

among converts, as to bridal and burial customs, mortuary honors, and the like, also grounds of suspicion or calumny in managing hospitals, orphanages, acquisition and tenure of property, in the movements of female missionaries," etc.

—The American Christians (Disciples) for years have had a dispensary in Nanking, and now rejoice in the completion of Drum Tower Hospital, "the finest building in the city." In all 8100 patients were ministered to last year.

Japan.—Gojumra is a total abstinence town, and over each house a motto is placed reading, "Frugal in all things; liquor prohibited." All cities and villages throughout Christendom please copy.

—The editor of *Dento*, a Buddhist newspaper, advises that the Bible be taught in the Buddhist colleges. "Christianity," he says, "is not losing its influence. It is our great enemy. We should be very cautious and prudent. We ought to understand the meaning of the chief weapon of our enemy, the Bible. In order to combat our foe we should investigate the Bible's character. If we neglect the proper means of defence, Christianity will swallow up our believers in a great vortex."

—The Presbyterian Church in Japan is not divided into half-a-dozen factions, but is one body, having 6 presbyteries, 73 churches, and 19,903 communicants. Able and discreet men are coming forward from among the natives to be leaders in things religious. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; and especially when upon heathen soil.

AFRICA.

—The April number of the *Afrique* of Geneva contains an account of a successful attempt made by the Algerian Government to gain access to some hitherto inaccessible mountain tribes by means of medical missions. Dr. Trabut and Dr. Raymond, assisted by a nurse from the Algiers hospital, were

sent to a refractory tribe in the Aures Mountains, with instructions to treat their sick, and especially those suffering from eye disease. While no white man had previously been allowed to stay, the two doctors spent there a month, and their medical advice was eagerly sought. This experiment is to be extended to other wild tribes. Where it is not possible to send and keep a regular physician, dispensaries are to be established and put in charge of native school-masters, under the superintendence of government physicians. This cheap and humane method of conquest was suggested by the success of Catholic and Protestant medical missionaries.

—At a recent communion in Batanga, West Africa, a notable scene occurred, when 21 adults and 19 children received the rite of baptism. "It was a solemn feast," says a letter from Miss Louise A. Babe. "There were about 400 people in the church and 300 more outside and underneath it. The people who came from afar had to start on Saturday, bringing their food. I have never seen such a sight. One man before being baptized declared all his four slaves free in the presence of the congregation. This man's profession was evidently from the root."

—Eugene Wolff, the African correspondent of the Berlin *Tageblatt*, cables to that paper that the British East Africa Company evacuated Uganda on April 1st, and that Sir Gerald Portal, the special Commissioner to Uganda, hoisted the British flag and proclaimed a protectorate over the region.

—The income of the Universities Mission to Central Africa for 1892 was £21,483, the largest amount ever received in one year, and a pleasing item in the expenditure account is that the members of the staff drew for small allowances only one third of that to which they were entitled. Such practical self-denial by the men who are actually bearing the burden and heat of the day may well stimulate to greater earnestness and