

METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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MESSRS. MEACHAM and EBY, and their families, having, by the good providence of God, reached Yokohama in safety, lost no time in prosecuting their journey to their respective appointments, receiving the hearty welcome of Messrs. COCHRAN and McDONALD. The following letters breathe a spirit of cheerful devotedness, indicative of success in their great work :—

From the Rev. G. M. MEACHAM, M.A., dated Numadzu, Japan, October 19th, 1876.

Amid a great pressure of care and labour, I snatch a few moments this evening to give you a statement of the *status quo* in Numadzu, and of my impressions of that which has been done in Tokio. Highly as we all in Canada appreciated the services of the brethren here in Japan, I am perfectly satisfied that we were very far from rating them at their proper worth. Of Dr. McDonald's work at Shidzuoka I know nothing as yet, personally, but of it all reports speak very highly. Indeed, some of the fruits of his labours I saw in Tokio, and I have two of his young people in my classes at the Academy. But having had an opportunity of observing what Bro. Cochran has done in Tokio, I can speak of it in terms only of highest satisfaction and delight. You have in him certainly the right man in the right place. He has led many to Christ, who testify in the strongest manner to the fact of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus. He has trained and educated in the Christian faith a number of young men, who are being admirably prepared for useful work in Japan. He enjoys, in a high degree, the confi-

dence, respect, and love of the best people we have met here. Among the Christian Missionaries in this country he occupies a very prominent place. When one comes face to face with the ignorance, superstition, and degradation of the heathen world, even though it be in its least repulsive aspects, he sees the obstacles in the way of the Gospel as it is impossible for one in Canada to see them. And when I behold the numbers who have been led to Christ by our dear Bro. Cochran and his devoted wife—who has thrown herself into this work with an enthusiasm worthy of all praise—when I see them sitting, clothed and in their right mind, at the feet of Jesus, I confess to a feeling of amazement, that so much has been done in so short a time. May God bless our labours in Numadzu as He has theirs in Tokio.

From the letter to Bro. Sutherland you will have learned, before this reaches you, that we are living in a Buddhist temple. Perhaps, never did a Methodist preacher occupy a more singular dwelling-place. The temple is a large one. In connection with it, on the other side, are the