Letter from Japan.

Ma. Epiron,-I am glad to inform you that the different numbers of your by your missionary, Mr. Garst. I Japan is growing day by day :-

Mr. Tozo Olmo, Ontario, Canada .-

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -- I have read with pleasure and profit your articles on "The Religion of Japan" in The CANADIAN EVANGELIST.

At present we have in Japan a force of three families and three young ladies trying to establish primitive Chris tianity. There are so many sects on the field that it is hard to do much, but we are having some success, and hope for more from now on. There are enough sects to distract the people, but we hope they will go back of all human traditions and base every doctrino on the Word of God. It is ead to hear that so many of the Japanese students abroad are only studying scionce. There are, however, many who look beneath the surface and know the true benefits of religion. There are about two hundred brothron in Japan who are devoted to the primitive faith, and we hope to see many more of the same kind as the years go

We will soon have two families and three young ladies in Tokyo, and hope gradually to open a school there to educate preachers.

The Unitarians will soon lose their strength; they love no binding power.

The question is now between Western religion and Western infidelity. We cannot doubt our Japanese broth ren will be clear sighted enough to take the Good Religion, and throw away the bad, infidelity. Next year I expect to return home for a little visit and come back the following year. Hope you may come back to Japan and work on the side of religion and the treatment of the lesson is under it has not been advertised and puffed righteousness. While you are abroad these heads: Golden Text, Leading as other publications have been, the you will see a great deal that is badbut from the Bible much that is good has come to the nations; yet the civilization of to day will be considered a part of the dark ages a hundred years

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When you return, hope to meet and work with you. Yours for Japan,

Charles E. Garst Shouai, Yamaqata, Sep. 22, 1890.

There is no doubt that your paper is awakening the missionary spirit of its readers. A religious paper is the director of religious movement. I can see that Canadian Disciples are gaining ground through the prosperity of your

Hoping that some of your readers may become interested in missionary nork and some day come to Japan to preach the Gospel to my native people, I am, in Christ,

Tozo Ouno.

Toronto, Dec. 8, 1890.

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