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JAPAN IN WAR TIME.



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THE Methodist Church of Canada built more wisely than it knew in founding its first foreign mission in Japan. It was a bold undertaking when, over thirty years ago, it sent forth its two pioneer missionaries, Dr. Cochran and Dr. Macdonald, to preach the everlasting Gospel of Christ in the then recently opened Empire of the Rising Sun. Many barriers were in the way. A difficult language had to be acquired; a religious literature had to be created, and the Bible translated into the Japanese tongue. Bitter prejudices had to be overcome. By the roadsides were displayed the decrees forbidding the preaching or teaching of this new religion in all but

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very limited areas. Many of the missionaries had to devote their energies to teaching secular subjects in the government schools or colleges. The medical missionaries especially found wide opportunity for Christian work in, like the first great Master Missionary, healing the diseases as well as in ministering to the moral maladies of the people. In this field Dr. Macdonald was singularly successful. In Bible translation Dr. Cochran rendered invaluable service. Followed by able and apostolic men, Dr. Meacham, Dr. Eby, and a host of faithful laborers in the high places of the field, our missions have been crowned with signal success, till now we have in that country eight Canadian missionaries and twenty-six native preachers. In addition to these the Woman's Missionary Society has twenty-three



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