

rule the community (called the *panch*) and make them willing to accept our teaching. Then a large party is organized, of from 40 to 100 officers and cadets, living in rough huts, etc., and camping in the open. With drums beating and colors flying, they attack village after village, summoning them to surrender in the name of King Jesus. Often the inhabitants come over *en masse* praying for pardon."—*The Conqueror*.

China.—Of the 1500 missionaries, men and women, now in this empire the Church of England has about 210.

—One of the significant signs of progress in China is a new university and preparatory school in Tientsin, under control of Chinese officials, with Mr. C. D. Tenney as its first president. The English language will be taught and the new institution developed along American lines, but Mr. Tenney is to be assisted by competent foreign professors. It is proposed to open preparatory schools in other localities in North China under the management of the university to a certain extent. In the course of time the university will provide besides a general scientific course special courses in civil engineering, mining, mechanical engineering, and law.

—Bishop R. E. Hendrix, of the Methodist Church, South, who has just returned from China, brings this message from Li Hung Chang: "Say to the American people for me to send over more men for the schools and hospitals, and I hope to be in a position both to aid and protect them." He had asked how many American missionaries there were in China. "There are about 600," replied the bishop. "More are needed," said Li, and in a moment he repeated the same words. "more are needed." He then expressed the great obligation of China to American missionaries and the spirit which has sent them, and ended by asking the bishop to convey the message.

—Rev. P. W. Pitcher writes that the

work of the Ku-t'eng Commission appointed to investigate the Hwa-Sang massacre sat 74 days, and its labors resulted in the execution of 26 criminals, including the 5 leaders; 15 are to be banished; 27 to be imprisoned for 10 years; 5 to be imprisoned for 5 years, 5 more for 6 months, and 4 others to be chained to a stone weighing 133 pounds, for 3 years. In addition to this it may be said that Vegetarianism for the time has been crushed.

—A dispatch to the *New York World* from Chun King says: "The Cheng Tu Commission, it is generally admitted, has achieved a complete success. The results have met with the approval of the Cheng Tu missionaries, who are now recognized by the Chinese officials, from the viceroy down. The missionaries were publicly banqueted with the commissioners. Everything possible is now being done to obliterate remembrance of the late viceroy's misdeeds. The claims of the Methodists have been settled."

—An interesting communication comes from Minister Denby, at Peking, to the effect that a reform club has lately been started in that capital. The plan includes a daily paper, a reading-room to be supplied with papers and books bearing on science, politics, and progress, a library, lecture courses, etc. Rev. Gilbert Reid has been asked and has consented to assist the club in carrying this scheme into execution.

Japan.—A Japanese church at Kyoto has adopted individual communion cups, and all the members consider it an improvement. A deacon and a deaconess served the cups, and another deacon and deaconess followed and gathered them on trays.

—As a result of 25 years of labor in Japan there are now in that country 400 Protestant churches, 50 Young Men's Christian Associations, 57 Christian Endeavor Societies, 18 circles of King's Daughters, and 6 home missionary societies.