

Presbyterians reports for 1893 that 21 adults and 122 children were baptized. The number of baptized members last year increased from 1780 to 1863, and of communicants from 390 to 441. The native agency consists of 3 native pastors, 36 evangelists (of whom 2 are licentiates, and 20 students for the ministry), 4 colporteurs, 12 Bible-women, and 63 Christian teachers. There are 25 Sabbath-schools, with 86 teachers and 1820 scholars, of whom 1170 are non-Christians; 3105 children attend vernacular schools, and 859 English schools.

China.—Under the influence of the American missionaries the Roman Catholics in Peking have issued an elegant edition of the Four Gospels in Wenli, the book language of China, and have added to it a commentary.

—Sixty-six persons were recently baptized in connection with the China Inland Mission at Hung-t'ung. At the conference at which they were received the liberality of the Chinese Christians was conspicuous. As compared with the value of money in China, their gifts were equivalent to at least the contribution of \$750 in this country.

—Nearly three years ago a missionary in connection with the Swedish Mission Union made the perilous journey across the Thian Shan Mountains into Chinese Turkestan, accompanied by an assistant Armenian preacher, and was so pleased with the country and its people that he advised his society to allow the Armenian to remain. The Swedish Union has now resolved to extend the sphere of its operations and 2 European missionaries have left Sweden, one of whom will live in Kashgar and the other in Yarkand. This is the beginning of missionary enterprise in this portion of the Chinese Empire.

—The tone of the leading English paper in Shanghai has changed completely in the last eight years from sneering unbelief and criticism of missionaries and their work to *decided interest and approbation.*

—On a recent tour of inspection of the naval defences of a portion of the China coast, Li Hung Chang chose to accompany him, as a part of his suite, Drs. Irwin and Liu, to care for the health of the party in general, and that of the viceroy in particular. This was a high and well-merited honor bestowed upon Dr. Irwin, who, it will be remembered, was the associate of Dr. Kenneth McKenzie in the Tientsin hospital.

—But notwithstanding so much to encourage, it still remains that gross darkness covers the empire; for a telegram comes from Hsian-fu, Shansi, by which it is learned that 2 missionaries in that distant city have been seized and bamboosed and imprisoned by the Chinese officials. Very little more is known, but the Chinese report that there has been a great riot there, in which all the mission premises were pulled down and burned, the converts scattered, and the French priests thrown into a vile prison. In addition the Hong Kong papers tell of a serious attack upon 2 women of the American Presbyterian Mission at Canton, as the result of which it is stated one of them may die. Finding a poor Chinaman in a dying condition on the street, they undertook to revive him with smelling-salts and tea, but when he suddenly expired, a mob, suspecting them of causing his death, set upon them with brutal violence.

—For weeks together both Canton and Hong Kong have been dreadfully scourged by the visitation of a disease similar to the black death of history. Thousands have perished, and tens of thousands have fled from the pestilence.

Korea.—This kingdom is in the throes of revolution and armed strife. At first an uprising of the anti-foreign element occurred, but presently no less than three entirely outside parties appeared upon the scene to increase the turmoil and peril; China, Japan, and Russia, each exceedingly jealous of the other, since all alike covet possession of the country. Of course confusion