

In 1875, at Shanghai, Christian literature was being printed by eight persons and scattered among the people.

It was in the year 1807, through the laborious efforts of Robert Morrison, who translated the New Testament into Chinese, that Protestant missions began. He baptized his first convert and in sixty-four years the number had increased more than twenty-fold.

There is now the China Inland mission, with a staff of three hundred, which is founded upon five noble principles, and is doing a grand work. Dr. Williams says that fifty years more of Christian missions will evangelize the whole of China.

The "Sunrise Kingdom"—

JAPAN—

underwent a series of ups and downs from 1852 to 1853, when Commodore Perry "on the Lord's day, with a squadron of seven ships of war cast anchor in the bay of Yeddo. Spreading the American flag over the capstan of his vessel, he laid thereon an open Bible, read the one hundredth psalm, and then, with his Christian crew, sang from Kethe's version :

'All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.'

That first Christian psalm that ever sounded in the bay of Yeddo echoed over the quiet waters, the signal of a peaceful conquest. Without firing a gun or shedding a drop of blood, Japan's ports were thrown open to the commerce of the world and to the evangel of God." Within thirty-three years 40,000,000 of people have changed in everything. There are now 2,000 newspapers printed in Japan. Thirteen years ago, the first Protestant church was formed, now there are one hundred and fifty, and one of the officials in Japan lately sent \$500 and a chandelier as a gift to a mission church at its tenth anniversary.

Now let us look at the little peninsula of

KOREA

so near China and Japan. Its population is 8,000,000. It was the medical mission that, in 1882, made an entrance for Christian labor. Dr. Allen's medical cures during a revolt so won the love of those healed, among whom were members of the royal family, that a hospital was built

very soon after through permission of the king. A kind friend gave money to pay for printing, and the result is 3,000 copies of Luke and John, and now the Japanese converts are going as missionaries to convert the Koreans.

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OTTOMAN EMPIRE

there is a large variety of races and religions. Up to 1856 the religion was Mohammedanism. Then, the sultan gave permission to all in his dominions to embrace any religion and promised to bring about many reforms so as to protect the Christians. Schools are being established, and everything has a bright look in this vast domain.

AFRICA

has been to us for years an unexplored country. It was a wonder that any one had courage enough to penetrate into its dark regions; but the brave Livingstone dared all dangers, opened a path for the missionary, and after forty attacks of fever died on his knees in a grass hut in May 1873.

In 1875, a party of Scotch missionaries left their homes and sailed for Livingstonia, where they began to put up buildings, make roads, open schools, and teach the people. The influence of Livingstone, who had left all to follow Christ, was the means of the conversion of Stanley, the atheist, who lived with him four months in Africa.

Stanley, in 1877, made the greatest step in exploring Africa, and the result was a ship load of missionaries from England. Five great lakes are now discovered, and nothing but the outline of the continent is as it was twenty-five years ago.

In 1884 the Berlin Conference decided to do everything it could to preserve, protect, encourage and educate the African natives as also all missionaries, and every right exercised by them.

Now take a brief glance at papal lands and the same wonderful changes are seen. At the Reformation

EUROPE

was controlled by Rome. Now, Protestantism is steadily gaining in numbers, wealth, and in intellectual, moral, political and spiritual power. There are twenty-two Protestant churches in Rome to-day.

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