

—The Lutheran *Missionary Journal* (General Synod) publishes a parochial report from Nelaturn Samuel, a catechist, whose salary is 10 rupees monthly (\$36 per annum), and whose field covers 14 villages, with 8 prayer houses, 656 Christians, 183 communicants, 150 candidates for baptism, 173 boys and girls in school, etc. Besides this, for eight months he has wrought in another field about as large. One of his sons is a sub-catechist, while a second is a teacher.

—According to these figures, the Methodist Episcopal missions in India, represented by 5 conferences, and the growth of less than forty years, cannot be deemed a "failure":

Foreign male missionaries.....	95
Wives of missionaries.....	82
Missionaries, W. F. M. S.....	55
Native ordained preachers.....	150
Native unordained preachers...	567
Members.....	18,931
Probationers.....	36,345
Adults baptized in 1893.....	12,133
Children baptized in 1893.....	6,950
Day scholars.....	27,960
Sunday-school scholars.....	63,011

—Rev. E. G. Phillips, American Baptist, writes from Garo Hills, Assam: "We have just spent a Sabbath with a village which I first visited eighteen years ago—and what a contrast! Then the people were wholly given to demon worship and drunkenness, while the village itself was full of the filth of heathenism. But now what a miracle of a change has been wrought! Yesterday 117 assembled in Sunday-school, and together earnestly studied the Bible for an hour. At midday 357 old and young assembled to listen to the preaching of the Gospel, and never did I address a more intently interested company. The church, numbering about 320, support their own pastor, and, with the help of what may justly be called their share of school funds placed in our hands by Government, 5 village school-teachers. The church is alive for religious work; and this year more than

90 converts, mostly from neighboring villages, have been received by baptism.

China.—Why are not the Celestials wiser than we when they place the surname first and the personal name after it? Precedence is thus given to what has gone before, to the trunk of the tree—the individual is treated as an attachment to the family, the latest branch of the tree.

—"Some of the government officials in China are becoming 'westernized.' An illustration is given by a missionary in the following extract from his report: 'Both the civil and military magistrates regularly read the *Fukien Christian Advocate*.' At a recent literary examination the subject for thesis was, 'History of Christianity in China; Will it be an impediment to Her in the Future?' Two Christians sent in theses which so pleased the magistrate that he required their publication in the paper."

—Dr. DuBose writes: "The Southern Methodists have 12 men, the Southern Baptist Convention 13 men, and the Southern Presbyterians 23 men in the field in China, and others under appointment."

—The *Christian Intelligencer* supplies its readers with a very acceptable photograph and historical statement of "the oldest Protestant church building in China, erected at Amdy, 1848." It was the fruit of the toil of Rev. W. J. Pohlman, who secured in America the \$3000 required. The material is brick. Mr. Pohlman perished at sea in a terrible gale. The dedicatory service was also his funeral.

Japan.—"One of the pleasures of being a Christian," said a Japanese, "is the freedom of Christian fellowship and the full confidence in the brethren. We Japanese are naturally suspicious, and cautious of how we speak out our real thoughts. But now when I meet a man with a Bible in his hand, we are acquainted at once, and are soon talking like old friends and exchanging the most secret experiences of our hearts."