

ness in furnishing information and the means for visiting the different mines.

Several students who labored in British Columbia during the summer months have brought interesting collections from their fields of labor.

The Principal also kept the museum in mind during his journey round the world and secured a number of valuable specimens of different kinds, which will be placed on exhibition as soon as possible. On the whole, the projects of the museum are most encouraging, and by the aid of friends it will soon be a most important part of our scientific outfit.

#### FROM A. W. BEALL.

HERE is a part of a letter received by one of the boys from our well-known friend in far-off Tokio. It is of special interest to any who may think of going to Japan. The letter explains itself:—

My opportunities for Christian work are chiefly among the students. Very frequently I go in among them, into their rooms in the dormitories adjoining the school. A great many attend this school for the English pure and simple. Some get interested in Christianity, but quite a number of them are becoming nominal Christians, a circumstance, speaking generally, in my mind, fraught with considerable peril to Japanese Christianity, as it is now becoming a politic thing to do. But to return to my students. I can always get a few who want to study the Bible. You can perhaps imagine the pleasure I feel at seeing their delight when finding some new passage in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, which has been in their hands but a few months. I feel this most keenly, that what this land needs most of all is fearless preachers of Christ, of truth, of purity. For if any land under heaven needs Christ and Christlikeness it is Japan. To put it more plainly and terribly, falsehood and impurity are unknown in this land, or at least are not recognized as evils. There is a widespread impression in Canada that the men who come here as missionaries must come prepared to combat infidelity, to discuss Darwin, Herbert Spencer, Tyndall and Huxley, and that if he is not a born metaphysician he had better not come to Japan, where defeat will certainly await him, but had better go—no had better stay at home. Well, I boldly say that this country does not need such men, and when I say this country I do not mean the upper classes, who are eagerly grasping after Western civilization without inquiring into the nature of its foundation, but the rank and file, the toilers, the laboring classes, the millions who form the immense majority of the people. The men we do need are those who will be kindly but terribly truthful—men who will preach with whole-souled, loving earnestness “Ye must be born again,”—men who will act as evangelists, who will not give, may force upon the Japanese a knowledge of modern agnosticism, but will literally fulfil Christ's last command, “Go ye into all the world and preach the *Gospel*,” and not philosophy. Their

attitude should be the complete ignoring of all such subjects, and to bring this people face to face with the terrible fact that they are sinners, and then that Christ is a present Savior from sin. You may say, “Why, that's just what is preached at home, and I thought the Japanese demanded more than that.” Well, what is true of Canada's need is a thousandfold more true of this sinful, sinless country. You will understand this statement better when I say that this nation is devoid of a moral conscience. Our business is to create or awaken it. “Every cloud has a silver lining.” This pleasure is found in the faithful few Japanese who are turning out to be pure gold. We have such in our school, a goodly number. In the hands of such in this and the many other Christian schools is found the material for making Japan's future greatness truly great.

Yours faithfully,

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#### Y. M. C. A.

AN admirably written paper on “Temperance” was read by Malcolm McKenzie, B.A., at a recent meeting, and had the writer given his consent a vote of the meeting would have designated it for publication. The paper presented most clearly our country's situation in regard to the liquor traffic, pointing out the weakness of past legislation and the necessity for further educating the electorate on the subject of temperance. Addresses were given also by Dr. Anglin, W. J. Patterson, and the chairman, J. J. Wright, all of which were to the point and well received. The room was crowded, and much interest in the proceedings was evinced. The ladies of the two colleges kindly responded to an invitation, and were present.

The Y. M. C. A., as the name decisively implies, is exclusively for young men. Time and again at conventions has the advisability of throwing the doors open for a mixed audience been discussed, but, so far as we can learn, never sustained. Time and again has it been tried by associations struggling for an existence, and has only had the effect of hastening dissolution. The association has a work to do, an end to reach. That work is among young men, and that end the salvation of young men from the perils which surround their physical and spiritual lives. How zealously should all its energies be centred upon the realization of that end, upon the accomplishment of that grand work? Consequently when it is proposed to admit to our meetings our lady students, we must object, as we feel certain they also, knowing the design of the association, would do. We suggest instead that at intervals during the term special meetings be announced to which invitations be given our lady classmates, whom on such occasions we shall welcome most cordially.

The new programme has appeared and quite pleases everybody. It is neat in design and contains a store of