

crease of 368 girls, from 4184 to 4552. Contributions of native Christians: Increase of Rs. 597, contributions, from Rs. 18,832 to Rs. 19,429. Medical mission: Increase of 7031 cases, from 26,194 to 33,225. Press: Increase of 1075 pages printed, from 3,307,236 to 3,308,311.

**China.**—Dr. Ashmore believes that “the evangelization of the Chinese is more important than that of any other race; for as far as all human standards are concerned they are so far beyond any other heathen nation that there is no comparison to be made.”

—The following proclamation was issued awhile ago in the province of Honan, China: “Should any one become bewitched by the foreign doctrines, and not be willing to sacrifice either to Confucius or to the spirits of his ancestors, he must be severely dealt with by his clan. His name must be erased from the family register, and his whole family driven from the province.”

—Rev. Arnold Foster recently found the following prayer posted on a house in Wuchang: “A young man named Cheng Yu, living inside the Gate of Military Conquest, reverently implores the God of Thunder to display his awful majesty and to forgive the writer’s sins of ignorance and to enlighten him as to what they are; he will then gladly obey his parents and elders, and will be very careful of all kinds of grain. He now puts out this promise to reform. Will benevolent and right-minded people, as they pass by, read this confession as a means to restoring the writer to health? He offers his grateful thanks to all who do so.” It seems that this young man had some affection of the eyes which he believed was caused by some sin on his part. He confesses he does not know what is the god of thunder whom he blindly adores.

—When Mr. Whitewright, of the English Baptist Mission, was home last year, he received about \$16,000 from a Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, for school building, chapel, etc. It was given in

memory of her father and of his father. It is a valuable lesson to the Chinese to tell them that all those buildings are erected in memory of parents. They seem to think that foreigners are devoid of all filial feelings because they do not worship at the graves.

## AFRICA.

—A Baptist toiler on the Congo writes thus of trials endured: “The missionaries’ houses at this place are poor, but better ones are in process of erection. My own little abode was 20 × 14, with mud walls and a thatched roof of grass. Even this was not exclusively my own, for besides my two girls, who lived with me, there were lizards, centipedes, and other small creatures. One Sunday morning, as I was dressing, a snake fell from the roof down beside me, but no harm was done.” But she heeds not such trifles, for “this is the scene where the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has triumphed, and in hundreds of huts, which are not worthy of the name of homes, women, strong men, and children are rejoicing in Christ. The 24 schools and 5 churches are centres of light to the heathen, 10, 15, 20, and 30 miles around in different directions. Native evangelists and teachers are constantly winning souls, and often we have marvelled at their zeal, courage, and fearlessness in the midst of God’s enemies, who persecute them and plot against their lives.”

—Out of 40 men and women sent to Africa by the International Missionary Alliance during the last five years, 11 have died. The first year of residence is most fatal.

—Bishop Taylor has 43 white missionaries at his “self-supporting” stations in Angola and the Congo Free State, together with quite a force of native evangelists and teachers. Twelve died at their posts last year.

—Lovedale Institution has an attendance of 732 pupils of all grades. These represent almost a score of tribes, and