

THE MISSION FIELD.

JAPAN.

The Russo-Greek Church has not been asleep in Japan, but through the zeal and energy of Bishop Nikolas a Mission has been established there, which since 1859 has been the means of converting more than 10,000 Japanese to Christianity. The work had its beginning in the small chapel of the Russian Consulate where Bishop—then Father Nikolas was chaplain. Having learned the Japanese tongue, he at once began to preach, to instruct the people, and soon made some converts. With these as his assistants he translated the Gospels into the vernacular, and sent the neophytes out as catechists to read them to their friends. A regular Mission was opened in 1869, and an assistant priest sent out, Father Nikolas being made Archimandrite, in view of a further extension of the work, the Bishop of Kamschatka having its supervision. The next step was to open a school, which was put under a native convert, who soon had his hands full. The Buddhists saw with alarm the progress of Christianity, and caused the local authorities to put in force an absolute, but unrepealed law which threatened death to all who should abandon the religion of Buddha for that of CHRIST. A persecution broke out. Many of the converts were thrown into prison, and the government officials who had become Christians were deprived of their positions. The central government, however, interfered, released the prisoners, and restored the deposed officials—thus virtually sanctioning Christianity. In 1872 the clerical staff was increased by the arrival of Father Anatolius, who was stationed at Hakodadi. The Archimandrite Nikolas established the headquarters of the Mission at Yeddo, where he bought several houses in the most central part of the city, and opened in them a chapel and schools for catechists and translators. The Mission being now thoroughly organised it was in 1875 taken over by the Orthodox Missionary Society of Moscow. Several of the converts took Holy Orders, and were at once sent out into the country districts. Their success was surprising. They baptised their fellow countrymen by the hundred, and opened chapels in the larger towns, which were soon wholly or almost entirely supported by the parishioners. In 1881 the Archimandrite Nikolas was made a Bishop, and his report for 1883 shows that in that year alone 1,252 Japanese had joined the Orthodox Church. The native priests had proved themselves men of sterling worth. One had been created a General Superintendent—corresponding to the Anglican Archdeacon, whose duty it was to visit once a year all the churches, to direct the priests and catechists, and to send in a formal report to the Bishop concerning the state of the Church. Each priest has one catechist or more under him, and is responsible to the Church for their work and conduct. For their support the native priests, missionaries, and catechists depend upon the native Christians. The schools are flourishing, numbering in Yeddo, Tokio, Osaka, and Hakodadi, 265 scholars of both sexes, of whom 125 are in training for the ministry or as catechists.

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