

Japanese soldiers quartered upon them with a courtesy in marked contrast to that in other places, illustrating very clearly, as he stated, the principle of Christian love. Upon a recent trip I was much impressed by the composition of the company of Japanese who knelt together at a communion service. There was a farmer who is a notorious instance of wonderful reformation, owing to the power of Christ. There was a reformed maker of seals, whose wife was once a dancing girl; but both are now earnest Christians. Besides these, the wife of the chief of police in the place, and a clerk in a rich store, all exemplary Christians, were there assembled together."

AFRICA.

—The following table of distribution exhibits the growth of the work of the American Bible Society in Egypt during 30 years :

From 1865 to 1874, inclusive.....	6,630 copies
" 1875 " 1884, "	45,586 "
" 1885 " 1894, "	116,474 "

During this same period the British and Foreign Society also has accomplished a great work, through its own colporters, and also through the cooperation of the Church Missionary Society, and to some extent of the Presbyterian Mission. Probably the total distribution effected by the British Society has not very greatly differed from that of the American Society. So that it would be quite safe to say that during the 30 years as many as 325,000 copies of the Bible in whole or in part have been scattered through the land.

—The Church Missionary Society has issued an urgent appeal for funds to build a new hospital and dispensary in Cairo. The committee have given a grant for the site and for houses for the doctor and lady nurses, but a further sum of at least £2700 is needed for the hospital and dispensary. Already a good work is being done in connection with the medical mission, not only among the poorer inhabitants, but among the fellahoen of a large district

around. About 22,097 patients from over 420 districts and villages were treated in the out-patient department in the last year.

—Mr. Wilcox, of Groutville, writes that some Christians now in Zululand, formerly connected with Groutville and Mapumulo, have been building a school-house and chapel, employed their own teacher and preacher, and have lately sent for a church bell. At another point on the banks of the Tugela an interesting work has been opened by a boy only sixteen years of age, who is holding several meetings a week. Mr. Wilcox adds: "I know of 8 places where they are only asking that a missionary may visit them occasionally and help in starting schools."

—African chieftains are able to distinguish between true and false friends. When Msidi, once king of the Garenzanze, was urgently pressed by the Arabs not to allow Mr. Arnot to settle in his kingdom, bringing the gravest charges against the white man, Msidi replied that he did not know an Englishman, never having seen one, but he added: "One thing I know; I know you Arabs." With this knowledge in his mind, Msidi was willing to receive the missionary in total disregard of the charges made against him.

—Great is the rejoicing in Pretoria, the capital of the South African Republic, over the completion of the Delagoa Bay and Pretoria Railway reached that city.

—When a deputation of the leading men of the colony recently waited upon Mr. Cecil Rhodes, to insist that the government prohibit public entertainments on that day, in his reply the premier said: "Without entering into the religious part of the observance of the Lord's Day, as a politician I believe one of the chief mainstays of good government is religion, and the most important factor in connection with religion is the strict observance of the Lord's Day."