

to increase. In the "land of the rising sun," at least thirty-two millions of souls purchased by the Saviour's death are worshipping dumb idols, requiring the light of the Gospel to instruct them, and the living voice of hundreds of ambassadors of Christ to awaken them to a knowledge of their want of spiritual life.

The present position of Missions in Japan is summed up by the Rev. Dr. Clark, of the American Board of Foreign Missions, as follows:—"Ten years ago there were less than ten converts to Christianity. There was no Church organized; no native agency; no schools for the raising of such an agency; no Missionary devoted to preaching; only the scantiest Christian literature, and that derived from China. To-day there are more than two thousand five hundred professed believers in Christ; a recognized evangelical community ten times larger; a fine body of earnest native preachers; Christian schools for the preparation of a native ministry; a Christian literature, including more than one hundred thousand copies of portions of the New Testament." To assist in this great and blessed work the Society occupies the following stations, supplied by Canadian and native ministers:—

<i>Tokio</i>	Davidson McDonald, M.D., <i>Chairman</i> ; George M. Meacham, M.A.; Tsuneyasu Hiraiwa, Hiroku Sugiyama, Japanese Ministers.
<i>Shidzuoka</i>	Yemu Yamanaka, Japanese Minister, under the Superintendent of Tokio.
<i>Numadzu</i>	Asagawa Koko, Japanese Minister, to alternate with Mr. Yamanaka once a month, under the Superintendent of Tokio.
<i>Kofu</i>	Charles S. Eby, M.A.; Toshimi Hosoi, Japanese Minister. One to be sent

TOKIO.

This has not been a year of marked ingathering. Our congregations, owing to various causes, have not been large; but there has been on the part of our membership an evident growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. About Christmas, in Shitaya, a division of the city, we dedicated a new church to the worship of Almighty God. The interest there has been slowly growing. Of the nine persons received on trial during the year, seven are the fruits of our labour in connection with that congregation. We have two Sabbath-schools—one at Ushigome, under the care of Miss Moulton; the other at Shitaya, under the care of Mrs. McDonald. We report a decrease of membership, not owing to a declension this year, but to the fact that we have not, as heretofore, counted baptized persons who have ceased to attend the services of the sanctuary. Our present membership is: on trial, 3; adults, 36; children under 12 years of age, 10. Total, 49.

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