

Some good men are in Japan in spite of all the higher criticism, philosophy, etc., which others have brought in. November 11th was the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Scripture Union by Dr. Whitney and his sisters. Four mass-meetings were held, and at one held on Sunday afternoon the large hall near Tsukeji was filled, and there were four addresses, all earnest, powerful, and full of the simple truths which never lose their hold on the minds of men. Mr. Alexander spoke on "The Power of the Bible;" Mr. Asada, lately returned from Chicago, on "The Method of Studying the Psalms;" the other two were equally good, one on "The Bible and the Family" and the other "The Preservation of the Bible." At the close, some blind Christians brought forward the Gospel of John, prepared in raised characters for the blind, and lately issued, and one of them read from it.

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A word about some new books. "Foreign Missions after a Century," by James S. Dennis, D.D., is a volume of lectures delivered in the students course at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1893. Dr. Dennis belongs to the Syrian field, and this is his latest and best contribution to the great cause he loves. It is terse, full of facts, and its tone is elevated and elevating. It is inspiring and instructing at the same time, and will be found of great value; especially those who want practical facts to use as arrows will find here a quiver full of them. It is published by F. H. Revell, New York.

"Far Hence" is Dr. Henry N. Cobb's budget of letters from Asiatic mission fields which he visited. Those who read these letters in the *Christian Intelligencer* will be glad to have them in a complete form. From Cairo to Yokohama the reader may travel and see with remarkably observant eyes what will interest and instruct him. Published by Woman's Board of R. C. A., at No. 25 East Twenty-second Street, New York.

"Eschol" is a delightful cluster of missionary articles from the graceful vine of our friend, S. G. Humphrey, D.D. We would like to have every sceptic as to missions read Chapters V. and XI. The story of "Four Memorable Years in Iilo" is, we believe, without a superior in missionary narratives. Here again Revell is the publisher.

The editor has received a copy of *The Messenger*, the official organ of the New York State Branch of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the A. B. C. F. M. Dr. Judson Smith, Dr. J. B. Clarke, Miss Holmes, and others speak highly of its purpose and work, and the REVIEW gives it cordial greeting. It is an eight-page quarto monthly paper, intended to stimulate interest in the work of woman, is published at Patchogue, N. Y., and is the only State missionary paper. Let it be widely disseminated. No name is given as the party to whom subscriptions are to be sent—a strange omission; but we presume *The Messenger*, Patchogue, N. Y., will suffice.

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The Missionary Bureau, 186 Aldersgate Street, London, E. C., has been the means of placing at least forty-five missionaries in different parts of the world. Many of them are now associated with recognized missionary societies, while others are working independently.

This Bureau now adds to other branches the opening of a training institute, where young men may be tested and receive some amount of education.

They have taken a house in Kennington Park, and engaged the services of a very efficient principal, Rev. J. Wintle, and look to their friends in all parts of the country for the funds to furnish and start this most necessary branch of work. The Rev. F. B. Meyer has promised to give the institute the assistance of his voluntary oversight and teaching. Subscriptions and donations may be sent to F. T. Haig (Major-General), Treasurer, "The Limes," Ladbráske Road, Red Hill, Surrey.