

a wistful eye at the water which he held, said, though wounded and faint and bleeding himself, "Give it to him, he needs it more than I." How noble it would be if many of these Circuits, abundantly able to support the preaching of the Gospel among themselves, and yet yearly the recipients of Missionary money, would refuse any longer to take it, but would say, "Send it to the heathen; they need it more than we."

But some say the Church has a work in progress among the heathen. It has its Missionaries in Japan, a field upon which very large sums have been expended; a work for the continuance and support of which the Church is committed. There are those, and they are not few, who say that this work was premature, that the money has not been wisely expended, that it would have been better laid out if expended on the Domestic Missions. I affirm that all who speak thus have never stopped to calculate either the amount spent or the good accomplished. Of all the interesting fields of Missionary labour in the world, none is so full of promise to-day as Japan; no people more anxious for the Gospel. The Church commenced by us, it may be said but yesterday, has a membership of sixty-three gathered from paganism, and with an outspreading field, white unto the harvest, a field in which, during a short period, not less than six hundred Bhuddist temples have been closed as places of worship and appropriated to other purposes.

We have the fruits of this Mission brought to our very door, for at the Centennial, and connected with the Japanese department, are those who have been converted through the instrumentality of our own Missionaries, and who are filling important positions in connection with the department of their own work at the Exhibition, and I venture the statement our new departure is made in the line indicated. The Japanese will be helping to sustain the Domestic Missions of Canada, by contributing to the general fund, before many of these Circuits will voluntarily go off the fund. It is quite true we spend a sum annually upon Japan. That sum last year was about \$3,600. We sing:—

"O for a trumpet voice
On all the world to call,
To bid their hearts rejoice
In Him who died for all.
For all my Lord was crucified,
For all, for all, my Saviour died."

And yet, strange inconsistency, this great Methodist Church of Canada, this Church for which God has done so much, this Church for which God is doing so much, expended last year, upon Japan, about \$3,600, or, about 3 cents per member. Little cause is there for boasting. To me the fact is humiliating. Never, in the history of Missions, has any field yielded fruit so rapidly, or given such promise for the future, and if we are to improve the openings, if we are to be made a blessing to that interesting people, we must send them more Missionaries, and the day is not far distant when the whole of that field will be worked with a native agency. I am aware that there are many who suppose that the Methodist Church is doing more in spreading the Gospel in heathen lands than any other Church in Canada, but it is not so. The Presbyterians are doing more, for, if you look at the work of that Church in the South Sea Islands, its work in India, its eight or nine appointments in Formosa, and its work among the Coolies of Trinidad, you will find that they employ a greater number of labourers, and expend a vastly larger amount. I say, God bless the Presbyterians! (Amen;) and make them yet a thousand-fold more useful. For the carrying on of the great work of our own Church for the present year \$200,000 is wanted. Can the Church provide it? Yes! How? 1st. By our Domestic Missions becoming largely self-sustaining. 2nd. By our friends increasing their con-