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"For me to live is Christ, to die is gain"  
PHIL. I, 21  
"For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself"  
ROM. XIV, 7

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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

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THE life, character, and work of our brother who was so recently "called up higher" were remarkable and unique; much of his life was spent in our midst here in Kyoto. For over fourteen years it was my privilege to be very intimately associated with him, and I have been asked to prepare a brief sketch of his life which may perhaps serve as an introduction to larger works which will doubtless be published later both in Japan and in the United States.

In preparing this sketch I have consulted Dr. Neesima's diary, written before he left his home for Hakodate, while on the voyage thither, and in Hakodate, up to the day he sailed from that place on his great quest for truth, and also a copy of the brief sketch of his life written by the late Miss Phebe Fuller McKeen, one of his Sabbath-school teachers; this sketch was written after Dr. Neesima had been in Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., about a year. I have quoted freely from the latter in the first chapter and the beginning of the second, using Dr. Neesima's own words in broken English which he wrote out, or which his teacher above referred to copied from his lips before he had had an opportunity to master the English language. I have also quoted from his journal written on his trip around the world in 1884-85; I also quote freely from letters received from our brother during the last fifteen years, and I give in some detail the history of the



founding of the Doshisha schools, the great work of Dr. Neesima's life.

His presence with us has been a blessing, and his memory is a benediction to us all. My hope and prayer is that God may use this sketch for his own glory in the advancement of his Kingdom in Japan.

J. D. DAVIS.

DOSHISHA, KYOTO, February, 1890.

## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

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THE many appreciative letters and notices which the first edition, published in Japan, elicited, and the often-expressed desire that this small book should be placed on sale in America, as well as the fact that this life appears more and more impressive as the years go by, have resulted in the preparation of this second edition for the press.

From the many appreciative letters received the following extracts are given. The editor of the *Missionary Review of the World* says: "Few books of a biographical nature have ever fallen under my eyes which have so interested and delighted me. The riches of missionary literature more and more increase. No man or woman can read this book without a positive addition to heart-wealth."

The librarian of Carleton College writes: "I sat down with it yesterday afternoon and read it through with the greatest interest. I hope that it will do our students much good in stimulating them to noble action." The president of another college writes: "I have read the book through with tears. It stirs the heart. It rouses new faith and hope. It makes me believe God. It will do vast good."

The principal of an academy writes: "You have succeeded in a very high degree in presenting Neesima's life

in a most attractive form, at least to Christians. The spiritual part, the very essence of his life, as you describe it, takes strong hold of the soul. I wish every Sunday-school library in the world could have copies of it, and I hope you will take measures to have it very widely spread in the world."

A missionary writes: "The 'Sketch of the Life of Rev. J. H. Neesima' is the first biography I have ever read with tears trickling from my eyes on every page. What a wonderful soul must that outlaw have carried in his bosom!"

The first edition has been translated and published in the Japanese language. It has also been translated into Chinese and published in China. Since the first edition was prepared the "Life and Letters of Joseph Hardy Neesima," prepared by Professor A. S. Hardy, and published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., has appeared, and during the four years which have elapsed the author has availed himself of the opportunity afforded by this book, as well as in other ways, to correct some errors which the first edition contained, and also to make some additions.

J. D. DAVIS.

DOSHISHA UNIVERSITY, January, 1894.