

building to be house, school and Church in one. He has from 18 to 25 Indian children in his school, and holds service for the Indians in the Tukudh language. He says: "The work is hard and discouraging, but when done for Christ's sake and in His Name hope brightens, and there is more than a reward even here in the peace and quiet of His presence." At this time when all eyes are upon this land of gold let the earnest prayers of every friend of the cause of Christ go up to God, that through the faithful ministry of our brothers there, many souls may find the true riches of the Gospel—gold which perisheth not.

JAPAN.

Leaving this continent, next in order though oldest in time is our mission in Japan. During the year the chief change has been in the widening of the sphere of our missionaries. There are now three centres of work—Nagoya, Gifu, and Toyohashi.

Nagoya.—Our senior missionary, Rev. J. C. Robinson, reports among the removals of the year the death of Miss Kawamura, a native Christian worker of great promise. She "fell asleep" at a very lonely place at the seaside, whither she had been taken for a change of air. She was visited by Mr. Robinson, who found her trusting in the Lord and awaiting patiently His call; the Holy Communion was administered to her a few days before she passed away. In January Mr. Saiki resigned his position as catechist, and went to Tokyo. There have, however, been reinforcements. Mr. T. M. Mori, a catechist of some experience and some energy, was sent by the C.M.S. District Conference to Ichinomiya, the first largest town in the county outside of the City of Nagoya. To the next largest town, Tsushima, Mr. R. Kaji, a teacher of the Yoro-In, was sent in May—his former place being acceptably filled. The two Yamazakis continue to work faithfully at St. James' Church and at Koku Cho, within the city, and also at the suburb of Bjwajima.

Miss Trent passed her first language examination successfully last December. She, with Miss Young and Mrs. Nihira, the senior mission-helper, live in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Baldwin, where they are very comfortable. They divide their time equally between this district and Habashita, visiting the homes of the Japanese women. Miss Young writes: "When people have been seen to receive a foreign Christian into their home and they appear in the streets afterwards, the children and neighbours often call after them 'Iyesu! Iyesu!' which is the Japanese for Jesus. Very few can endure this. Some homes, however, are always open, and there are evidences of real interest in Gospel teaching.

Gifu.—Rev. H. J. Hamilton says: "Our field has enlarged somewhat since my last annual report, as we now work at the village of Jaiki in the Imao district as well as in the towns of Imao and Takasu; we have also held meetings at two other towns, Kasamatsu and Tarui, which we hope to work regularly, so that by the end of the year we shall, God willing, be at work in ten stations. With our present staff of catechists, five in number, including one blind catechist, who works especially for the blind, we cannot expect to still further increase the number of our regular preaching stations, but shall