

A Missionary writes from India: "I have never before seen such a spirit of hopefulness and faith among missionary workers as there is now. The native Christians are waking up, and becoming alive to their responsibilities and privileges."

JAPAN.

In heathen Japan ninety per cent, of the people are able to read, while in the United States the percentage is only eighty.

The Government of Japan have resolved on the establishment of 53,760 primary schools. The whole empire is divided into eighty collegiate departments, with one college to each department. Even children under six years of age will be compelled to attend the primary schools.

There are now in Japan 78 married male missionaries, 10 unmarried male missionaries, 48 unmarried female missionaries, 35 stations, 84 out-stations, 8 organized churches, 3403 adult converts, 37 ordained native pastors, 166 unordained native preachers. Last year 18,000,000 pages of the New Testament and portions were sold for \$16,000.

CHINA.

Since 1866, when its first missionaries went out, the China Inland Mission has sent over 100 missionaries to the interior of China, established 70 stations and out-stations, and received over 1,000 Chinese into the Church. More than \$500,000 have been given to sustain and carry on their work.

Hong Kong is an island about eighty miles long and five miles wide, upon the southern coast of China. It was given to the British Government at the treaty made between the Chinese and English in 1842. It has now a population of 140,000 Chinese, 8,000 Europeans and Americans, and 1,500 Indians.

CHURCH NEWS.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou held several meetings during the Session of the Synod at Charlottetown.

Mr. McGregor reported that he had moderated in a call at the Vale which had come out in favor of Rev. A. McL. Sinclair.

Mr. Sinclair tendered his demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of

Springville, and it was agreed that the congregation be cited to appear for their interests at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Mr. McLeod was appointed Interim Moderator of the Session of Scotsburn and Salt Springs.

Mr. Briol presented a gratifying report with reference to his work among the French at Stellarton.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

This Presbytery met at Clifton, May 29th, for the induction of Rev. A. Stirling.

Rev. J. M. McLeod preached an appropriate sermon from 1 Cor. 3, 9; "For we are laborers together with God." Rev. Mr. Archibald narrated the steps taken in connection with the call. Rev. Mr. Grant put the usual formula of questions, led in prayer, and, in the name of Presbytery, inducted Mr. Stirling into the pastoral charge of Granville and Clifton. Rev. Dr. Murray then suitably addressed the Minister, and Rev. J. M. McLeod the congregation, on their respective duties and responsibilities.

The congregation in retiring from the Church, welcomed the minister in the usual manner.

Though the season was a busy one with the farmers, yet the church was filled with a deeply interested congregation.

The Presbytery met again on the 1st inst., in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, at the call of the Moderator of Synod. Leave having been obtained from the Synod to take Mr. A. B. McLean on trial for license, the following subjects were prescribed, viz:—Sermon, Luke 21: 6; Lecture, 1 Cor., 9, 24, 27; critical exercise, 1 Cor., 1, 10, 16: Hebrew, Isaiah, 11th Chap., Greek, New Testament, *ad aperturam libri*; Church History, second century; Theology, justification.

Rev. Mr. Frame was appointed to Moderate in a call in Georgetown and Montague at an early day.

In order to aid the Congregation of Richmond Bay in bringing their financial affairs into a satisfactory state with the view of obtaining the settlement of a Minister among them, the following brethren were appointed to visit and hold meetings with the different sections of the congregation, viz:—Rev. Messrs. Carr and Fraser to visit Lot 11 and Egmont Bay; Rev. Messrs. McKay and McMillan to visit Lot 18 and Lot 14, and the two committees to hold a joint meeting in Tryon Valley. Rev. Mr. McKay, convener of Committees.

The Presbytery agreed to meet for Presbyterial Visitation at East St. Peter's on first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock a.m., Rev. K. McLennan to preach, and at 4 o'clock, same day, in West St. Peter's; Rev. Mr. Scott to Preach.

J. M. McLeod, Pres. Clerk.