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It is well at times to refresh one's self and strengthen one's faith with figures like these. A Japanese chronicle: 1859, arrival of the first Protestant missionaries; 1866, after seven years, only one baptism; 1872, January—ten native Christians; 1872, March 10—the first Japan church organization of eleven men; 1835, there are 120 Protestant churches, with nearly 8,000 members. In Tokio, the capital, alone, there are twenty-nine churches and 2,279 members.

Every true Christian life needs its daily "silent time," when all shall be still, when the busy activities of other hours shall cease, and when the heart, in holy hush, shall commune with God. One of the greatest needs of Christian life to-day is the revival of devotion. Ours is not an age of prayer so much as of work. The tendency is to action rather than to worship—to busy toil rather than to quiet sitting at the Saviour's feet to commune with.

Presbyterianism in Bermuda has a very ancient history. It was first introduced into the islands in 1612 by George Keith, a Scotchman, when the country was ruled by a company of Virginia adventurers. Now we have two congregations in Bermuda.