

rare promise of this work, and vigorous Japanese churches have been formed. But there is a fine field for the supplemental effort of the churches in San Francisco, in fellowship and sympathy, in every form of encouragement and help. These young men are by no means inclined to be unduly dependent. The Japanese Presbyterian Church, which numbers only sixty-five members, has contributed \$1,174 during the year, besides subscribing \$800 toward the erection of a chapel. The Methodist Church is equally active and self-reliant. In both missions Young Men's Christian Associations have been formed with memberships much more numerous than those of the churches.

The following account, quoted from a letter of Rev. A. J. Kerr, of San Francisco, reveals the character of some of these men:

"A recent steamer carried back to Japan one of our elders, Dr. Kawakami. He is in some respects a very noteworthy man. In 1876, when only seventeen years of age, he took part in Maebara rebellion against the Japanese government. He was arrested and imprisoned, but on the overthrow of the revolt he was released. The purpose of the rebellion was to exclude

foreigners and western civilization, and, in particular, the Christian religion, from Japan. When he saw that the new order of things was to prevail he began to prepare for it. He studied 'foreign medicine' in Tokyo, and was admitted to practice in 1882.

"In the spring of 1885 he came to San Francisco for the double purpose of learning English and pursuing an advanced course in medicine. He was invited to the Presbyterian Mission, where he found many of his countrymen in circumstances similar to his own. Dr. Sturge, of the Mission, gave him special instruction during the day, and Mrs. Sturge taught him in the evenings.

"He was converted, and united with the church by baptism and confession of his faith. He subsequently entered the medical department of the State University, where he remained two years. He opened an office for practice on one of the principal streets, where, during certain hours each week, he gave free medical treatment to the poor of his countrymen.

"About a year ago he was elected to the eldership of the church, in which capacity he served till his departure for Japan. Before leaving he asked for a letter of dismissal, that he might unite with a Presbyterian church in Tokyo, and he particularly requested that I would give him a letter to *one of the small churches where he would find plenty to do.*"

VI.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

An "Extra-Cent-a-Day Band."

[We give below a letter from a gentleman filling a high position in one of the leading banks of Boston, who is deeply interested in missions, and after giving much thought to the subject, has devised and put in operation in the church to which he belongs a plan for securing *special aid* to advance the cause. The plan is simple, feasible, easily worked, and affords the possibility of grand results. Its immediate success in Newton Centre is the prophecy of success wherever it is wisely and efficiently carried out. We heartily commend the scheme to all our ministers and churches. Never was there greater need than now to increase largely our missionary receipts.—J. M. S.]

EXTRA-CENT-A-DAY BANDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD:—In view of the many present splendid opportunities and pressing needs for mission

work, and in remembrance of the Lord's command to preach the gospel to every creature, an Extra-Cent-a-Day Band was formed at the church with which the writer is connected—the Congregational, Newton Centre, Mass.—at the missionary concert in November last. Our members give one extra cent a day for missionary purposes. We started with about 40 members, and have now 111. We shall give in a year, with our present membership, \$405.15, which will practically all be extra. We did not wish to interfere with other ways of giving, and therefore we give but an extra cent, and simple ways were suggested for saving that small amount. Our band has but one officer, a treasurer (though the addition of a president would give the organization