

done more for India than any of their generals. The universities of England, Germany and America, paid tribute to his learning, and to-day Protestant Christianity honors him as one of their noblest pioneers.—*Selected.*

### Stimulating Interest in Missions.

I believe that a personal knowledge of and interest in individual workers and their work will promote this spirit of consecration and devotion to Christ, which is the mainspring of all missionary services. I cannot love the Church of Christ at large until I have learned to love some one particular branch of Christ's Church, and my devotion to my own local Church, and my denomination only increases and intensifies my love for the Church universal, and for Christians of every name and race. I love my own home and am interested peculiarly and specially in it, and recognize my obligations to provide for my own household; but this does not lessen my love for the institution of the home in general, or cause me to look more coldly and unsympathetically than I otherwise would upon my neighbor's home and the family life of others. In fact, I cannot thoroughly believe in the institution of the home until I have my own home, and believe in it and love it peculiarly and supremely.

So I believe that personal interest in some one mission, in some individual missionary, in some native worker, preacher, catechist, Bible-woman or scholar, will awaken a peculiar and personal interest that he could not otherwise know in the cause of world wide missions at home and abroad.

But not only does the worker at home need the personal touch which is provided for by the forward movement, but the missionary abroad also needs this personal contact and love and prayer which come from having his own peculiar friends and supporters at home.

Many missionaries have confessed to me their desire for such personal relationships and the strength that it would give them to feel that they were laboring together with someone at home for the spread of the Master's kingdom, and that together they joined their prayers and labors to hasten His appearing.

I know a little boy who every night of his life, just as surely as he says "Now I lay me," also prays, "Dear Jesus, bless Mrs. Hubbard in Foochow, and help her to bring the little boys and girls to Jesus." Is it of no value, do you think, to the missionary in the field to know that the boys and girls and older friends at home consider them as "my missionary," for whom I must pray and for whom I must give? Is it not a supreme value to the workers at home to have their gifts and prayers concentrated and focused upon some individual, to feel that the missionary's trials are their trials, his disappointments their disappointments, his hopes and successes their hopes and successes?

Only a little while ago a friend who lives in a land that is very far off, said to me: "Every Saturday night I shall pray for you and for your work." The thought of the prayer of this dear friend ten thousand miles away will give me cheer,

and comfort that a thousand more indefinite and impersonal good wishes could not give me. I know a father who traces the missionary journeys of his daughter upon a huge wall map from point to point, saying to himself and to others: "Now she is here, and to-day she takes this journey, and to-morrow she will reach that point," and every step of the daughter's journey is followed by the father's prayer. Do you think that man has less interest in missions in general because he has a daughter upon the field? Nay, he is interested a hundred-fold, and when we feel we have personal, intimate friends on mission fields, friends for whom we are in part responsible, though we have never seen them, our prayers will follow our gifts; with larger gifts we shall seek to answer our own prayers, and through these gifts and prayers and loving interest, with the blessing of God, His kingdom shall come, and His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.—*Rev. F. E. Clark, D.D.*

### A Japanese Missionary.

In this issue, the readers of the *Era* are introduced to Rev. Goro Kaburagi, B.Sc., the Superintendent of our Japanese Mission Work in British Columbia. Mr.



REV. GORO KABURAGI.

Kaburagi came to the United States from Japan about eleven years ago. After his conversion he attended the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. The call to our work came about three years ago. The mission which invited him to take charge of the work, was composed of six Japanese young men who rented a hall and promised their missionary the munificent stipend of \$10 per month. To pay this they decided to live on two meals a day, contributing the cost of dinners to the pastor's salary. Such was the beginning of his work.

Now there are flourishing missions among the Japanese at Victoria, Nanaimo, Cumberland, Vancouver, Sapperton, and Stevenson. At the latter place is a well-equipped hospital over which Dr. R. W. Large had charge last year. In Vancouver, a weekly Japanese paper is pub-

lished, the only one in Canada. But best of all, God has abundantly blessed Bro. Kaburagi in his labors, and last year twenty-nine were baptized and received into the Church.

Mr. Kaburagi has been east since September and during that time nine more have been converted and await his return to be baptized. Among last year's converts was Hon. Mr. S. Shimizu, the Japanese Consul at Vancouver.

Mr. Kaburagi's support has been undertaken by the Leagues of the Chatham and Ridgeway Districts. During his stay in Ontario, he has been addressing missionary meetings and arousing great enthusiasm by his powerful plea for the prayers and support of our people. His talks are the kind that do one good and lead to deeper consecration to the cause of missions.

### Forward—No Halting.

Some of our friends are surprised at the great difference in the success of the various District Epworth Leagues in raising money for the support of their respective missionaries. A number of questions have been asked regarding the success of such Districts as Goderich, St. Thomas, Hamilton, Guelph, the three Toronto Districts, Brampton, Bradford, Barrie, Montreal, and others. The secret is, in the majority of cases, traceable to the faithfulness of the district officers. In some cases the earnest efforts of one or more faithful workers have resulted in the splendid increases recorded.

If the executive of each District Epworth League will prayerfully plan and faithfully work to secure a properly organized Missionary Department in each League we feel safe in saying the same, if not still more, marked advancement will result not only in the districts mentioned but in every district where the Forward Movement is introduced. A business-like visit on behalf of the movement from a well-informed, spirit-filled, district officer, who makes it the object of his visit to see that the Missionary Department is properly organized and working faithfully, always advances and strengthens the work. The next best thing is a careful, systematic correspondence between the League Missionary Vice-Presidents and the District Missionary Vice-President.

By examining the tabulated statement on page 276 of the *Missionary Outlook* for December, 1899, you will find that the givings of the districts for 1898-99 are over 60 per cent. more than for the year 1897-98. If the givings of the past year are again increased by 60 per cent., the amount would nearly equal the total of the salaries paid the missionaries mentioned. Let us unitedly work and pray that the pace of our forward movement may not slacken. If any should be tempted to think that this is proposing to do more than should be expected let him get a copy of the combined minutes of the annual conferences and add up the Epworth League membership of the twenty-six districts which have been organized, and he will be surprised to find that an average of one cent per week from each member will more than pay the amount of all the salaries of these twenty-eight missionaries.