

FRIENDS' MISSION WORK IN JAPAN.

THE accompanying photograph is that of a family of Friends (members of Darlington Monthly Meeting) who reside at Nikko, Japan; H. R. Wansey being engaged in mission work in the coal and copper mining districts of the Island of Hondo. He went out to Japan under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society; but as the result of becoming personally acquainted with some members of the Society of Friends and the study of Quaker literature, he was led to adopt Friends' views and to put them into practice in his life and work. He felt that he could not conscientiously remain as a clergyman of the Established Church, and consequently resigned his position under the C.M.S., thereby losing the financial support of that Society.

In 1910, after receiving a visit from Henry Clark, a member of Darlington Monthly Meeting, who was touring in Japan, H. R. Wansey applied to that Monthly Meeting for membership and was accepted, the application being strongly supported by H. Clark and by other Friends in Japan. From all sources good reports have been received with respect to H. R. Wansey's work, and Darlington Friends, as well as members of other Monthly Meetings, have interested themselves in his work. Edward Backhouse, of White House, Stockton-on-Tees, and Ernest O. D. Sibson, of 36, Elton Parade, Darlington, have been asked to act as correspondents, on behalf of the Monthly Meeting, with these far distant members, and they will be glad to answer any inquiries with respect to our Friends and their work and its support.