

—For the last three months of 1888, 730 baptisms were reported from three stations of the Baptist Telugu Mission in India.

—More than 2,000,000 of the youth of India are to-day receiving an education in the English language.

Japan.—Dr. Henry M. Scudder, now a missionary at his own charges in Japan, and well-known as a successful pastor in San Francisco, Brooklyn and Chicago, writes to the *Christian Mirror* in hearty support of the church union movement in Japan. He is especially strong in the conviction that it originated in Japan among the native Christians. It is of indigenous growth, and should hence not be opposed by those without, even in distant countries.

—The Friends. In Japan there are forty missionaries under their care. More than \$16,000 were contributed for this work by English Friends last year. There are stations in Constantinople, Roumelia, on Mount Lebanon, Roumelia, and Madagascar. Three stations are in Zululand, two in India, and one in China.

—The friends of Shigo Kusida, a young Japanese woman who has been an efficient temperance worker and speaker in her own country, are planning to send her to the United States to study the American temperance movement, as a further preparation for successful work among her people.

—One of the most hopeful indications for the future of Christianity is the missionary character of the native Christians. They are zealous in carrying the gospel to their own people, and also to Korea and the islands dependent upon Japan.

—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has decided to start a mission in the southwestern part of Japan.

Java.—Missionary work began 40 years ago. Seven societies of Holland are represented by 26 missionaries, having 25 mission stations, numbering 12,000 native Christians. The British and Foreign Bible Society has one agent in east Java, and will soon send another for the west. Not only Java, but the whole Dutch India, including Java, Sumatra, Borneo and Celebes, has a strong claim not only on Europe, but on Christian America for the gospel. Twenty-seven millions of people and only 69 Christian missionaries to give them the glad tidings! In all Malaysia, with its 35,000,000 people, there is only one American missionary.

—In the central district of Java there are some 5,000 native Christians in connection with the Netherlands Reformed Missionary Society. For many years this field has been under the exclusive care of one missionary, who is stationed at Poerworedjo. Recently two other missionaries have been sent to Poerbolingo, one of whom is to be engaged in training native evangelists and preachers. Still more recently a young medical missionary has been sent out. He is to be supported by the Dutch Reformed Missionary Society in London. An attempt is being made to form the various churches or

stations into a Presbytery, presided over by a Synod. Meanwhile Christianity is spreading also in the Djogjakarta district, and some 5,000 natives have accepted the truth.

Jews.—A movement of Prof. Delitzsch, of Leipzig, is a wonderful step toward the conversion of the Jews. In nine of the German universities he is starting a movement for mission work amongst the Jews, and already over 800 students of the universities have enrolled themselves as members of a special school for training to this end.

Madagascar.—The London Missionary Society, with only thirty English missionaries in Madagascar, reports the astonishing number of 823 native ordained ministers and 4,395 ordained preachers, with 1,000 church members and 280,000 "adherents."

Mexico.—An urgent plea is made by missionaries in Mexico for a college which shall be for that country what Robert College has been in Turkey—a strong Protestant influence as well as an educational center for the natives. The death of Miss Rankin removes one who for twenty years previous to 1873 had been described as "The most prominent Protestant power in Mexico." Her school prepared the way for an agent of the Bible Society, and in 1865 Monterey became the headquarters of Protestant missions in Mexico. Miss Rankin anticipated the Women's Boards, and her work was in connection with the American and Foreign Christian Union. There is now a demand for a new translation of the Spanish Bible in Mexico, adapted to the needs of all Spanish-speaking people. The British and Foreign Bible Society report the Scriptures translated in six fresh languages last year, which now increases the number of tongues in which this society publishes the Word to 300, double the number fifty years ago. All the great languages of the world have thus, by the successful efforts of the missionaries, translations of the Bible.

—The Friends in Mexico. The Friends are the last of all the sects who might be expected to make headway among the lively and mercurial people of Mexico. Yet, strange as it may seem, they have accomplished in their missions a remarkable success. They have been at work for about ten years, chiefly in connection with the Indiana Yearly Meeting. They established their headquarters at Matamoras, where they have a \$4,000 meeting-house for the Mexican Friends. The Ohio Yearly Meeting has a mission at Escuandon, which is reported to be in a prosperous condition. The Friends have circulated extensively three or four periodicals in Spanish, enlightening the Mexicans as to their doctrines. They have sent these not only through Mexico, but among the people of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The Mexicans receive the Friends with much confidence. One strong point in the success of these missions is that the Mexican people are tired of war,