

CHINA.

—This is the most conservative of nations, yet it is surprising how many material changes have been introduced in recent years: the development of commerce, building of a navy, foreign weapons for the army, extension of telegraphic and railroad lines, and a growing desire to learn the use of foreign arts and sciences. With these changes, Christianity has found entrance among the people, and the growth which has taken place is most striking.

—In this empire as in no other field medical missions have been made prominent. In 1890 there were 126 physicians, 61 hospitals, 44 dispensaries, and 100 medical students.

—A military graduate suffering with cataract was successfully treated in the Hankow Hospital. Returning to his home with restored sight, 48 persons with diseased eyes soon gathered about him, begging him to take them to the foreign doctor. So he led them, a procession of blind men holding on to one another's rope, 250 miles to Hankow. Nearly all were cured.

—A Chinaman in Swatow (a non-Christian) has given £300 toward the cost of a woman's ward in connection with the medical work of the English Presbyterians in that city.

—A native preacher in the Foochow Conference refused an offer of a consular position at \$50 a month, preferring to preach the Gospel with a salary of \$3 a month.

—Rev. O. F. Wikholm and Rev. A. D. Johansen, massacred by the Chinese mob at Sungpu, about 100 miles northeast of Hankow, belonged to the Swedish Missionary Society, one of the earliest of the Scandinavian societies in China. They had been in the country more than two years, and were acting under the direction of their senior, Mr. Lund, an experienced missionary. There seems to have been no unwisdom on their part; the local authorities appear to have been in full sympathy with

the mob, and the entire affair makes a chapter full of unmitigated horrors.

JAPAN.

—In this country as in China, noting how Europe is establishing "protectorates," and annexing by the wholesale in Africa, Southern Asia, etc., multitudes are possessed with the idea that the design of Christianity is to steal their country; that it produces disloyalty to the emperor, etc.

—The Buddhists of Japan are renewing their fight against Christianity; are organizing "salvation armies" and "moral associations;" buying up timber so that churches cannot be built; seeking to persuade hotel keepers not to lodge Christians, and in some cases they are resorting to force, destroying chapels and other buildings.

—Madame Tel Sono, as the result of several months' effort in America and Great Britain, has secured £1200 to aid in establishing Christian training and normal schools for girls of the higher classes.

—Islam is to invade Japan as well as the United States, and with the aid of funds subscribed in India and Turkey. Some three years ago a young Japanese went to Constantinople to study the Koran, and is now again in his native land toiling with all his might to propagate his new-found faith.

—Of the students in the Tohoku Gakiun, 12 were baptized during the last year, and 39 are under special spiritual instructions. "The students hold services of their own in addition to the regular instruction and services. There are 52 young men studying for the Gospel ministry, with more to follow."

AFRICA.

—After many false reports to the same effect, there seems to be no doubt that Emin Pasha has lost his life in the depths of the Dark Continent, in which for so many years he has dared and endured so boundlessly. The saddest part of the account is that he was killed