

Then, even these figures do not do full justice to the management of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in respect to the matter of economy, for this reason: some of the Societies with which it is compared have a vastly larger income than it has; and if the income of this Society was twice as much as it is, the cost of management would be very little more than at present.

MISSIONARY STATISTICS OF JAPAN.

WE are indebted to the New York *Independent* for the following interesting summary of the Missionary Statistics of Japan. The figures are, no doubt, as accurate as they could be made at the time that the table in question was compiled, which was probably about the New Year. But considerable progress has been made since then. The number of converts, for example, baptized by our own missionaries during the year ending 31st of March was 137, and the membership of our societies at that time was 591.

"We have received a very valuable table of statistics of missions in Japan, compiled by the committee on statistics of the Japan Evangelical Alliance. It shows that the total membership of the missions is 11,678, and that no fewer than 3,115 baptized adult converts were received in 1885. We give a condensed view of the forces and results in this wonderful mission field:

NAME OF MISSION.	Begun.	Missionaries.	Organized Churches.	Baptized adult Converts, 1885.	Members.	Native Ministers.
Am. Presbyterian.....	1859	29	46	933	4,463	25
Reformed Church in America..	1859	13				
U. P. Church, Scotland.....	1874	4				
Reformed Church of U.S.	1879	3	1	110	149	....
Presbyterian	1885	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Women's Union M.S. of America	1871	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland Pres.	1877	6	4	77	195	.....
Protestant Episcopal.	1859	13	7	55	131	2
Church Missionary Society....	1869	10	13	89	300	.....
Society Propagation of Gospel.	1873	6	2	.....	223	.....
Society Promoting Female Ed'n.	1877	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
American Baptist.....	1860	11	8	116	400	3
English Baptist.....	1879	2	1	40	69	.....
Disciples of Christ.....	1883	3	.....	.....	17	.....
Am. Board.....	1869	33	31	1,027	3,241	22
Independent Native Churches..	.....	.....	6	.....	214	1
Methodist Episcopal	1873	26	38	577	1,700	.....
Canada Methodist	1873	9	7	91	467	6
Evangelical Association	1876	4	4	.....	109	1
Methodist Protestant.....	1880	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
General Evangelical Protestant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German-Swiss	1885	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Society Friends, America	1885	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		183	168	3,115	11,678	60

"Of the churches 57 are wholly self-supporting, and 101 partially self-supporting. The native contributions for all purposes amounted the past year to about \$20,000."

A NEGLECTED FIELD.

FORTUNE BAY proper, which is about 70 miles long and 40 miles wide, containing a population of some 4,000 or 5,000 people, and located in fifty places or more, is at the present time, and has been for many years past, a spiritually destitute portion of the Island of Newfoundland. A few places where ministers of different denominations are stationed are more favored than neighboring settlements; but many of the inhabitants of this Bay have only been accustomed to receive one or two visits from a clergyman during the year, while others, and among these Methodists, have been for years together without a regular visit from any minister.

Many places are without churches, without schools, and without a single person properly qualified to conduct a religious service, or to teach an elementary school. In a single settlement as many as thirty children can be found, not one of whom can read, or answer some of the simplest Bible questions.

About 70 years ago Methodism was introduced into the settlements scattered along the shores of Fortune Bay. The late Dr. Knight was the first missionary stationed here. Ever since 1816 our Church has maintained its ground in two of the largest places where we have at the present time commodious churches and comfortable parsonages. These circuits are practically independent, receiving nothing from the Missionary Society, but contributing liberally towards its fund.

We think the time has fully come when the Missionary Society should do something more for this neglected and destitute locality. It is only reasonable and just that Fortune Bay should receive favorable consideration both from the members of the Newfoundland Conference and from the Missionary Board. The Methodists of Fortune Bay have given more financial assistance to the Mission Fund in proportion to population than any other of the large Bays of this ancient colony where Methodism has been planted, and has had time to become established. While other places have done well, it may be said "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Recently two rural circuits, with one preaching place each, have subscribed over \$400 annually to the Mission Fund. We think we are perfectly correct in saying that no one of the places referred to has been so overlooked by our Church. Instead of advancement there has been retrogression. Years ago from one of the settlements of this Bay some ten persons were returned as members of Society. But not being favored with a Methodist pastor to feed and watch over them they have left our Church, and another denomination is building on the foundation laid by ourselves.