

ers altogether—6 Japanese and myself. Two years ago only one of these men was a Christian. Two of the youngest of these men are here in Nagano; the others are scattered along the line. Two of them were converted here, the others were sent from other (older) stations. By the summer I hope to have a man to put in Niigata, a big town N. W. of here—100 miles north of the railway. *There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth, &c.*, (Prov. 11:24), is a constant guide to me, a finger-post in the work of preaching Christ. It is a beautiful verse in Japanese—one of the grandest in the Japanese Scripture.

All winter I have been teaching a class of evangelists—Life of Christ, John's Gospel, Elements of Theology and Church History. That and preaching (at present and for a month past, nearly every day, since my Japanese assistant is in the midst of examinations) keep me very busy. Preaching Christ Jesus to immortal souls has become heaven on earth to me. We have the very acme of that joy and that heaven in these early days on the West Coast. Being young and living alone in the interior now for over 3 years I have had a magnificent chance to learn Japanese, and God has greatly blessed me. As for study, preparation for my classes gives me a good deal of reading, and I have been trying to do something, too, at Greek and Latin—Prof. Harper's method; but it's slow work and distressingly interrupted at times.

I have wanted for a long time to say something to you about Dr. Eby and his Tabernacle scheme. Dr. Eby has succeeded—so far as he has been given means; and if our Canadian Church could only be made to believe it, we have within our reach a grander evangelistic success than has ever been granted to any church in Japan or China. Dr. Eby has fought this thing through for years with a courage and faith that I have never seen surpassed, and when every other argument failed he has won by the final argument of success.

I must close. I have been delighted to learn of Mr. Doran's bequest to Queen's. Sorry that the Intercollegiate Debate did not come off. Intercollegiate hockey and football are indispensable, but better than all, for fostering an enthusiastic college spirit, is the inter-college debate. I can never forget the thrills that seemed to run through Convocation Hall gallery the night that Gandier and Rat-tray whipped the two from Toronto University. I have been interested, too, in the account of the Theological Alumni meeting, and the proposal to establish a Queen's Club (is it?) in Toronto. God bless Queen's!

With warmest regards,

Yours always,

JOHN G. DUNLOP.

CONVOCATION.

UNIVERSITY DAY.

ON Monday evening, October 16, the fifty-third session of Queen's University was formally opened in Convocation Hall, where a large audience had gathered. The students, who were present in large numbers, were at first in the Gallery, but before the opening of the meeting, were called downstairs by the Principal; this was on the whole a mistake, for as no previous notice of the change had been given, the boys felt aggrieved and made more noise than they would probably have done had they been left undisturbed.

After prayer had been offered by the Rev. J. K. MacMorine, Chaplain for the evening, A. P. Knight, M.A., M.D., the newly appointed Professor of Animal Biology, came forward and delivered his inaugural, the subject being "Species; or Evolution in the Organic World." This was an interesting and lucid address, showing a most complete acquaintance with the latest works upon the subject; we would notice it more fully did we not understand that it is to be printed in full in the Queen's Quarterly. The attention was on the whole good, though on one or two occasions the voice of the speaker was rendered inaudible by the noise at the back of the Hall. And here we would suggest to the Senate that the order on University Day could be rendered much more satisfactory if the Athletic Committee were induced to hold their Sports upon some other day. This could easily be done, for it is only custom, and that not an invariable one, which decrees that the Sports be held on the 16th; and such a change would, we think, act very beneficially upon the order at the evening meeting. At present, the evening proceedings are looked upon as a climax to the day of feverish excitement, and students who would on other occasions be orderly and interested listeners, become on that account as wild as the wildest.

At the conclusion of Professor Knight's address the Principal gave an account of the progress of the University during the last six months.

The Principal began his address by congratulating the University upon the appointment of Professor Knight to the chair of Animal Biology. His success as a teacher and an investigator, and his eminent fitness for laboratory work had marked him out for the chair and his lecture showed not only literary power but his philosophic grasp of the subject. It was just as well to understand that the old conception of species as a break in the sublime order of nature had passed away forever. When it was understood that there were millions upon millions of species of animals and plants, the number of interruptions required reduced the conception to absurdity. It