

of our number, on visiting an inland city, was seized as a Japanese spy. The offer by our viceroy of fifty taels for every Japanese head made some people very patriotic. The gentleman placed in this unpleasant predicament had his passport with him, however, and as soon as the magistrate heard of the affair he took prompt measures for his release, and caused the informer to make a public apology.

There were twenty-one baptisms during the year, and there are in addition between twenty and thirty inquirers.

One old gentleman, sixty-two years of age, is a retired official. For many years past he has been an earnest seeker after truth. He read a great many Buddhist books in search of peace and hope, but found nothing satisfying until a few days ago he accepted Christ.

A native physician living on a small island in the mouth of the Yang-tse Kaing came all the way to Shanghai to urge one of the missionaries to visit his home and preach the Gospel there. He was first interested in Christianity by reading a copy of "Martin's Evidences," and was led to the present step by reading in the *Chung-Si-Kiao-Hwei Pao* an account of the conversion of the leader of a vegetarian sect on the neighboring island of Tsung-ming.

A certain Mrs. Liu, of Shanghai, was a most violent persecutor of her daughter, who had become a Christian. Last year she was taken ill, and a Bible-woman, Mrs. Lee, visited her frequently, and showed her much kindness. But the thing that softened Mrs. Liu's heart was seeing the Bible-woman kneel on her dirty floor and pray for her. Her prejudice being removed, it was not long before she had followed her daughter into the church. A more curious case is that of Miss Young, who was said to be possessed of a devil. She was a terror to the whole neighborhood. I shall not attempt to explain her condition, as Dr. Nevius's book, just published, goes very thoroughly into the whole question. It is sufficient to say that the Chinese all regard it as devil possession. This girl was chained in her home; yet the first time she heard the message of the Gospel she was wonderfully calmed, and restored to her normal condition. She is now sitting at the feet of Jesus, "clothed and in her right mind," and has also led her younger sister to Christ.

These are some of the triumphs of the Gospel during the past year. Encouraging reports were also received from the boarding-school and the hospital.

The latter during the year provided for 257 in-patients and 86 opium patients. At the two dispensaries there were seen 4012 new cases and 6512 old ones.

We have prayed most earnestly that God might overrule this cruel war for the furtherance of the Gospel. We believe we are entering upon a new era in the history of mission work in this land.

The governor-general, Chang Chih-Tung, has already taken steps to reorganize the army of this region on Western models. He is also building a macadamized road through his capital (Nankin), and seems determined to introduce many improvements. We trust that as the Chinese adopt Western civilization they may be led to see that that which is the source of all that is best in Western civilization is the religion of Jesus.

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The editor owes it to himself and his readers to say that the sentiments of Dr. Jessup's article in the December number do not represent his own, as to the fulfilment of prophecies touching Israel, etc.

As this is a *Review*, there is a manifest propriety in allowing contributors to present their own views, even when on minor matters they do not altogether accord with those of the editor; and this has been the policy pursued, unless the divergence touches fundamental truths.

But while giving Dr. Jessup thus full opportunity to represent his own opinions untrammelled, the editor cannot forbear to add at least a demurrer. This method of dealing with prediction, in our opinion, makes havoc of all prophecy. Dr. Jessup seems to us to contradict himself. In one paragraph he makes *Israel* only another name for the *Church of God*, and on the next page he refers to the final *salvation of all Israel*, as a body now maintaining its separation, etc. Again, he says that if the prophecies referring to His kingship are to be taken literally, then, as "Messiah was to be an earthly king, *He has never come.*" Of course He has never yet