

Mission Field.

The Gain in Christian and Non-Christian Populations.

A few years ago the people of Japan were estimated at thirty-seven or thirty-eight millions, but the recent census shows the population to be 40,072,020, and the increase over last year is said to be 464,786. One estimate puts the yearly advance in the population of China at *four millions*. The carefully taken census in India shows the annual advance there to be *one-and-a-half millions*. This gain in the population by natural increase is of course greater at present in these three countries than the gain in the number of Christian converts, but proportionately even now the increase in the Christian population is much greater than in the non-Christian, and it is believed that *before long* the actual increase will be greater.

At a recent meeting at Simla, India, Sir Charles Elliott, the governor of Bengal, in stating the facts of the case as concerns India, taken from the unimpeachable basis of official statistics, said:

The main conclusion is that while the general population increased between 1872 and 1881 by eight per cent., the number of Christians increased by thirty per cent. In the single province of Bengal, where the rise in the number of Hindus was thirteen per cent., and of Mahomedans eleven per cent., the growth of the population of native Christians was sixty-four per cent. In the adjoining province of Assam, of which I have personal as well as statistical knowledge, while the general growth of the population was eighteen per cent., the Christians had increased in the eight valley districts by 140 per cent., and in the Khasia hills, where a devoted band of Welsh missionaries with whom I am well acquainted, is at work, the increase had been at the remarkable rate of 250 per cent. We are now on the brink of another census, and in two years' time speakers in this place will probably be able to tell you what the results of the decade from 1881 to 1891 have been, and how far the prediction of the late census commissioner, Sir W. Plowden, has been verified, who prophesied that we should find that the seed sown had multiplied still more abundantly than in the foregoing periods. However this may be, so far as our present knowledge goes, the growth of Christianity in India has been a solid fact, and sufficiently rapid to give all needful encouragement to the supporters of missions.—*Spirit of Missions*.

Conversion of a Japanese Lady.

The Rev. J. F. Gulick gives the following interesting account of the conversion of a cultured Japanese lady of Osaka: "A missionary physician here had for a patient a lady of some intelligence and culture. He gave her a Testament, which she received politely, as a Japanese lady would surely do; but after looking at it carelessly, she laid it aside. Some weeks later she began to be oppressed with thoughts of her sins; recalling something which the physician had said, she took the book and began reading the first page of Matthew. The more she read, the more deeply interested she became, and could scarcely leave the book until it was finished. Then she said, 'I must read it again, for I cannot take it all in at one reading;' so she read it right through a second time. Then she said, 'I must go to the man who gave me this book. Perhaps he can tell me about these great words of life.' So she started off to find the physician. When she reached his house he was not at home, but his wife was there. The first thing she said to the wife was, 'May I not receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?' Falling on her knees she said, 'Give me the gift of the Holy Ghost, that I may understand these things.' The good woman explained to her that this gift must be received from the Lord. So they read and prayed together, until the physician himself returned; then the three talked and prayed together.

"Meanwhile the husband missed his wife, and as she said something about going to the physician, he sought and found her there, and they all remained into the morning hours before they returned home. That woman is now an earnest Christian, carrying the light to all around her."

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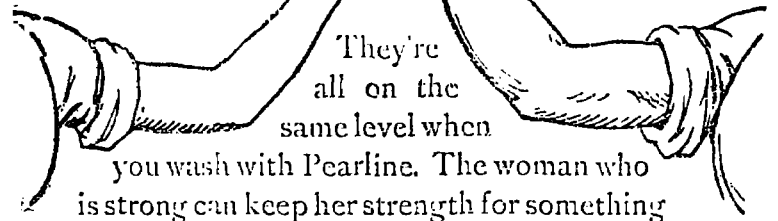
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