

THE Treasurer of the Uganda Book Fund reports receipts during the past four years of £3000, two-thirds of which were received from Uganda in payment for books sent thither. "This represents," says the editor of the *C.M.I.*, "an average of \$500 a year, for the past four years, paid by the Christians of Uganda for Bibles, Prayer Books, etc.; a truly wonderful fact to be said of a people whose civilization has not advanced beyond a currency of cowrie-shells and cloth.

THE first anniversary meeting of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, has been held. There was an attendance of about two hundred, who expressed great interest in the report of Dr. Osada, the physician in charge. Among other things he stated that the hospital had been self-supporting with the exception of the small sum of seventeen yen monthly, received from the mission. There had been treated about five thousand patients, and forty-two had been cared for within the building in spite of unfinished wards.

ACCORDING to the last financial statement of the C.M.S. for the six months' ending September 30th, the payments had exceeded those of last year to the same date by £9000, whilst receipts had been £4000 behind, leaving gifts for special objects out of the account. The falling off in receipts, however, was attributable to reduced benefactions and legacies, which are nearly £6000 below last year's figures and nearly £10,000 below the average for the last five years. The receipts from Associations show an upward tendency being £2500 above last year and £4600 above the average of the last five years.

BISHOP Webb, of Grahamstown, South Africa, has written from England to his vicar general announcing that he is reluctantly compelled, for serious family reasons, to resign his See. He has served in the episcopate in South Africa for twenty-seven years, fourteen of which were spent as Bishop of Grahamstown. When he took charge of that diocese it was in a torn and divided condition, and in such a turmoil that the task of bringing order out of chaos seemed well nigh impossible. But with infinite patience and tact Bishop Webb surmounted all difficulties, and leaves his diocese at unity with itself, and a stately cathedral arising, the choir of which is already completed, a material memorial of his work in the diocese.—*Church Eclectic*.

CONCERNING the late Miss Lily Funsten Ward, the Rev. Mr. Pott writes in *The Church in China*: Miss Ward has been in China not quite three years, but during that time she had

endeared herself to the hearts of all who knew her, both Chinese and Westerners. Even in Shanghai the native Church members had heard of her as one whose character was wonderfully noble and unselfish. She was in charge of the Jane Bohlen School in Wuchang, and had done much to make that school a strong force in our mission work. Ever forgetful of self and full of enthusiasm for the work of missions, she has left us a priceless heritage in the Christlike character she displayed. Hers was a life full of noble ideals, and full of an earnest attempt to realize those ideals.

The Church in Japan says: Just before the Bishop left for England he paid a visit to the north and held confirmation in Aomori and at Hirosaki. The service at Aomori was the first of the kind that had been held in St. Andrew's Church, and was, therefore, a particularly happy time. What also greatly added to our joy was the exceptionally large number of candidates—i.e., for Aomori—that we were able to present to the Bishop for the laying on of hands. Two were privately confirmed, one an old woman, aged 84, whose daughter and grandson are regular communicants of the Church; the other a young man who, we fear is dying with consumption. These were confirmed on the Saturday afternoon. In the evening of the same day eleven candidates were admitted to full membership in the Church, and one more at the Sunday morning service, making a total of 14.

AN interesting fact in connection with the C.M.S. work and the sending forth of its missionaries is mentioned in the editorial notes of the *C.M.S. Intelligencer* for November, namely that offers have been made by individual friends or groups of friends, to sustain the personal charges of nearly all the new missionaries who do not go forth at their own costs. Only six of the sixty-three missionaries sent out since May 1st (excluding wives) have become a charge on the ordinary funds of the Society, and the total number of missionaries on the roll for whom special provision is so made is 305. Individual friends are responsible for ninety-four, parochial and other associations for eighty-seven; The Gleaners' Union and its branches, forty-three; various County organizations, eleven; the Dublin University Fuh Kien Mission, eight; other bodies of friends, thirty; and Colonial associations, thirty-two. Offers are on hand for eighteen others making a total of 323. The mission fields to which these missionaries thus supported are attached are the following: Africa 80 (West Africa 53, East Africa, 27); Mohammedan Lands, 23; India, 96; China, 73; Japan, 28, and Canada, 5.