

cent were Hindus, 23 per cent Moham-medans, and 2½ per cent native Christians.

—Last year, when the late Prince Albert Victor was in India, 3000 native Christians, headed by Bishop Caldwell, met him some three miles out of Tinnevely, representing 95,000 souls under Christian influence, of whom 77,000 were baptized and 113 native clergy. The prince expressed his great satisfaction at so substantial a result of Christian missions. The statement placed in his hands showed that since a similar demonstration greeted the Prince of Wales, in 1875, the number of native clergy had increased by 109 per cent, of natives under instruction by 57 per cent, and of communicants by 95 per cent.

—In the North India (American Methodist) Conference from January to May 3500 have been baptized, 800 by Rev. Ibrahim Solomon in the Rampur Independency, and he confidently expects 2000 within the next few months.

—The Sialkot Mission (American United Presbyterian) contains 13 ordained missionaries, 26 women, and 2 physicians, a total of 41. There are also 10 ordained natives, 236 native helpers in all. Work is done in 554 villages, while 6894 church-members and 10,632 adherents have been gathered. To the churches 525 were added last year. The schools number 143, and the pupils 9262.

—Rev. H. B. Lapham, of Ceylon, states that in that island are found 80,000 Protestants and 220,000 Roman Catholics. This makes one tenth of the 3,000,000 Christians.

China.—The Basle Missionary Society is at work in the province of Canton—over against the island of Hong Kong, and partly on that island, with 24 missionaries, with 90 native helpers. The head stations number 13, the most northerly one being 300 miles from the coast; there are also many sub-stations. The number of converts

has reached 3606, without including many who have emigrated to Borneo, Australia, Honolulu, etc. Fifteen are being trained at the preachers' seminary at Lilong for the pastoral or teacher's office.

Japan.—In 1860 one Murata, a military retainer of the Lord of Saga, in the island of Kiushiu, went to Nagasaki, and one evening, as he was crossing the harbor, he picked up a book that was floating about the water. The writing ran from side to side, "like the crawling of crabs," and upon sending it to one of the Dutch settlers, he learned that it was the Christian's Bible, then a proscribed book. Curiosity spurred him on, and he had one of his assistants learn the language, and translate it for him sentence by sentence. His study was continued in secret with a few friends after his return home. When a difficult passage was found, a messenger was sent to Dr. Verbeck, a missionary then in Nagasaki, for its interpretation. Murata was afterward baptized, and his name now stands first on the roll of Protestant Christians in Japan.

AFRICA.

—Between the extreme limits of the Dark Continent north and south stretch 5000 miles, and almost as great a space parts its extreme eastern and western confines. The total number of square miles embraced within its bounds is about 11,000,000, giving it the second place among the continents. Europe includes 3,800,000 square miles; North America, 7,400,000, and Asia, the only continent that exceeds it in dimensions, covers only 13,000,000.

—It was in 1742, or 150 years ago, that George Schmidt gained his first convert, and now the Moravian Mission in South Africa has 3352 communicants, 650 catechumens, and 13,000 adherents.

—The *Mission Field* states that the Dutch Reformed Church stands at the head in South Africa, having some 298,000 adherents, of whom 220,000 are