

A wonderful work has been going on among the Japanese prisoners.

"Convicts whose sentences range from twelve years to life service have been sent for some fourteen years past to the wilds of Hokkaido (Yezo) to prepare the way for settlers. There are four great prisons, and a fifth is soon to be opened. A few years ago these prisons were entirely independent of each other, and the Government was lax. Two years ago they were all put under one superintendent—a man feared and liked by the prisoners, and thoroughly respected by everybody. His insight convinced him that the principles of Christianity are what are needed for the instruction of prisoners. When he became general superintendent he introduced a Christian teacher into each prison. There are many inquirers about Christianity in each prison. The prisoners are obliged to assemble every Sab-

bath for a moral address, after which a Sunday-school is held, attendance at which is optional. In one prison, in which Christian instruction was begun latest, where there are 1506 prisoners, 510 are studying the Bible and 148 pray daily and follow a course of daily Bible reading. While there is no chance during prison life for a public confession of Christ, the radical change wrought in the character of some of the men is such as greatly to impress those who have witnessed it. Many of the prisoners are an example to believers. So few of the prisoners have yet been released, that public attention has not been attracted to them yet" (*Missionary Herald*).

The Greek Church has a membership of 21,239, and the Roman Catholics claim 46,682 adherents. The following are the statistics compiled by Rev. H. Loomis for 1894 :

