

speak than this fact does the all-reaching potency of the Gospel of Christ. In the first seven months of 1893, 171 Ainus were baptized; and Mr. Batchelor writes that in the old Ainu capital, Piratori, every woman has accepted Christ as her Saviour. Of adult baptisms during the year there has been 596 in Tinnevely, 621 in Travancore, about 500 in the rest of India, 438 in Uganda, 79 in other parts of East Africa, 158 in Ceylon, 545 in China, and 459 in Japan.

China's Millions: Tidings from the Provinces.—Mr. Howell, of Ning Kwoh Fu, tells of good impressions made through a *call tract*, and enlarges on the opportunities afforded in China for individual dealing. Mr. Edward Pearce, writing from the same district, mentions an out-station at Hu-tswen, among the hills, recently acquired through the conversion of a gentleman named Wu, a strict vegetarian, who carries on Sunday services in a building the site of which was his own gift. Dr. Danthwaite, of Chefoo, has just received from a Chinaman \$100 for his hospital work, which is the first large sum thus obtained. Mr. A. H. Huntley tells of encouraging fruit in two new out-stations—Si-liang and San-yuen-p'u—where Miss Harrison and Miss Coleman have been for some time laboring. In Shan-Si, according to Miss L. M. Forth, nine homes out of ten are estimated as having opium slaves. "The light in which the Christians look upon opium is rather strange—namely, as God's punishment for the idolatry and sin of the nation." Miss Mary Williamson, writing from Fung-hwa, in Cheli-Kiang, reports gratifying progress. In Fung-hwa 4 have been baptized: Si-tin, 3; at Tin-tai, 31; and at Ning-hai, 10.

London Missionary Society.—The deficit on the year's accounts is very serious, amounting to £33,215 1s. 2d., which, however, in response to a special appeal, has been reduced to £28,932 17s. The new steamship *John Williams* has cost in all £17,055 1s. By the young

people mostly the sum of £11,677 1s. has been contributed, leaving £5368 16s. still to be raised. It is still hoped that the young friends may provide the remainder of the cost. The steamer meets a great want, as no sailing ship could cope with the need in its present developed form.

Since July, 1891, when the Forward Movement was started, 67 missionaries have been added to the roll, and the working strength of the society greatly increased. As the result of the Forward Movement at home there has been corresponding movement abroad. The centre being quickened, the circumference has been stirred—a result which has tended to increase the expenditure considerably. To meet the enlarged demand, an increase of £50,000 is required on last year's income. It is then hoped that the 67 new missionaries planted by the Forward Movement will be supplemented by 33, thus bringing up the total to 100, as originally designed.

Statistics up to date are as follows: Church-members, China, 4832; North India, 739; South India, 5554; Travancore, 6466; Madagascar, 63,359; Africa, 2815; West Indies, 482; Polynesia, 11,871; making a total of 96,118. Of native preachers there are 6445, and of native ordained ministers, 1734.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society.—Like other leading societies this year, the Wesleyan has to face a serious deficit, the balance on current account against the society being £28,828. This deficiency is less than one fourth of the year's ordinary income; and it is confidently hoped that the leeway may be more than made up. With the exception of two or three districts, there is an increase of membership all along the line. The Transvaal and Swaziland district heads the list with an increase of 467, in addition to 1699 on trial. The Gold Coast comes next, the increase being 342, with 707 on probation. In India the increase is 297; in Ceylon, 29; in the Wuchang district, 28; and