

16, and now I have just 100, with about 3000 pupils. Within the past six months we have brought fully 2000 children under Christian influence for the first time."

—Some two years since two Swedish missionaries were slain by a mob at Sung-pu, China. A report now given in *China's Millions* shows that the blood of these martyrs was not shed in vain. It seems that a Chinese woman read of the faith and patience of these missionaries, and was so impressed by what she was told that she traveled to another city in order to ask the missionaries about the religion which could produce such fruits. "What is it," she asked, "that makes you Jesus people so different from us? We call you 'foreign devils;' our people have martyred two of your teachers who only did good to our people, and you show no revenge and receive me as a friend." She was told that this was the teaching of Jesus, who died for us when we were enemies. This woman, who was termed "the Chinese Queen of Sheba," continued for two weeks with the missionaries to learn of their faith and doctrine, and then returned to her own city to tell her neighbors: "These Jesus people know how to love their enemies."

Japan.—Yukichi Fukuzawa is the "Grand Old Man of Japan," tho he is some twenty years younger than the members of that more famous triumvirate—Gladstone, Bismarck, and Li Hung Chang. More than any other man, he has brought Japan to that position which she now holds among the civilized nations of the world. Thirty-five years ago he visited America, and on his return home introduced the Webster Dictionary to his countrymen, a book that is considered the foundation of Japan's intellectual power; he also introduced English into all the schools. In days when Japan was divided into two parties—one for and the other against foreigners—he advocated the opening of his country to the New

World; and his book in behalf of Western civilization, which he wrote from his studies and travels in America, had a considerable effect in restoring the dynasty to the throne, of which the present Emperor is a member. Perhaps his greatest benefaction was the founding of a school, known as the Kewgijiuku University, which is second only to the Imperial University at Tokyo, in point of numbers and rank of scholarship. Mr. Fukuzawa comes from the common people, and is known as the "great commoner;" and what shows above all the character of the man is that he has never allowed himself to be carried away by his success, and has modestly refused to accept decorations, honors, or even the peerage from the Mikado.—*New York Independent*.

—The Presbyterian Church in Japan is about to undertake foreign missionary work. At the recent meeting of the synod, the mission board was directed to begin work in Formosa as soon as possible. President Ibuka, of Tokyo, and President Ogimi, of Steele College, Nagasaki, were appointed to visit Formosa, examine the field, and report to the mission board, while \$8000 are to be raised among the Japanese churches for this new work.

—Rev. J. D. Davis writes thus to the *Pacific* of one of the darker phases of the situation: "A few of those who have been among our most earnest, faithful workers are resigning their places and leaving the ministry. We have not a single pastor at present in the great centers of Tokyo and Kyoto. Our Doshisha University has opened with about 400 students, but the classes in the higher departments are all small. We have only 25 in the theological department, as against 85 three or four years ago. There is, however, a growing conviction of the barrenness of these extreme views and an earnest seeking on the part of many of the pastors and evangelists for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit."