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History of Christianity in Japan 1859—1908

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Students of Christian history in Japan will welcome the publication of this handy volume of sketches which first appeared in the 1959 Protestant Centennial volume of the Christian Year Book. Throughout his many years in Japan Mr. Cary was a careful student of the Protestant church and collected an excellent library covering the early period of its history. In this volume he has presented more than a hundred three-to-four-page graphic sketches of significant leaders and events of the first half-century of Protestantism, many of which betray the personal touch of one in-

timately acquainted with those described. The weakness of the volume, for reference purposes at least, is the lack of an index. Dr. Darley Downs, Secretary of the Interboard Missionary Field Committee, writes in the Preface that "Mr. Otis Cary of Amherst House, Doshisha, has prepared an invaluable index which is added to the material," but it turns out that this is only a somewhat detailed table of contents and not an index. This is unfortunate because the material is valuable and should be made readily available to those who need to use it. (W.P.W.)