



MISSIONARY STUDY CLASS IN QUEEN ST. LEAGUE

who was our missionary at Nagano some twelve or more years ago. He had never given up thinking about what Mr. Dunlop had told him.

A Japanese gentleman of wealth and position recently, in discussing with Rev. Mr. Norman Japan's position in Corea and Manchuria, said that he had grave fears as to Japan's ability to deal successfully with the difficulties that confronted her in connection with Corea and Manchuria. He believed that the renewal and strengthening of the Anglo-Japanese alliance was good for Japan, because of Japan's lack of experience in governing colonies, and in dealing with international affairs. Mr. Norman expressed the opinion that Christ's gospel was the thing Japan most needed in the present crisis. Though this gentleman is not a Christian he agreed with Mr. Norman, while several others, not Christians, have also expressed their opinion that they believed Christianity is what Japan needs. Christian Japan will be a mighty power in evangelizing Corea and China, and a non-Christian Japan will be a great hindrance.

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Rev. W. T. Halpenny, in the March number of the Missionary Bulletin, tells an interesting incident of a man who travelled sixty miles to visit a Protestant minister, forty miles of which he drove. It is with thankfulness that Mr. Halpenny relates that after his return home he found his way into the liberty of the children of God. After all, his eighty-mile journey was not without effect.

### Queen St., Toronto, Study Class

The Mission Study Class in Queen St. Church, Toronto, has a membership of twenty-three, studying "Methodist Church and Missions in Canada and Newfoundland," and are enthusiastic over their work. The members were gathered by personal work. The young man who members of the League needed the information contained in the text-book, worked hard in organizing and volunteered to be the leader. Every member promised to do as the leader requested and all went to work.

A large map of the Dominion of Canada and the atlas and geography are used in connection with the study. Every member studies the chapter assigned for the lesson, for on the night of meeting all are free to ask questions and everyone is supposed to be prepared to answer any question regarding which information is to be found in the text-book.

The class meets from 9 to 10 every Monday evening after League. At the first meeting the following officers were elected: Leader, assistant leader, secre-

tary, and librarian. The meeting opens and closes with prayer. The librarian occupies an important position, for he orders the literature for the class. Visitors are welcome; while the majority of the members belong to the League, any one interested may join.

Mr. Thompson, the leader, has gone to Hamilton to live and the class for the remainder of the study will be carried on by the assistant leader, Mr. Rowe. We have much pleasure in publishing the picture of this class, who believe in the study class motto, "Christ for Canada and Canada for Christ." We regret that five members were not able to meet with the others to be photographed.

### Here and There

Rev. Edward Payson Hammond is in Denver, Col., conducting evangelistic meetings.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan's church in London will hereafter give to foreign missions at least one-tenth of its income, and the pastor will preach on missions once a month. These two items ought not to be so rare as to be worth recording; but they are.

The Korean Religious Tract Society cannot keep a supply of Bibles on hand on account of the great demand for them. Editions of ten thousand are sold out in a short time. Many persons become Christians by reading the Scriptures without oral instruction.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church of the United States, in view of the wonderful opportunities for missionary work all over the world and the increasingly urgent appeals from their own workers, have undertaken to raise a million dollars for their work during the current year. They plan to hold special meetings at fifty central points during the year.

The development of missionary operations has witnessed the establishment in increasing numbers of printing-presses and publishing houses in the mission fields. It is impossible to mention all these establishments in detail, as they number about one hundred and sixty in various mission fields, issuing annually in round numbers, a product of about 12,000,000 copies of various publications extending to nearly 400,000,000 printed pages.

According to the Missionary Review, "it is estimated that not less than 50,000 Chinese have heard the gospel through the instrumentality of Rev. J. Hudson Taylor. In the last five years nearly 6,000 have been baptized in the China Inland Mission stations, and there are now over 12,000 communicants in twelve

different provinces. The missionaries number 825 and the stations 200, with 521 outstations. There are 1,152 native helpers and 418 organized churches.

As Sunday is not kept in China generally, the Chinese Christians are tempted to use the day in work. Many of them wish greatly to see the day better kept. As a help, some of the missionaries have had some handsome tablets made to be given to those that will use them by putting them up at their places of business, the tablet reading, "Today is Sunday; no business will be done." The tablets for use in certain kinds of shops also have on the other side the words, "To-morrow is Sunday; no business will be done," and that side is shown on Saturdays.

Rev. Dr. Vance, at the Nashville Convention, said: "The Church has not always been a great success as a home base. I would not bring a railing accusation, but as long as we can talk of two cents a week for missions and make the missionary sermon an annual event, as long as there are church members who can keep their self-respect and say, 'We do not believe in foreign missions,' as long as the nation spends a billion dollars a year for drinks, and gives a few millions for missions, we can hardly be regarded as a conspicuous missionary success at home."

The sales of the Bible in China since the Boxer disturbances have been phenomenal. Single orders even from the far interior are now received which a few years ago would have seemed sufficient to supply the demand of all China for five or six years; yet so stupendous is the need of that vast empire that "for every person who has a Bible there are about two thousand who have none; for every person who has a New Testament there are two hundred and fifty who have none; for every person who has a single copy of a Gospel or some portion of the Scripture, there are forty who have none."

Sir Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador, in a great address at the Students' Convention, in Nashville, said:

"All I wish to say, and what I feel bound to say, is this: that, in so far as my personal experience goes, the charges brought against missionaries and their work are many of them untrue or exaggerated, and that the amount of good they do is greatly in excess of the alleged harm. I have, it is true, met in Judicious missionaries, and I have known Christian converts of a very undesirable type, and I have been saddened at times by seeing devoted men and women apparently throwing away their health and their lives with no result. There are shadows to the picture. But the picture, on the whole, is very far from being a dark one."