

A SUGGESTIVE TESTIMONY.

A Japanese sister. Brethren and sisters, how I am glad to see you! How my heart is happy now I am converted at Japan. How I love Christ my Saviour. My own good father in Japan he never worshipped idols. He believed not in any such gods, and he told me not to be idolatress. My good father said, "Always do good and be rewarded." I said to my father "Who made all things?" He said it could not be such gods; it must have been some mighty and true God, and when I asked, "Where is He?" he said He must be in the sky. I thought very long, and then I worshipped the true God, and said I give my life to Him. But I knew nothing of Christian religion. I could not tell where to find God. But I said I would live my life for Him, and when twenty-six years old I came to Tokyo, and there I studied the condition of our women, and was told of the Christian women of America, and I wanted to go to America, because my friend said America is the only friend of woman's education. So I came at once to San Francisco, and there I adopted fully the Christian religion. I tried very hard, but finally I found Jesus Christ. I have never doubted Him from that time; and I said this Christian religion must be the foundation of education in my country and I will take it back to my people. I was baptized Christmas-day, 1877, and began my Christian work. Then I was sent to Chicago to engage in missionary work with Mrs. Lucy Rider Myer, and afterwards came here to Mrs. Osborne. Next year I go back to Japan. I am of high caste, and missionaries cannot reach high caste. If I go back and make one Christian high caste there will come hundreds.

Dr. Lowrey.—How do you feel in your soul just now?

Ans.—"Happy! Jesus makes me joy. Joy makes me young. I trust Him.—*Guide to Holiness.*"

REMARKS.

We draw attention to the fact here brought out, that this Japanese lady was a real worshipper of God before she heard of Christ and His revelation. We also draw attention to the fact that she confirmed the truth of Christ's own words when He said, "He that loveth the truth heareth My words." Hear her say when early in life "I could not tell where to find God. But I said I would live my life for Him."

Paul said of such, "In every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him." According to this statement, this lady was accepted of God before she became a Christian, becoming a Christian was a necessary consequence of hearing of Christ, seeing she was already in harmony with God, so far as her heathen state would admit.

Again, and here we deal with what is not fully known to us, we suggest that her present experience, in all probability, corresponds with that of the first Samaritan converts, who, having accepted Christianity at the hands of Philip, and having been baptized into its faith, had great joy in believing, but as yet they had not received their Pentecost. But the difference between modern Christianity and the first form of it is in this, that then the church sent those to the Samaritan converts who could lead them into Pentecostal fulness, but now, this thought or desire, if at all entertained, does not crystallize itself into acts.

"THEN AS NOW."

How suggestive the following excerpt from an article on Madame Guyon, by Rev. Dr. Lowrey, in *Divine Life*.

"The Pope yielded and condemned the woman and her work, not because she was reviving holiness in the Church. Oh, no! but because she is a heretic. It was then as now—when holiness is to be stamped out, a false issue is raised."

At this present time a wide-spread crusade has been proclaimed against the Canada Holiness Association, and is still being pushed all along the line, "not because it is reviving holiness in the Church. Oh, no! but because it is heresy. It was then as now—when holiness is to be stamped out, a false issue is raised."

The history of Christianity in coming generations will point out a distinct parallel between the present and the past in the attitude of the leaders of holiness creeds to-day towards the work of holiness. And also will show that the spirit underlying both crusades was exactly the same.