name within its territory, and now since the whole province has been called Ontario, a decided misnomer), with Kingston as its see city. The result of the election was that the Rev. John Travers Lewis, D.D., LL.D., Rector of Brockville, was

almost unanimously chosen first Bishop of Ontario. This election took place in Kingston on June 12th, 1861, but through some delay in issuing the Royal Letters Patent Dr. Lewis was not consecrated till the year following. He was consecrated on March 25th, 1862, at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven, by the Metropolitan (the Most Rev. Dr. Fulford, Bishop of Montreal)—being the first bishop ever consecrated in Canada.

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A LETTER FROM THE REV. J. COOPER ROBINSON.

WHEN I last wrote to the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS I did not intend to allow such a long interval to elapse before letting its readers hear from me again, and I wish to assure them that I have not willingly been so tardy. They have probably heard of the affliction and bereavement which came upon us last April, how God in His wisdom took away our little girl who we hoped was intended to be a permanent source of happiness to us in our new home. Mrs. Robinson's health has not yet been fully restored, and we are spending a few weeks here hoping that the sea-breezes will do her good. I cannot boast of having been very well myself for some time. The weather during July was very hot in Nagoya, and quite different in its effects from the heat in Canada. For a month previous to the beginning of the very hot weather there had been heavy rain almost every day, and after the heated term began we had heavy rains at intervals of a few days, so that the atmosphere was very damp as well as hot, and very favorable for the development of fever, with which I have lately been somewhat troubled. The weather is now beginning to grow cooler, and we are hoping to return to our work in about two weeks.

Our first year in Japan has in many respects been an unsatisfactory one. Illness and other events which we could not control have interrupted our studies, and we have not made as much progress as we hoped to make in one year. Still, we have enjoyed many blessings, and are thankful that we were led to regard our Lord's last commandment as given to us, and in obedience thereto to come to one of the dark places of the earth to preach the Gospel of His grace:

So far my preaching has been done in English to a few young men who understand our language but imperfectly, and, on a few occasions, through an interpreter. I have lately secured the services of a Japanese Christian who understands English very well, and I hope hereafter to be able to preach regularly through him. It is a slow way of preach-