CHEAP MISSIONS.

The missions that are the most successful are not those carried on in the cheapest man-ner, and most of the so-called self-supporting missions have cost more in money in proportion to the number of heathen converts gained han those conducted in the usual way. Evangelizing self-supporting missions among the heathen have seldom been a success, whatever they may prove in the future. Industrial self-supporting missions may be the best means of reaching certain portions of the heathen world, and we rejoice in the success of Christian colonists who are enabled to give a certain portion of their time to preaching the Gospel to the heathen near them.

Let those who feel called to such a work as supporting themselves while they preach the Gospel as time and opportunity offer, go forth into the great harvest field; but in addition to these the Church of Christ is able and willing to support missionaries, that they may give their entire time to preaching the true

But what kind of a support shall be fur nished these missionaries?

Dr. Griffith John writes: I have very little sympathy with the "cheap mission" cry which is neard everywhere in these days, and I sincerely hope that the wise men among you will not allow themselves to be influenced by it. The cry is an unhealthy sign, and must die out. Can it be that the churches are going in for purchasing missionaries in the cheapest markets! If the missionaries are men of the right stamp, called of God and inspired by his spirit, is it not for the churches to do all in their power to provide for their wants and place them above anxiety in regard to things temporal? Ought not the churches to deem this a privilege and an honour? The older societies are not giving too much to their missionaries. This I say with perfect knowledge

this perfectly plain to you if space and time permitted. There is something extremely low and sickly in this treatment of the salary question. Some seem to look upon the old seem, also, to judge of a man's worth as a missionary by the smallness of the salary which he receives. The man who can live on \$250 is the missionary for them. That seems to be the grand qualification, the one consideration which lifts the man above all suspicion. How meagre must their knowledge of missionaries

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Tokyo is the Mecca of Japan politically, strategically, educationally and commercially it is fast becoming the religious Mecca. This must be so necessarily. With one or two exceptions, all the large mission schools and colleges are situated in Toyko. The Methodist-Presbyterian, and Episcopal colleges and theo, logical schools are here. Thousands of youth from all parts of the empire flock to Tokyo. The government schools cannot begin to accommodate all the applicants for admission. And, besides, many are not prepared to enter the higher schools even if there were room for them. In order to reach these hundreds and thousands our colleges and theological schools must be planted in Tokyo. The aim of the mission schools is to lead these youth to Christ and to prepare them for the courses of the Imperial University.

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