

responsibility. But they should be men young, thoroughly educated, full of Missionary zeal, and resolved to devote their lives entirely to the cause of Christ among this people. I wish my voice could reach some such and draw them to this land. I have no doubt the Holy Spirit will find them, and direct you to their selection and designation to this field. As we have taken our place among the gathering agencies of the Protestant world in this field, we feel jealous for the honour of our Church, and above all for the honour of our Lord and Master, the Head of the "Holy Catholic Church" in this matter. Give us men who may stand in the fore part of the marshalling hosts of the Lord's anointed in this grand field, and you will not fail of a rich repayal for all the men and money you spend here. They shall gather much fruit unto eternal life. I am the more earnest upon this subject, because it is our united judgment that it should engage your best attention and be put before our people, that we may, as a Church, use well our golden opportunity of making this Mission a glorious success. Let us hear from you on this subject as soon as may be convenient.

Dr. McDonald is already doing a little among the natives. A number of young men, who can read the English Bible, come to his study every Sabbath afternoon and receive religious instruction, appearing quite anxious to learn all they can about Christianity.

We are thankful to be able to say the health of both families has been good during the summer, and now that the hot weather is past we expect a season

of cool, bracing temperature that will fit us for hard study, and thus facilitate our work of preparation. I cannot say that I have been strong since coming here, but I have been well, better in all probability than I would have been in Canada. Japan is considered a healthy country for residence, and especially so by foreigners; and I doubt not Yokohama is the most desirable place of foreign residence in the whole country. Our children seem to thrive here much better than at home.

I may mention, in passing, that one case containing the most valuable part of my library was allowed to fall into the water, somewhere between New York and Yokohama. It came to hand reeking wet; the covers of the books completely spoiled, and many volumes altogether ruined. The Steamship Company made compensation in part, but I lose considerable. The insurance was only against *total loss*, not *with average*, so it is doubtful whether anything can be recovered on that score. The S. S. Co. have it in hand.


Our Mission is in much need of the following books: Four dozen English Bibles, two dozen Hymn Books, and four or five dozen Nos. 1 and 2 Catechisms. Many of the natives are learning English, and we might work among them to advantage if we had books. Could the Missionary Society furnish the Hymn Books and Catechisms? And would the Bible Society furnish us the Bibles? I purpose writing Mr. Gemley on the subject, and you might kindly mention it to him.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

- The Rev. G. YOUNG, of Manitoba, and the Rev. A. E. RUSS, of British Columbia, have returned to their important work.
 The Rev. J. WALTON, 2nd, has been appointed to High Bluff, Manitoba.
 The Rev. JAMES TURNER, to Lower Fraser River, British Columbia.
 The Rev. JOHN H. RUTTAN, with Mrs. RUTTAN, after a tedious voyage down Lake Winnipeg, has reached Norway House in safety.
 The Rev. O. GERMAN accompanied Mr. and Mrs. RUTTAN, and succeeded in obtaining a passage to Oxford House where, in those vast solitudes, he is usefully and happily employed in the Lord's work.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Request of the late Miss Mary Wood, Township of York, per Wm. Nason, Weston	\$30 00
"A Lover of the Lord Jesus," in fulfilment of a vow, by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock, Clinton	8 00
Bequest of the late W. C. Brownlee, Marlborough, balance in full, by W. H. McClive	205 00
A Lady, left at the Wesleyan Book Room	3 00

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