

The November Meeting of Acadia Missionary Society was held in College Hall, Sunday evening, the 17th ult. The programme carried out was as follows.

ESSAY—"Missions in Japan," by F. M. Shaw.

"—"Unoccupied Mission Fields," Miss Ella Chipman.

VOCAL SOLO—"If I were a voice," Woodbury, Mrs. Thompson.

ADDRESS—"Visit to Northfield," C. A. Eaton.

Mr. Shaw said that Christianity was introduced in Japan in the middle of the 16th century, by Francis Xavier, the famous Jesuit, and by the last quarter of that century not less than 600,000 had embraced Christianity. In 1590 a decree of banishment was issued against the Christians and a terrible persecution followed and continued until Christianity was uprooted from the land. The Gospel was again carried to Japan by the Revs. Higgins and Williams in 1859. Religious liberty was granted soon after this, and in 1876 the missionaries numbered 28. At the present time the membership of all missions is 25,000, increasing at the rate of 500 per month. There are 193 churches, of which 64 are self-sustaining. The fate of Japan is now sealed. She has stepped forth into the whirl of new and mighty influences, in which, once launched, she can never, however tossed by conflicting eddies, be drawn back to the barren shore of Oriental Heathenism.

Miss Chipman said that, notwithstanding so many years have passed since our Saviour's command, "Go ye into all the world, &c." and that so many holy men and women had fought and fallen in carrying out this command, yet the majority of the race were ignorant of Jesus. She spoke of the larger unoccupied fields. Central Africa with twenty times the population of our Dominion has been touched on, but few of its borders. The great Soudan, 2000 miles long and 1000 miles broad, has scarcely a missionary. A large area of Asia is strictly Mohammedan. The eastern half of Persia, Arabia, Afghanistan, Beloochistan and Anams, 20,000,000, have no missionaries. Thousands of cities, towns, and villages in China have never heard of the name of Jesus. Outside China proper the three dependencies, Mongolia, Manchouria and Thibet are destitute of the Gospel. Over Papal Europe hangs a cloud of spiritual darkness, scarcely less dense than that which hangs over China, India or Africa. If *all* means be used, if each friend of missions does his part, going forth in the strength of our risen Lord, the Gospel will soon be preached to every creature.

The Vocal Solo by Mrs. Thompson was highly appreciated.

Mr. Eaton began by saying that the observance of a day of prayer for colleges marks a new era in our history, as by this observance we first strike hands with our collegiate brethren the world over upon the common platform of Christ's religion of love.

I.—Described Northfield and Mr. Moody's work in connection with his institution, and said, the beginning of these summer schools may be traced back to Samuel J. Mills and his work in William's College in the early part of the century.

II.—Described school this summer, which was the fourth held at Northfield. 475 men present, representing 126 colleges.

III.—Spoke of the great strength of Acadia spiritually when compared with other colleges. They had never heard of a College Y. M. C. A. where, in one year, every associate member was converted and where over two-thirds of the students were regular attendants at the prayer meetings.

In conclusion, Mr. Eaton said that three things impressed him:

1st.—The power of the Gospel in bringing different nationalities, races and beliefs, all together on a common level before God.

2nd.—The mighty spiritual awakening among young men in educational circles.

3rd.—The greatness of our own country.

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