

no European missionary, but only catechists, have hitherto labored. At Paktze-Nau, Tien-Men, Tsau-shih, and Mau-kia-po the mandarins were friendly, the opposition was silenced, and many converts were baptized. At the last-named town the ancestral hall was cleared and used for service. Out of 200 candidates for baptism, 66 were baptized, coming from 14 villages. There are candidates for baptism in 12 more villages.

—Says the *North China Herald* in an article on "China Unmasked": "Such a system of internal rottenness has been laid bare that even her best friends are forced to shake off the dust of their feet against her, and to admit that the present process of being ground in the mill is, perhaps, the best thing which could happen to her. To such a pass has official corruption come that nothing short of a complete upheaval and breaking down of old systems seems practicable. Patching up is worse than useless. China has been patched up too often, and corruption has thriven in consequence. The opportunity has arrived when a general sweeping and garnishing is possible, and the truest friends of China will not wish to see the besom stayed. The entire governmental gamut must be unstrung and retuned. The Emperor of the future, if he desires to shed some lustre on his heavenly origin, will have to surround himself with some rather more heavenly advisers."

—Miss Kolkenbeck, of Sz-Chuen, gives this incident: "A man named Li-wan-uen came to us for medicine, and pressed us to visit his home. After dinner he asked us how he was to worship God. I told him that the first thing would be to destroy his idols. 'How am I to do that?' 'Put them in the fire; they are only wood.' 'Shall I do it at once?' 'Certainly; the sooner the better.' So he immediately stood up on a stool, and got down his god. Our Christian coolie and servant spoke, encouraging him to trust only in

God, and telling him their own experience on similar occasions. So the idol was chopped up and set fire to, as well as all idolatrous papers, etc. Then we sang a hymn and had prayer. The idol was destroyed in the presence and with the full consent of Li's wife, grown-up son, daughter-in-law, and other children, besides two married daughters who had returned upon a visit, and a good many neighbors—no one raising a dissenting voice."

—The North China Mission of the American Board reaches 440 cities, towns, and villages. The working force is composed of 37 missionaries and 76 native helpers, among whom are 3 ordained native pastors. The Gospel is regularly preached at 43 places. There are 27 day schools in the mission, with an aggregate of 454 pupils. The total number of young people under instruction is 1510. At the various dispensaries and at the Williams Hospital in Pang-Chuang the medical work has been carried on.

—Mrs. Isabella Bishop had some most perilous and painful experiences during her recent travels in Korea, Manchuria, etc. "She was sent out of Korea at a moment's notice by the consul without money or clothes. The British Minister's wife at Peking gave her some clothes. She was in Manchuria with the Scotch missionaries, and shared their perils at the time of Mr. Wylie's murder; was nearly drowned in an inundation; her bed was wet for three days, and she has had a bad form of malaria ever since. She was nearly captured by pirates; broke her arm through the overturning of a cart; was turned out of Peking with the other European women," etc. She is now in Siberia.

Japan.—The Kyoto Training School for Nurses is very happy over the fact that its nurses are so popular in the military station at Hiroshima. They have been very successful, and have borne the strain of the work better than any others who have gone there. At