

E. Petrick, in Assam, January 5. Thousands of these people are laboring in the tea-gardens of Assam, and they offer one of the finest fields for missionary labor.

—**Darjeeling.** Baptisms in 1889. There have been 118 baptisms in the three missions during the last year, viz.: 72 in Darjeeling, 45 in Kalimpong, and 1 in Sikkim Mission. Since January 1, in Darjeeling Division, 13; Kalimpong Division, 36; Sikkim Division, 1; total, 50. There are now 1,182 baptized Christians in the three missions, viz.: 562 in Darjeeling, 566 in Kalimpong, and 54 in Sikkim Mission.

Japan—A telephone has been established between Yokohama and Striznoka, a distance of 100 miles, in Japan, by order of the Mikado. It is the first in the country and works finely.—*Electrical Review.*

—The Osaka fre—city and surrounding district—in its last annual statement, gave the number of Christian church buildings in the fre on Dec. 31, 1889, as 25, and of rented chapels, 19; total, 44. This is the first Japanese official recognition in annual statistics of the status of the visible Christian Church in the land.

—Rev. J. L. Dearing says the eagerness of the Japanese for Christianity is overstated. They are eager for education, but Christianity is a stumbling-block to many.

—A New York publisher has been shipping 50,000 American school books a year to Japan.

—The Roman Catholics have organized in Japan, with four bishops, at Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagasaki, and Sendai.

Korea.—The Korean Alphabet is phonetic and so simple that any one can learn to read in a day. Nearly all the women in Korea can read.

New Zealand.—The last census in New Zealand reveals the interesting fact of a profession of religion on the part of no less than 95 per cent. of the whole population.

Russia.—Aside from the idolaters of Siberia there are thirty million subjects of Russia whose religion is foreign, namely: 1,500,000 Armenians, 5-6,000,000 Lutherans, 9-10,000,000 Catholics, 3-4,000,000 Jews, and about 10,000,000 Mohammedans. Buddhists abound in Siberia, and extend even to the borders of the Volga.

Tibet.—A Roman Catholic missionary, the Abbé Desgodius, has been for thirty years trying to gain access to Tibet. He has been all that time living on the southern and eastern frontiers, and has compiled a compendious Thibetan dictionary.

Turkey.—Probably no mission station in the Turkish Empire can give a better account of the work attempted and the results accomplished in evangelistic labor and touring among the out stations than Cesarea, in the Western Turkey Mission. Dr. Farnsworth and his associates there have a noble memorial of their enterprise and fidelity in the numer-

ous churches and vigorous schools established under their care, over a territory nearly as large as the State of Massachusetts. But there is one large part of this interesting field, in and around *Konia*, the *Iconium* of Paul's epistles, where schools and church work are almost at a stand still because the station cannot provide for the slight additional expenditure which is needed. With \$675 more at command each year for the purpose, this part of their field, as open and promising as any other part, could be well manned and a noble evangelical work inaugurated. Who will come forward with special gifts to aid in re-establishing the Christian Church on these apostolic foundations?—*Missionary Herald.*

Miscellaneous—Moravian Missions.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BAPTIZED ADULTS IN THE VARIOUS MORAVIAN MISSION FIELDS IN 1790 AND IN 1890.

As the first column, taken from the first issue of the *Periodical Accounts*, 1790, excludes the catechumens and baptized children, the second, showing the present number of converts, must do the same.

When begun.	1790.		1890.	
	Stations.	Baptized Adults.	Stations.	Baptized Adults.
1782	14	13,510	49	21,374
1783	3	801	0	1,108
1784	1	500	5	214
1785	4	312	22	10,173
1771	3	63	0	830
	Totals in 1790.	14,976		
	Mission Fields commenced since 1790.			
1793	(renewed 1792)	South Africa	12	4,847
1828		Western district	12	1,410
1830		Eastern "	12	1,740
1840		Moskito Coast (Central American)	2	45
1853		Central Africa (Victoria)	3	37
1878		Demary	2	383
1852		Alaska (no returns as yet)	2
	Totals in 1890.		153	47,573

Including baptized children and converts for baptism, the total at present under the care of our missionaries is 85,506.—*Periodical Accounts.*

—The chief religions of the world may be classified according to the number of adherents as follows. Christianity, 450,000,000; Confucianism, 390,000,000; Hinduism, 190,000,000; Mohammedism, 18,000,000; Fetichism 150,000,000; Buddhism, 100,000,000; Spirit Wor-