

between the navy and army will be held in the next month along Tokaido, between Tokyo and Kyoto, the Emperor himself being the umpire and judge. The election will commence in July, the people making very active preparations from now, and the new Parliament will be opened in November. The Parliament buildings are now nearly completed. The new laws of Municipal Governmental system have been promulgated and are set in operation. A tide of somewhat reactive movements is rising in some quarters. The National Christian Convention will be held in the city next October.

The following account of the opening services, and description of the building, from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Cochran, appeared in the *Christian Advocate* of Tokyo:—

The Methodist church recently erected at No. 8 Torizaka, Azabu, Tokyo, was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God with appropriate religious services on Sunday, the 12th inst. At 10 a.m. the Rev. M. Kobayashi, pastor of the church in Shidzuoka, preached an earnest and faithful sermon from the words, "For Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people" (Isa. lvi. 7), after which the dedicatory service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, according to the form prescribed in the Discipline. At 3.30 p.m. a service in English was held, and the Rev. G. M. Meacham, D.D., preached a sermon eminently suitable to the occasion on "The service of Christ" (Col. iii. 24). In the evening, at 7 o'clock, the Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D., gave an able discourse on "The glory that excelleth" (2 Cor. iii. 10). The house was filled in the morning with an attentive audience. The afternoon and evening congregations were also large, and the gracious presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest in all the services throughout the day.

The main building is of brick, with gothic windows, elegant front elevation, belfry and spire. The size is 54 x 66 feet. The gallery on each side is four seats in depth, and in front eight seats. The seating capacity is 800, though 1,000, without excessive crowding, may find accommodation. In a recess behind the pulpit platform is a low gallery, conveniently situated for the organ and choir.

Connected with the church, as an extension at the back end, is a wooden building, two stories in height, 30 x 42 feet in size, for the use of the Sunday-school, suitable also for prayer meetings and social gatherings. Near the church, on the same lot, is the parsonage; a comfortable dwelling of two stories with eight rooms, partly foreign and partly Japanese.

The total cost of the church and Sunday-school rooms, including furnishing, also the parsonage, is yen 7,014.74. This amount was provided in part by a grant of 4,000 00 in gold from the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada. The balance was made up of contributions from many friends in Canada, collected by the Rev. Y. Hiraiwa during his visit to that country, and contributions of the congregation at Azabu, and other friends in Tokyo. The students of the Toyo Eiwa Jogakko furnished the pulpit, the platform carpet and chairs, the communion table, and carpeting for the aisles. The lot is surrounded by a substantial brick fence, and the grounds are drained, graded, and covered with gravel. Altogether the property is a most valuable one, and well suited to its purpose. Great credit is due the pastor, Rev. Y. Hiraiwa, for the efficient manner in which the buildings were planned and supervised during construction, and especially for the careful management of the finances. The whole work is completed without debt or pressure for extra funds to meet contingencies, and a

small balance remains in hand towards the running expenses of the church. As it was found impossible to purchase land, a lease was taken for a long term, and yen 1,000.00 is invested, the interest of which will be applied towards the payment of the ground-rent, until the society has grown strong enough to bear the whole burden.

The pastor and congregation are to be congratulated on a suite of buildings so commodious and pleasantly situated. The material accommodation is all that could be desired at present. May the spiritual edifice rise securely on the sure foundation, which is Jesus Christ.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF AZABU CHURCH BUILDING.

##### I.—INCOME.

Grant from Missionary Society in Canada, yen	5,346 79
Contribution of friends in Canada.....	1,869 97
“ the native members.....	315 989
“ “ missionary friends.....	225 000
“ non-Christian friends.....	542 851
Total.....	yen 8,300 600

##### II.—EXPENDITURE.

###### (a) FOR CHURCH.

Building.....	yen 4,919 74
Seats, geta boxes, umbrella stands.....	400 96
Carpets, straw matting.....	106 119
Lamps and belongings.....	89 98
Stoves, pipes, etc., with those for S. S.....	75 51
Brick fence, gravel, pavements, etc.....	241 605
Total.....	yen 5,833 914

###### (b) FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Building.....	yen 469 10
Seats and chairs.....	127 80
Straw matting.....	15 08
Lamps.....	4 44
Tables (2).....	3 50
Total.....	yen 619 92

###### (c) FOR PARSONAGE.

Building.....	yen 430 64
Some furnishings.....	79 68
Well digging, etc.....	42 41
Drainage.....	8 166
Total.....	yen 560 896

###### (d) FOR MISCELLANEOUS.

Put in bank in the interest of rent.....	yen 1,000 00
Rent paid for March, 1889, to February, 1890.....	155 06
Miscellaneous expenditure on dedication day.....	25 22
Repair of the old chapel.....	27 977
A house built for the sexton.....	20 680
Total.....	yen 1,228 937

Grand total.....	yen 8,243 667
Balance in hand.....	56 933

##### III.—SPECIAL GIFTS.

A clock, from a lady; a hall lantern (yen 16.20), from a Woman's Band; a pulpit, communion tables, five chairs (yen 55.20), from the girls' school; a Japanese Bible and a hymn-book, from a missionary; English Bible, from a missionary; silver communion service, from a friend in Canada.

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