

would seem to indicate that we are hastening, even in this country, towards a time when great battles against error will have to be fought, and when all who hold the truth as it is in Jesus, will have to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

JAPAN.

For 230 years Japan was absolutely closed to the outer world. It is only about half a century since Commodore Perry, of the United States navy, succeeded in bringing about a treaty which led to the opening of certain ports to the

There are not only in the main islands of Hondo, but also in the southern islands of Shikoku and Kiushiu and the northern island of Hokkaido.

We rejoice to know that the Canadian Church Missionary Association has its share in this great work. By the side of the great Parent, the Daughter Society is working, unitedly and harmoniously, to bring this rising kingdom to the feet of the Master. The Canadian Branch has now three chief centres: Nagoya, Gifu and Toyohashi.

In this issue we give two pictures, taken in connection with the Can-

quency, and in the disinterestedness which characterized them. Neither the Saviour nor His disciples ever wrought a miracle for their own personal benefit. Dr. Carson well says:

"Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick." Did you, Paul? And why did you leave him sick, when you possessed the power of working miracles? Why were you so profuse of your miracles in Melita, while you are so sparing of them among your best friends? For the very reason of showing that miracles are rather for the proof of the gospel than for the private benefit



Gifu Blind School Pupils—Staff and Committee.

commerce of the world. To the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States belongs the honour of sending the first Protestant missionaries to Japan. This was in 1859; but for several years the American missionaries could do scarcely any direct evangelistic work. It was in 1869, just after the wonderful revolution which restored power to the Mikado, that the Church Missionary Society began its work in this country. It has now a great many stations, which form so many bases for operation in the surrounding districts.

adian work. One is a group of C.C.M.A. missionaries at Nagoya, and the other shows the Blind School pupils at Gifu. We hope the views will serve to stimulate Church people to greater efforts in the great missionary work of the Master.

SCOPE OF MIRACLES.

A friend sends the enclosed selection with the remark: "Timely, now, because these faith cure oranks are troubling country folk very much."

The gospel miracles differ from all others in their nature, and fre-

even of the heirs of glory. God is sovereign in this, as well as in everything else. Jesus healed the ear of the high priest's servant, while Paul did not heal his friend, Trophimus.

The apostles exercised their power, not by their discretion or caprice, but by the suggestion of the Holy Spirit. This, then, is a providential fact, the record of which, though to human wisdom trifling, is yet of great importance to the children of God. They are not to expect that they will always be free from sickness, or that their sickness will be soon dismissed.