

PARISH NEWS

Letter from the Rev. H. R. Wansey.

The following letter from the Rev. H. R. Wansey formerly assistant Curate at our Church and now working in Japan, will be read with great interest by many old friends of the writer, and others who remember with gratitude the very efficient ministry of Mr. Wansey in Darlington. Miss M. E. Snaith who has been kind enough to hand us this letter collected £7 3s. 3d. for his work.

Japan General Mission House,
Nikko, Japan,
April 1907.

It is now almost seven years ago, since I had the privilege of assisting to minister, together with the Rev. G. A. Campbell when the late beloved Rev. F. W. Mortimer was Vicar of St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington, called by some the "Lily of the North." — but I can never forget the many kindnesses of the many friends who still have remembered me, even though now far separated by sea and continent in this land of the Rising Sun, where surrounded by heathenism and idol temples — as one is here in Nikko — the fragrance of the scent off the Northern Lily is wafted along, bringing with it encouragement for the future and calling to mind the happy remembrances of the past years.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking the many kind friends (64) who have contributed to my missionary work in Japan. There is indeed much encouragement day by day in the Mission Work amongst the priests and the people of Nikko and amongst the miners at Ashio; and I would ask your prayers that God may more and more - abundantly bless this special effort for the extension of his Kingdom, in a dark place where Satan's power is strong. On Easter Sunday I took three services here in the Church of the Transfiguration (Bishop McKim's Church, used in the Summer especially for the Tourists) the first being the Communion Service in Japanese, and although there were only 6 Communicants in all, yet the picture post cards on the wall of my room, one of the exterior of St. Cuthbert's and one of the East end and Mosaic of the Last Supper, and the memories of the Easter services there, helps to link the two together in a sacred bond.

With renewed thanks, and hoping to hear from time to time of the work at Darlington.

I remain,

Yours in the Master's Service in Japan, H. R. WANSEY.

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After 3 years C.M.S. work (one year at Nagasaki & two at Kagoshima).

I resigned to found the Japan General Mission

H R Wansey