

be able probably to pay occasional visits for wayside preaching in neighbouring towns and villages."

The blind school is now in more suitable quarters. On July the 4th a new church building was opened in Gifu. It will seat one hundred, with room for thirty or forty to stand in the porch and listen. (Total cost, \$425. Present debt, \$40, Canadian currency.) During the year six candidates have been baptized and five admitted to the catechumenate. About seven hundred dollars passed through Mr. Hamilton's hands as treasurer of the Inundation Relief Fund, raised through the generous help of Bishop Bickersteth, since passed to his eternal reward. Over eleven hundred destitute people received assistance. This has had its influence in favour of Christianity.

In January, a native Christian, a young man of thirty, fell asleep in Jesus after a long illness. He died so happily that his mother, also a Christian, shortly after invited all the Christians to her house to unitedly thank God for her son's peaceful and happy death. A young man, not a Christian, who had come with the others, was so deeply impressed that he decided to become a follower of Christ, and after due preparation was baptized.

*Toyohashi.*—This third centre of work was occupied by Rev. J. Macqueen Baldwin last November. It is a railway town, forty-five miles from Nagoya, on the way to Tokyo; it has in itself a population of 20,000, and there are eighty-three villages grouped round it, making a population of 200,000 within easy reach. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are assisted in their work by an excellent native catechist and his wife.

This is a hopeful field. The people seem more friendly and approachable than at Nagoya, which is a strong hold of Buddhism. Mr. Baldwin, after seven years' service, is entitled to furlough expenses for himself and family, amounting to about \$800. He has generously consented to waive his claim if the C.C.M.A. will send out an ordained man to assist in the work as soon as possible. The need now is for a suitable man, a young unmarried clergyman, thoroughly consecrated to the missionary cause. The Association has many candidates under examination, but none ready for immediate service in Japan. Who will offer?

#### CHINA.

Crossing from Japan to China we are thankful to report decided advancement in this quarter. Rev. J. R. S. Boyd took up his abode at Ku-Cheng in Mr. Stewart's house last December. He has passed his first language examination, and at the opening of All Saints' Memorial Church at Ku-Cheng last Easter, preached his first sermon in Chinese. He has taken several evangelistic tours, the last one with only a native catechist, when he visited the various out-stations of the district, preaching and administering the Holy Communion, as he is the only fully ordained clergyman of our Church for ninety miles round.

Of one of these stations he says: "I was struck at once by the happy, bright faces of the Christians. There is real solid work going on here, and all done by the Chinese themselves."

At this same place he baptized twenty-one who confessed Christ before