

Rev. Mr. Mackay, of Formosa, the Canadian Presbyterian Missionary, writes that the people of a congeries of villages have abandoned their idols, and are waiting for further instruction. The success of the Formosa Mission has been most extraordinary, and this incident is very similar to others that have occurred. Another proof that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

One hundred Australians have volunteered for service in connection with the China Inland Mission.

Such is the progress of Christian missions in Japan that the Buddhist priests have made great efforts, recently, to defend their religion, and some forty-two periodicals are issued, devoted to the spread of Buddhism.

While the number of Christians in Japan is only about one in each thousand of the population, it is interesting to hear that eleven members of the House of Representatives have been chosen from their number, while there are also three Christians in the House of Peers. Among the most prominent candidates for the speakership two are Christians. One of the representatives is a Presbyterian elder.

Rev. J. W. Wadman, M.A., who left British Columbia some time ago to labour in Japan, in a letter to the Rev. J. E. Starr, says, "Three weeks ago I preached my first Japanese sermon with fear and trembling. Had been only fifteen months in the country, and had just put in my

spare moments on the language; and what do you think, I am now conducting a revival in Japanese. The Lord has wrought a miracle. I cannot now doubt but that this was my place. I am very happy."

One thousand Chinamen, members of the Congregational Church, in California and Oregon, have sent two missionaries to their native land, organized a Foreign Missionary Society with \$1,000 to start with, and have contributed \$2,200 to home missions.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, of the Presbyterian Mission in the North-West, has secured a number of subscriptions from private persons to support missions. It is hoped that by this scheme thirty missions will be sustained.

It is only a few years since a cruel and inhuman being was on the throne at Mandalay, Upper Burmah, and to do any kind of missionary work there meant certain death. When this city was built, the eight gates surrounding it were supposed to have been made secure against invaders by the sacrifice of fifty-six young Burmese girls. In October last a missionary conference was held in this same city, at the close of which a communion service was held, and missionaries, native preachers, and native converts of ten different races, representing five hundred churches, bowed at the Lord's table; and in the very place where this man dispensed his cruel edicts Christians gathered and sang, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," etc.

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#### WE SHALL BE SATISFIED.

God is enough! Thou who in hope and fear  
Toilest through desert sands of life, sore tried,  
Climb trustful over death's black ridge, for near,  
The bright wells shine: thou wilt be satisfied.

God doth suffice! O thou, the patient one,  
Who puttest faith in him, and none beside,  
Bear yet thy load: under the setting sun  
The glad tents gleam; thou wilt be satisfied.

—Edwin Arnold.