

he showed that the number of baptisms reported was 407 as against 536 last year. But the number of unbaptized converts reported is much larger than the year before, more than making up the deficiency. The total number of communicants is over 3000, more than 4500 having been baptized from the commencement of the work twenty six years ago.

—The death is announced of the Rev. Dr. Bissell, of the Marathi Mission of the American Board. Dr. Bissell has spent forty years in India, and was one of the most able missionaries in that country. His departure was sudden, as he was in his usual health until about two hours before his death. He leaves four sons in the ministry.

—The Scotch missionaries in the Punjab rejoice over a rich harvest of souls. At the station of Saikot they baptized 30 converts four years ago; but last year the number was already 800, and the blessed work is going on increasingly.

—The venerable Dr. John Newton, who died at Merril, in Northern India, on the second day of July, was in the eighty-first year of his age, and had been in the missionary work in India for fifty-six years. Very few men have been permitted to pass through so long a period of service, and few have wrought so diligently and so well. He was stationed first at Lodianna, but more than forty years ago was transferred to Lahore, where his chief work was done. He was well qualified in scholarship and in his linguistic acquirements for the tasks which were appointed to him. He published the first grammar of the Panjabi language, and the first and only Panjabi English dictionary. He translated the New Testament, and wrote numerous tracts and essays. His influence with civilians and men in high office in the Punjab was large, and always wielded for the advancement of civilization and good morals. Men gave him unfeigned veneration, and loved him for his sweetness of temper and

his large toleration for Christians who differed from him in forms of worship or in forms of ecclesiastical order.

Japan.—Mrs. Large, widow of the missionary of the Canadian Methodist Church, who was murdered in Japan over a year ago, and who was herself severely wounded in trying to save her husband's life, after a year's visit in Ontario, is now returning to Japan to re-engage in mission work.

—The Hongo Church, in Tokyo—intended specially for students, Rev. Mr. Yokio (Ise) pastor, a man well known in America—was dedicated a short while ago. It is a substantial brick building, corresponding in style with the buildings of the university and national schools, near which it is located. It seats about 700. The entire cost of lot and building, with a small native house for a parsonage, was about \$11,000, and it is paid for. Most of the money was raised in this country.

Papal Lands.—Four of the members of the first Christian Endeavor Society formed in Mexico, at Chihuahua, have left to study for the ministry at Juarez. They have started another society, and the societies in Spain plan to unite with those in Mexico in publishing literature in Spanish suited to their needs.

Russia.—The Russian Orthodox Church is doing mission work among the nomad tribes in South Siberia. Over 3000 adults were baptized last year. A magnificent cathedral will soon be dedicated at Tokio, Japan, in which country the Russian missionaries are most successful. The Moscow Missionary Society numbers 12,000 members, and receives \$150,000 annually. The seminary at Kasan prepares young men for work among the Siberian tribes, giving them instruction in the native dialects.

—The King of Siam has settled an annual allowance of \$1500 upon the three young sons of the late Dwight Bradley, son of the early missionary, Dr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley was in the government service at Bangkok.