# Mission Field

The Nippon Sei Ko Kwai, of Japan Church, which consists of the members of the P. E. Church of the U. S. and of the English Church Missions, is now in the fifth year of its existence. In 1887, when the first Synod was held, there were about 1,300 members, and now over 4,000 are enrolled on its registers.

The Rev. Alfred Smith, of the Mission in Madagascar of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, describes the island as abounding in magnificent opportunities for missionary effort, outside of the provinces in which missionaries are.

Special wisdom, prudence, courage and faith are needed by those missionaries in China who are laboring in those districts where the feeling against foreigners is the strongest. Dr. Rigg, of the Church and Missionary Society, has had a most merciful escape from death, an infuriated mob at Tai Chin having treated him with the utmost violence. God gave him strength to escape, in response to his prayer, and by the help of a grateful Chinaman, whom he had treated at the dispensary.

Mr. Osuga, the Japanese principal of St. Margaret's School, at Tokyo, Japan, lives seven or eight miles from the school, and walks the distance every morning. He is said to have given all his property—over one thousand dollars—to establish a school for orphans in his house. He proposes to take over one hundred of them to bring up. Beyond his property the venture is to be one of faith. The other Japanese teachers of St. Margaret's have established an orphanage in connection with Trinity Church.

We have a striking testimony to the spread of Christian truth in India from the Rev. Mr. Bate, of Allahabad. He describes a poem by a Brahmin pundit—a priest— published at the expense of a Hindu merchant, to inculcate morality. In it occurs the lines:

"Throughout our land to-day
Jesus is everything. Rain is nothing."

Miss Helen F. Clark, Secretary of the Association of Chinese Sunday-schools in New York and vicinity, states that there are now 267 Chinese schools and churches in the United States. Within a radius of 700 miles of San Francisco Bay there are 69; within a radius of 300 miles of New York city 12, showing the centre of interest in Chinese work to be in New York. Chinese adults, under Christian instruction in schools established one year or more, 6,295; Christian Chinese, 2,265, or 36 per cent of the scholars. Scholars in California schools, 1,720; Christians, 725, or 42 per cent., Chinese in California not reached 69,961.

Missionaries to the heathen are not only a blessing to them, but often, also, to foreigners residing or sojourning abroad. A story comes from Scotland of a lady who gave one hundred dollars to foreign missions in one offering, though her means were not large. Soon afterwards her two sons enlisted in a regiment and were sent to India. They were godless young men, who grieved their mother greatly, and caused her to be much in prayer for them. Both the sons, while in India, were stationed near missionaries, and through the influence of the latter, and in answer to their mother's prayers, both of them were led to repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and become zealous members of the Church. The mother little thought when she denied herself to give to the Lord's cause in foreign lands, that her wayward sons would be brought to Christ through the missionaries.

## THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH IN JAPAN.

The Rev. John McKim, writing from Osaka, July 22nd last, makes the following important statements:

It will be many years before we have native clergymen enough to supply the congregations already organized, and the responsibility of laying foundations and opening new centres rests upon the foreign missionary.

Our new Bishop should be accompanied by twenty new recruits. He will find more than work enough for each and all of them. The Church in Japan has a future before her which is conceded by many *not of her* to be greater than that of any other Christians. One of the most prominent among the Presbyterian missionaries in Japan lately said to one of the Church missionaries: "In ten years from now you will have it all your own way." The government, discipline and worship of The Church are gradually and increasingly commending themselves to those who but a few years ago had no good word to say of us.

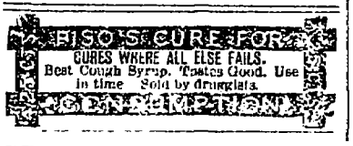
At the Congregational conference held in Osaka this year, a resolution in favor of adopting an Episcopal form of government was offered, and lost by a majority of *two* votes only, the poll standing twenty-six to twenty-four.—*Spirit of Missions.*

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

It has been said that in the Bible "the best example of self-denying liberality is recorded of a woman; the best example of loving service is recorded of a woman, and the best example of conquering prayer is recorded of a woman." It may be truly said that in these later days there are not wanting examples of like excellence among women in all that relates to the welfare and advancement of the Kingdom of our Blessed Lord. May it be increasingly true that woman's faith and prayer, her love and self-sacrificing liberality lead the way in every good work in the name of Christ. May she more and more excel as an example of lofty consecration to that service which is worthy to receive the entire devotion of ourselves and all that we possess.

The missionaries at home and aboard, near and distant, look with confidence to the faithful women of The Church for true sympathy and active help in their work.

The Woman's Auxiliary during the past year, as through all the years of its growing activity, has made a record which reflects the highest credit upon the organization in the several dioceses. Every year increased the membership and develops the capacity of woman for organized and effective work. Ever ready to aid the established work of missions and to supplement it whenever there are special needs, the Auxiliary is and indispensable agency and deserves the most grateful appreciation. It should have every facility for doing its work efficiently and expanding its sphere of usefulness.—*Spirit of Mission N. Y.*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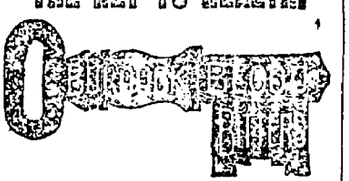


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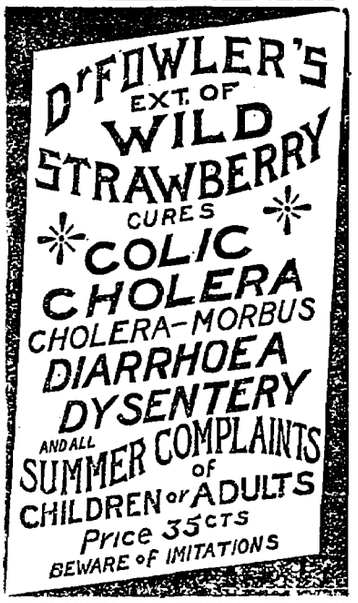


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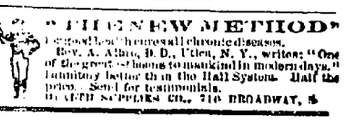
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