

THE MISSION FIELD.

JAPAN.

The Japanese Christians in Japan are becoming aggressive. They have started a Missionary Society, of which all the converts connected with the Missions of the Church of England and America may be members. Bishop Williams says this is a move in the right direction. It has served to bind Christians together and has called forth their sympathies and zeal.

MISSIONARY FUNDS.

The total contribution, from all sources, to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Committee, for the year September 1, 1883, to September 1, 1884, was, \$208,718.72 for Domestic Missions; \$134,981.58 for Foreign Missions. Total, \$343,700.30

CALCUTTA.

A Mahomedan Moulvie, named Abdul Haq, was lately baptized by Mr. Banmann, at Bhargulpore. He had been a bitter opponent of Christianity, and had come from the Punjab to Calcutta to preach the doctrines of Islam. It is said he had succeeded in converting some Europeans also to a belief in the Koran.

There are in the Diocese of Calcutta no less than 230 separate congregations, exclusive of purely native congregations. Allowing two out stations to each clergyman, in addition to his chief station, the number of clergy would be 76. At present it is found that 45 only are available from the staff of chaplains, leaving 31 to be provided by diocesan organization. For this purpose an addition of at least 11 is needed to the clergy now maintained by the help of the Additional Clergy Society. More support is much needed from the diocese, only 65 laymen being found among the subscribers last year, and only 65 congregations out of the 230 contributing collections. In connection with European work in India an important scheme has lately been put out by Mr. Brook Deedes, proposing to make Allahabad a strong centre of Church work and life, to be organized on the model of a large English parish. There are in Allahabad a considerable number of the lowest class of Eurasians, whose social and spiritual condition verges on semi-barbarism. A large central church is in course of building, and will soon be sufficiently advanced for opening. High schools for boys and girls, railway school, free school, hospital, almshouse, women's workshop, and other agencies, are all in operation. There is full scope for work of the most varied and interesting character, such as may re-act on the Church life of the whole province. A staff of not less than four clergy will be required.

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When the Mission first came to Zanzibar, simply intending to use it as a door through which to enter Africa, they found on the very threshold a number of sick, infirm, miserable people, who appealed loudly for their pity and assistance. They were the slaves set free by Her Majesty's ships. Many of them thousands of miles away from their own country, and unable to speak the language of Zanzibar. Our aim is to raise up a native Church from these spoils of the slave dhows, so that Africa may be evangelized by the Africans themselves.



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F. H. ENNIS,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 16th, 1884.

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JOHN LOWE,

Secy., Dept. of Agric.

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