

selfishness and worldliness and sin of the present. We owe Him something, of course, and are prepared to pay it if the sacrifice it demands be not too great. But if it be so that we are at liberty to obey only so far as it suits us, and to give to him as much or as little as we like, then we are lords, and He is only the recipient of our charity. On the other hand, if we mean what we say when we call Him Lord, we must promptly do the things He has commanded. He is either Lord of all, or not Lord at all.

THE command to disciple all nations is not an impossible one. The Church has abundant resources in men and money to accomplish it in twenty years, if they only could be utilized at once, and in the most effective way. We waste too much time and money on machinery. To "evangelize" a nation does not mean to build a costly church in every neighborhood, and pay some one to "administer the ordinances," it simply means to tell to every man, woman and child the good news that Jesus Christ died for sinners, and that whosoever believeth on Him shall be saved. Take the case of a country or province like Annam, with a population of twenty million yet untouched, or an average of four million families. Now, let one hundred missionary evangelists, male and female, be sent into that country, let them spend two years in acquiring some knowledge of the language, then begin to tell the story. Would it not be easily possible for each of the one hundred to tell the news each day to twenty families, or one hundred persons—an aggregate of ten thousand per day? And at this rate how long would it require for every inhabitant to hear, at least once, that "God so loved the world?" For although no allowance is here made for sickness, and death, and other unexpected hindrances, neither is allowance made for the work of native evangelists, who would quickly be raised up in considerable numbers. And if any one shall ask where are the one hundred evangelists to be found? We reply that some four thousand students in American and Canadian colleges are now awaiting the call of the Church to "go."

#### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION.

THE International Missionary Union will hold its seventh annual meeting at Clifton-Springs, New York, June 11th to 18th inclusive, 1890. Free entertainment will be provided for all foreign missionaries, or persons who have been foreign missionaries, of whatever evangelical society, or board, or field. Membership in the Union is open to all such persons, and includes no others. Candidates under actual appointment to the foreign field of any evangelical organiza-

tion are earnestly invited to attend, and will also be freely entertained, as far as provision can be made. It will not be practicable to provide for the attendance of children of missionaries.

The programme of this meeting cannot yet be furnished. The papers and discussions are always on topics of special practical concern to missionaries; but numerous addresses will be made of a character interesting to the general public, who are always cordially welcomed. Missionaries are requested to communicate with either the President or the Secretary, to obtain further particulars, as well as to make suggestions as to topics, papers, or addresses. If any would like to discuss some particular subject themselves, provided suitable arrangements could be made, or if they know of any missionaries specially qualified to present papers before the Union or to address popular meetings, the President will be glad of such information.

Inquiries concerning the approaching meeting at Clifton-Springs, or on any subject concerning the International Missionary Union, will be answered with pleasure by

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#### THE AZABU CHURCH, TOKYO.

THE many friends of our work in Japan will be glad to learn that the building of the Azabu Church, of which Mr. Hiraiwa is pastor, has been brought to a successful completion. From a letter just received from Mr. Hiraiwa, we make the following extract:

"The new church was dedicated on Sunday, the 12th of last January. I enclose an account of the dedication service and a description of the church given in the *Christian Advocate*, of Tokyo, and also detailed report of the finance, both of which I wish you will kindly insert in a corner of the OUTLOOK, either in whole or in part, as you think best, so that all my friends in Canada who contributed towards the building may read and know about them. Thanks, many thanks, to the Missionary Society, as well as to all the friends, for the gifts and help. Every Sunday congregation is pretty good, the floor being always full. At present, Azabu church is the largest one in the city, and I believe its Sunday morning congregation is the largest of all the other churches of different denominations in the city. The next effort of the pastor should be to make it self-supporting as soon as he can. When Dr. Eby's "Tabernacle" is up, it will be the largest church in Japan.

At present, Japan is very much excited over many things. The greatest National Industrial Exhibition ever held in Japan will be opened from the first of April till the end of July in Ueno Park. A grand sham fight