| NAME OF MISSION.               | Year of Arrival in Japan. | Missionaries. |                  |                         | Stations. | Out-stations. | Organized Churches. | Baptized Adult Converts, 1894. | Total Adult Membership. | Theological Students. | Native Ministers. | Unordained Preachers and Helpers. | Contributions of native Christians for all purposes during the year, in yen. † |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                           | Male.         | Unmarried Women. | Total, Including Wives. |           |               |                     |                                |                         |                       |                   |                                   |                                                                                |
| Presbyterian Ch. of U.S.       | 1859                      | 20            | 20               | 50                      | 10        | 20            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| Reformed Ch. in America        | 1859                      | 10            | 8                | 27                      | 3         | 15            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | 20                    | 3                 | 17                                | ..                                                                             |
| U. Presb. Ch. of Scotland      | 1874                      | 12            | ..               | 3                       | 1         | ..            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| The Ch. of Christ in Japan     | ..                        | ..            | ..               | ..                      | ..        | 82            | 7                   | 1,123                          | 11,126c                 | 41                    | 75                | 113                               | 24,697.20                                                                      |
| Reformed Ch. in U. S.          | 1873                      | 5             | 2                | 11                      | 1         | 14            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | 29                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| Presb. Ch. in the U.S. (So.)   | 1885                      | 10            | 8                | 24                      | 6         | 40            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| Women's U. M. S., U. S. A.     | 1871                      | ..            | 4                | 4                       | 1         | 1             | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| Cumberland Presb. Ch.          | 1877                      | ..            | ..               | 15                      | 3         | 12            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | 2                     | ..                | 11                                | ..                                                                             |
| American Lutheran Miss.        | 1862                      | ..            | ..               | 3                       | 1         | 1             | ..                  | 11                             | 122                     | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | 21.40                                                                          |
| Amer. Prot. Epis. Ch. (a)      | 1859                      | 14            | 0                | 33                      | 9         | 41            | 29                  | 300                            | 1,684                   | 20                    | 10                | 39                                | 3,101.74                                                                       |
| Church Missionary Soc.         | 1869                      | 25            | 30               | 77                      | 13        | 30            | 40                  | 278                            | 3,201                   | 17                    | 7                 | 81                                | 2,406.58                                                                       |
| Nippon Sei Kokuwai             | ..                        | ..            | ..               | ..                      | ..        | ..            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| Soc. for Prop. of the Gos.     | 1873                      | 12            | 10               | 28                      | 5         | 10            | 11                  | ..                             | 1,260                   | 11                    | 9                 | 12                                | ..                                                                             |
| Wycliffe Coll. M. (Can.)       | 1868                      | 3             | 1                | 7                       | 1         | 1             | 1                   | 6                              | 44                      | ..                    | ..                | 4                                 | 36.69                                                                          |
| English Ch. in Canada          | 1892                      | 2             | 1                | 5                       | 1         | 4             | 3                   | 24                             | 68                      | 2                     | 1                 | 3                                 | 76.06                                                                          |
| Amer. Baptist Miss. Union      | 1860                      | 14            | 16               | 44                      | 9         | 19            | 19                  | 181                            | 1,597                   | 12                    | 6                 | 37                                | 1,373.09                                                                       |
| Disciples of Christ            | 1863                      | 6             | 6                | 18                      | 1         | 9             | 3                   | 75                             | 286                     | 2                     | 5                 | 3                                 | 75.00                                                                          |
| Christian Ch. of America       | 1867                      | 2             | 1                | 4                       | 1         | 24            | 4                   | 21                             | 225                     | 5                     | 2                 | 11                                | 538.48                                                                         |
| Baptist Southern Convention    | 1869                      | 3             | ..               | 6                       | ..        | 4             | 1                   | 3                              | 33                      | ..                    | ..                | 4                                 | 21.88                                                                          |
| Kum-lai Ch. A. R. C. F. M. (b) | 1869                      | 26            | 31               | 83                      | 12        | 170           | 77                  | 670                            | 11,079                  | 65                    | 42                | 97                                | 23,201.18                                                                      |
| American Meth. Epis. Ch. (a)   | 1873                      | 19            | 23               | 58                      | 10        | 67            | 52                  | 424                            | 4,006                   | 61                    | 41                | 18                                | 8,357.00                                                                       |
| Canadian Methodist Ch. (a)     | 1873                      | 6             | 15               | 27                      | 7         | 23            | 19                  | 116                            | 1,961                   | 2                     | 16                | 19                                | 4,562.37                                                                       |
| Evang. Assoc. of N. Amer.      | 1876                      | 5             | ..               | 10                      | 10        | 12            | 16                  | 36                             | 705                     | 10                    | 13                | 16                                | 1,032.26                                                                       |
| Methodist Protestant Ch.       | 1880                      | 4             | 12               | 10                      | 3         | 15            | 4                   | 32                             | 312                     | 4                     | 3                 | 13                                | 347.89                                                                         |
| Amer. Meth. Epis. Ch. (So.)    | 1886                      | 15            | 23               | 31                      | 9         | 32            | 10                  | 63                             | 532                     | 14                    | 15                | ..                                | 1,567.63                                                                       |
| Scandinavian Japan Alliance    | 1891                      | 3             | 7                | 12                      | 12        | 12            | ..                  | 24                             | 84                      | 2                     | ..                | 3                                 | ..                                                                             |
| Ger. Evang. Pr. (Ger.-Swiss)   | 1885                      | ..            | ..               | 3                       | 1         | 1             | ..                  | 6                              | 208                     | 6                     | 2                 | 2                                 | 50.00                                                                          |
| Society of Friends, U. S. A.   | 1885                      | ..            | 12               | 5                       | 1         | ..            | ..                  | 23                             | 61                      | ..                    | ..                | 6                                 | 50.00                                                                          |
| Inter. Missionary Alliance     | 1891                      | 3             | 1                | 5                       | 1         | ..            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                                | ..                                                                             |
| Unitarian                      | 1889                      | 1             | ..               | 1                       | 1         | ..            | ..                  | ..                             | ..                      | 17                    | 2                 | 11                                | ..                                                                             |
| Universalist                   | 1890                      | ..            | ..               | 5                       | 1         | ..            | ..                  | 25                             | 149                     | 11                    | 2                 | 6                                 | 128.26                                                                         |
| Independent                    | ..                        | 3             | 3                | 7                       | 12        | ..            | 13                  | 13                             | 1572                    | ..                    | 4                 | 1                                 | 7330.00                                                                        |
| Tot. of Prot. Miss., 1894.     | ..                        | 226           | 210              | 623                     | 134       | 750           | 361                 | 3,422                          | 39,240                  | 353                   | 258               | 536                               | 72,217.72                                                                      |

(a) Statistics to June 30, 1894.  
"children." \* No Report.

(b) To December 31, 1893.  
† Approximate.

(c) Including 1,474 classed as  
‡ 78 Self-supporting.