

suror of the D. and F. Board, I asked if the \$200 would be given for three years so that this building might become the property of the Society, but this last severe illness of mine has put a different phase on this matter: I cannot now remain two years longer as I then hoped to do, so I have offered to present this "Home" to the Canadian Auxiliary, as a memorial to their work in Japan, if they in return will carry on the work for which this "Home" was built, and will send out a lady to take charge of it. The \$200 which the D. and F. Board sent me in the spring, remains in the bank, untouched, and could, if the W. A. thought well, be used towards the first year's salary. We cannot get much to eat here therefore we cannot spend much, and it takes such ages to get anything over the mountains, that now we seldom try; for this reason a lady I think would manage well on \$500 a year. Of course I need hardly say that anyone of delicate health would simply be useless here; that is one of the things that makes me feel so badly, there is so much to be done, the need is great, and to be obliged to lie helpless, when one longs to be up and doing, is a terrible trial; but He who doeth all things well, knoweth what is best, and I have the least right to complain, for in that God has permitted me to build this "Home," and successfully start this work in the very heart of heathen Japan, I have received more than I deserve. Were I strong enough to carry on this work for the rest of my life, I would ask for nothing better, but as this cannot be, I pray the Church people of Canada to send some one to take my place.

Trusting that God may be with you in your deliberations,

I remain,
Very sincerely yours,
L. PATERSON.

NAGANO, SHINANO, JAPAN,
Aug. 16th, 1898.

Dear Canon Spencer:

Our Japanese doctor is writing a letter to the Society, which I trust may reach you before the Synod meets in September.

I should have liked to have sent in a longer report of our work for the half-year but I have had an unusual amount of work to attend to, and it has not been possible for me to find time to prepare it. However, I hope that the accompanying sheets may give a fair idea of what has been done in the Dispensary this year.

We are looking forward to receiving a grant from the W.A. this autumn towards the Hospital Building Fund, and I should like to ask the D. and F. Missionary Society if they could possibly allow us a few hundred dollars for the same purpose. We need the Hospital so much, and feel that we could accomplish much more

good if we had a building where we could receive in-patients. It is always unsatisfactory to attend the poor in their own homes, where the lack of proper nourishment and cleanly surroundings, undoes so often, the treatment of the doctor, and this is especially felt in Japan, where the care of the sick is, in many districts at least, an unknown art.

Besides as missionaries we would wish to show the heathen the true meaning of Christian love, and this can best be done in an environment such as the hospital would have. Our doctor is an earnest and intelligent Churchman, and our nurses have always proved themselves to be faithful followers of Him who spent so much of His time on earth in "healing the sick."

Trusting that the Society may feel itself able to give us a little help,

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
JENNIE CAMERON SMITH.

BISHOP EDWARD BICKERSTETH, of South Tokyo, wrote eight valuable papers for Divinity Students in Japan, which since his lamented death have been published, with a beautiful preface by the Bishop of Durham, under the title, "Our Heritage in the Church." (Sampson Low, Marston & Co., xvi.-186 pages).

The subjects are, the Church, the Church and the Creeds, the Church and the Bible, Worship, Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, and the Sacred Ministry.

The quiet wisdom which pervades the papers must have rendered them effectual in building up the future clergy in Japan. We may instance the treatment of the last subject—so difficult and yet so especially important in view of the varied forms of Christianity in Japan. To the inquiry "What is the source of ministerial authority?" the Bishop shows that "in principle only two answers are possible. Such authority may be held to be derived either by devolution—ultimately from the Lord Himself, and mediately from those whom He commissioned, or from the Christian congregation. . . . Attempts have been made to combine the two, but in reality they are exclusive the one of the other." Then, after considering some passages in the Holy Scripture, he added: "Certainly the perusal of these and like texts leaves a strong impression that the Apostles regarded the ministry as a Divine institution which they were commissioned to delegate to others. . . . No other view seems to have been present to their mind. There is no 'spontaneous generation' of a ministry in the New Testament. Further, if we extend our view and travel beyond the Canonical Scriptures we are met by like evidence."