

GOOD NEWS FROM JAPAN.

A LETTER from Dr. Cochran is just to hand, from which we make the following extract:—

“We had Quarterly Meeting at Azabu yesterday, and I baptized thirty-two adults and one infant. Twenty are students in the boys’ school, five are students in the girls’ school; the rest were from the neighborhood. We have got in the two schools over fifty candidates for baptism, who will be received next Quarterly Meeting.”

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF AZABU CHURCH.

I WISH to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following contributions thus far, made by kind friends toward the Building Fund of the new church at Azabu, Tôkyô.

Y. HIRAIWA.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—N. Heard, \$5; A Friend, per Rev. Mr. Moore, \$5; ditto, by same, \$5; A Friend, \$10	\$30 00
Additional promised, \$50.	
Halifax, N.S.—Mr. Harris, F. H. Oxley, Mrs. J. Hart, Dr. Louis, each \$5; A Friend, \$2; Miss L. Silver, \$1; A. M. Bell, \$4.86; Rev. H. Smith, \$10	37 86
Yarmouth, N.S.—L. Myers	2 00
Digby, N.S.—A. Moorehouse	2 00
Bridgetown, N.S.—A. S. Tuttle, Rev. J. Taylor, J. Whitman, Rev. R. H. Robinson, Miss A. Tupper, Miss J. Lena Robinson, Mrs. M. Angwin, Miss L. Angwin, each \$1; Misses Minnie and Mary Bent, \$1	9 00
Truro, N.S.—I. Longworth, \$5; Master Conning, 25cts.	5 25
Sackville, N.B.—Miss Trueman, \$15; Mrs. Hood, \$5; A Lady, \$5; A Lady, \$3; Mrs. Brecken, \$1.50; Three Ladies, each \$1	32 50
Brockville, Ont.—Rev. S. Sanderson, \$2; Rev. J. Allen, \$5	7 00
Prescott.—Revs. S. Might and Geo. McRitchie, each \$2; R. Hillyard, \$5; J. Irwin, \$10	19 00
Iroquois.—N. S. Sherman, Mr. Landon, Mr. Lindal, A. B. Carman, Mrs. J. H. Tuttle, Mrs. Armstrong, Rev. E. H. Crane, each \$1; Mr. Beach, \$2; Mr. Brock, 25c.	9 25
Kingston.—Mrs. T. Whitefield, \$5; J. S. Whiting, \$5; Mrs. A. Chown and Miss F. J. Chown, each \$2; Rev. Alex. McCauley, \$2; Prof. S. H. Marshall, \$10	26 00
Belleville.—T. S. Clark, \$10; J. M. Chislett, Willie and Cecil Hopkins, each \$1	13 00
Pictou.—J. Warring, \$10; Miss N. Harte, \$5; Mrs. G. C. Currie, \$5; M. R. German, \$5; R. F. Greenlees, \$5; Miss S. E. Kingston, \$2; E. T. Vandusen, \$2; J. N. Wait, \$3; Miss Post, \$1.50; Miss N. R. Conger, \$1; Master P. Anderson, 50cts.	40 00
Total	\$232 86

LETTER FROM BISHOP TAYLOR'S TREASURER.

WE have been requested in the interest of fair play to publish the following letter:—

“NEW YORK, Jan. 6th, 1888.

“The New York *Herald*, issued Dec. 28th, 1887, published an article from Mr. J. C. Waller, lately returned from Africa, in which he berates Bishop Taylor and the work in which he is engaged.

“The committee having Bishop Taylor's work in hand during his absence desire to set this matter right

before the public, sent this statement to the *Herald*, January 3rd, which the *Herald* returned unpublished, January 6th, 1888.

“Mr. Waller applied for the position, and was sent out as cook for the steamboat, and to do the cooking in the camp during its reconstruction, that being his business. It is no secret that there has been much delay encountered in removing the material to the place where it is to be put together, the cause of which is that Mr. Henry M. Stanley had secured all the available carriers. The boat was built in England, then taken apart there, marked, and put in packages of one, two, and four man loads.

“As it was impossible to get carriers, a traction engine was sent for from Liverpool, but before it arrived and could be made available, the rainy season set in, which put a stop to the work until spring.

“If Mr. Waller sold any property, we know not what he did with the money, as we provided his family with clothing enough for two years, besides giving him money before they left here, provisions and medicines were sent with the company, as the annexed copy of his statement will show. A letter was also written and forwarded by Mrs. Waller from Africa, and published in the *Christian Witness* of Nov. 10th, 1887, in which she speaks enthusiastically of the work and kindness of the bishop and his helpers, thanking God they had heeded his call to Africa. We have had no complaints except Mr. Waller's; perhaps the others did not expect hotel fare—certainly all had enough sound healthy food. In personal appearance Mr. Waller is certainly improved since I first saw him.

“RICHARD GRANT, *Treasurer*.

“181 Hudson Street.”

J. C. WALLER'S LETTER.

“VIVI TOMBA, Oct. 7th, 1888.

“This is to certify that having, with my wife and two children, come to the Congo by agreement with the Committee of Bishop Wm. Taylor, I was kindly received by the bishop, who, assisted by two of his missionaries, built for me at Tomba Vivi, in the midst of native village, a good house of sun-dried bricks and plaster, containing three good rooms with veranda all round; I was also supplied with provisions—the best they had—and also a medicine chest, but owing to the continued sickness of my wife, I have been obliged to return with my family to America.

“Signed J. C. WALLER.”

(A true copy of the original.)

OUR INHERITANCE.

NO doubt the majority of thinking people in Christendom believe that it is better to live at the present time than in any age in the past, and in the English-speaking countries of the world rather than in any other. Let us recount a few, at least, of the blessings that have come down to us, not so fully enjoyed by our forefathers or the citizens of other nations, and surely we will give utterance to our gratitude in some such words as the following:—