

## MISSION FIELD.

## JAPAN.

A movement is on foot for turning the College of Kioto into an University. There are 700 students at this College—between two and three hundred of whom are students of theology. Counts Inouye and Okuma, Viscount Aoki and some others have contributed \$35,000 to the fund being raised to promote the object. Count Ito, who, it is said, framed the recently proclaimed Japanese Constitution, Count Katsu and Viscount Kuomoto have signified their approval of the work being done by the College, and have promised to aid in turning it into a University. Counts Ito and Inouye have given Bishop Bickersteth 10,000 dollars for the promotion of female education in Christian schools, and others are contributing for the enlargement of existing schools, or the founding of new ones for the Christian education of girls and women. These are only a few of the many proofs which might be given of the progress of Christianity in Japan.

## CHINA.

The *China Medical Missionary Journal* (one of its editors Dr. H. W. Boone) is before us. There are over one hundred medical missionaries connected with the various missions from Great Britain and the United States. Among the reminiscences of one of the physicians is the following:

"On New Year's Eve, 1886, while on a journey, I arrived late at night at the city of Shao-hing, in Chekiang province, and several of the native Christians came down to my boat to welcome me. The first man who approached seemed exceedingly delighted to meet me, but as I did not recognize him, my response to his salutations were not specially hearty.

"Perceiving this he held up his lantern before his face, saying, 'Look at me; don't you know me?'

"'No,' I replied, 'I don't.'"

"'What!' he said, 'you saved my life and saved my soul, and yet you don't know me; that's strange. I'm Ho-ming, the man you cured of opium smoking in Wen-chau six years ago.'

"'Ah!' I said, 'now I know you; but no wonder I did not recognize you, you are so changed.'

"'Yes,' he replied, 'by the grace of God I am changed.'

"He informed me that his mother had died trusting in Jesus, and that his two brothers had been led astray by the Jesuits, but he felt sure they were true Christians, and would eventually be brought back to the purer faith of the 'Jesus religion.'—He himself was then, and had been for several years, engaged in colportage work for one of the Bible Societies."

## CHILDREN'S GIFTS.

Rev. Dr. Langford sends word from the Mission Rooms that 150,000 children have (during Lent) contributed to the children's offer-

ing for missions, and thinks many more will be heard from. He writes:

"The children have taken a great deal of pleasure in doing what they could to help the Missions and the Missionaries. In many instances the gifts have been the fruit of self-denial. One Sunday school of colored children, all of whom were poor, sent an offering from every child. Some earned money in one way and some in another way. In one of the schools the largest gift was from a little boy who is paralyzed and blind and totally helpless. Lying upon his bed, he kept his box beside him to remind callers of the missionaries of the Lord Jesus. Another little fellow gladly sent his velocipede money."

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