

At the close of a letter urging a broadening of the work, he says: "I cannot write such a letter as this without shedding many tears. My heart is constantly burning like a volcanic fire for my dearly beloved Japan. Pray for me that I may rest in the Lord." Before leaving the United States he wrote another strong appeal for the university. On his return to Japan in the autumn of 1885, although still suffering, he began to work quietly for the university, and in the summer of 1888, at a dinner given one evening by Count Inouye to men of rank and wealth, over \$31,000 were subscribed.

The autumn of 1889 found Mr. Neesima far from well, but his intense desire to work for the university led him to go to Tokyo and vicinity, where he worked privately for his plan and received many promises of aid. A severe cold, however, coming upon him in his extreme weakness brought on the disease which ended his life at Oiso, on the coast west of Yokohama, January 23d, 1890. With the words, "Peace, joy, heaven" on his lips he fell asleep. When the body reached Kyoto it was nearly midnight, but about one thousand persons were at the depot to receive it, including nearly the whole of the teachers and six hundred scholars of the Doshisha. The latter carried the body two and one half miles to Mr. Neesima's home.

No private citizen has ever died in Japan whose loss was so widely and deeply felt as that of Mr. Neesima.

He lived to see the foundation of the university laid. The Lord moved Mr. Harris, of New London, Conn., to give \$100,000 to endow the Department of Science, and with the endowment of about \$60,000 secured in Japan, the Department of Jurisprudence has been opened this fall. The Department of Theology numbers over eighty members, and the College Department about two hundred and forty, and the preparatory one hundred and forty—over five hundred young men in all. There is also connected with the Doshisha a girls' school of about one hundred members, and a training school for nurses with twenty-five students. Nearly thirty buildings have been erected for these schools. Nearly one hundred men are now preaching the Gospel in Japan, who were educated in the Doshisha, and many others are engaged as Christian teachers, editors, etc.

Mr. Neesima's meekness was remarkable. When he was informed that his Alma Mater had conferred upon him the degree of LL.D., he wrote to a member of the mission that he was not worthy of it and asked what he should do with it?

It is difficult to analyze the great secret of his power and success, but we may mention a few points.

1. Loyalty to duty. From the day he read of the Creator in the Bible history in Chinese to the day of his death his loyalty to duty shines out. As soon as he gained an idea of God he felt his obligation to Him and he began to discharge it, and as the months and years went on and his vision of duty broadened, his sense of obligation broadened with it, and efforts to discharge that obligation kept pace with his enlarging vision. No