

out but one man. He asked: "Must it send its little force, too small for efficiency and yet large enough to increase our denominations already far too many?"

The Rev. L. G. M. Miller, minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, Va., writes a bitter complaint against these utterances finding their way into the Review. We beg to remind him that the Review assumes no responsibility for opinions or statements which appear over well-known names. We seek to furnish an arena, not for controversy surely, but for free expression of even widely divergent opinions. That there is more than one view concerning "polity" in Japan is well known. We cheerfully make room for the following from our correspondent's communication, though it seems to us that Dr. Knox's only plea is for a *large* force, if any. Bishop Malialien, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, during his recent visit in Japan, pleaded with his board for re-enforcement, because he could place the right kind of men in a dozen cities not now occupied by any missionary.—[J. T. G.]

Mr. Miller says:

"Dr. Knox's statement seems to imply that 'one man' was contemplated as the extent of our force in Japan. It appears that this is not the case. Not only is another on the way now, but we hope to continue to add to their number. We go with no purpose of creating 'any confusion.' Our aim is to preach the Gospel and that alone, and in no way to interfere with others who may be doing the Lord's work in other parts of the field. Dr. Knox seems to imply that the field is already fully occupied. It is very far from being so. I quote from Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, our missionary now on the ground.

There are not less than four cities of over 30,000 souls each where no foreign missionary resides, not to mention numerous smaller towns and clusters of villages, some of which are actually asking for foreign assistance. Dr. Guido F. Verbeck, the leader of Japan missionaries, who authorizes the use of his name in this letter, said to me this summer that he could undertake to name a hundred places where missionaries could be advantageously placed at once. He is not only the oldest missionary on the ground, having lived here thirty-three years, but is everywhere respected for his wide knowledge and solidity of judgment.

"Dr. Knox is entitled to his opinion, but so also are the authorities of the

Lutheran Church. Its board carefully and prayerfully and long considered the question of beginning work in Japan. According to their best judgment, there was still room there for our work. 'Every creature' has not yet been reached there with the Gospel, and until this is the case, surely we too are equally entitled with Dr. Knox to seek to obey our Lord's command. We in no way seek to hinder or disparage him or the body of Christians he represents in their work. We accord them the right of judgment as to where they had best labor. He ought to do the same by us."

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Thursday, Dec. 29th, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—"Missionary Work among the Depressed Classes and the Masses." (a) Nature of Instruction given (i) before Baptism (ii) after Baptism. (b) Moral and Spiritual Results Produced. (c) The Best Methods of Work for the Future. Papers—Rev. J. E. Clough, D.D., Ongole, Madras; Rev. S. Martin, D.D., Sialkot, Panjab; Rev. E. W. Parker, D.D., Lucknow. Speakers—Rev. A. Campbell, Manbhum, Bengal; Rev. W. H. Campbell, M.A., B.D., Cuddapah, Madras; Rev. Ruttonji Nowroji, Aurungabad, Berar; Rev. W. S. Sutherland, M.A., Kalimpong, Bengal.—2 to 4.30 P.M. (Sectional.) (1) "Social and Legal Rights of Native Christians.—Marriage and Divorce." Papers—Rev. R. A. Hume, Ahmednagar; Rev. H. E. Perkins, Atari, Panjab. Speakers—Rev. Appaji Bapuji, Poona; Rev. K. C. Chatterjee, Hoshiarpur, Panjab. (2) "Work among Lepers." Paper, W. C. Bailey, Esq., Edinburgh. Speakers—Rev. G. M. Bullock, Almora, N.-W. P.; Rev. W. J. Richards, Allepy, Travancore.

Friday, Dec. 30th, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—"The Native Church in India—its Organization and Self-Support." K. C. Banerji, Esq., B.A., B.L., Calcutta. Papers—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., Madanapalle, Madras; Rev. S. Coles, Cotta, Ceylon. Speakers—Rev. F. Hahn, Lohardagga, Chotta Nagpur; Rev. T. S. Johnson, M.D., Jabalpur, C. P.; Rev. A. T. Rose, D.D., Rangoon, Burmah.—2 to 4.30 P.M. (Sectional.) (1) "The Religious Training of the Young." (a) General. (b) Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. O. A. (c) Sunday-schools. Papers—