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NOTES FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

THE motto on the seal of the Moravian Brethren is *Vicit Agnus Noster; Eum Sequamur*—"Our Lamb conquers; let us follow him."

At St. John's Chapel, Shanghai, there are at present 77 native communicants and 179 baptized Church members. During the year there have been 17 baptisms and 15 confirmations.

BISHOP Williams has confirmed eighteen Japanese in Trinity Cathedral, Tokio. This is the second class this year, Bishop McKim having confirmed fifteen at Easter. Evidently a good work is being done there.

BISHOP Tucker's return to Africa had to be put off for a few weeks on account of health. He has elected to retain the Uganda Protector within the diocese over which he will preside; and a new Bishop for the coast and Usagara districts will have to be sought for.

CONSIDERABLE increase of missionary interest seems to exist in the Colony of Victoria. Missionary meetings there are reported as being crowded as they never have been before, and local efforts for the support of missionaries are being adopted. Offers for service in the mission field average one a week.

A MISSIONARY in Manchuria, writes: "There is a movement towards Christianity throughout Manchuria. The people, in large numbers, are casting out their idols and taxing the power of missionaries to provide native preachers, who, in their turn, are overwhelmed with the great numbers with whom they have to deal."

RATHER more than one-tenth of the whole number of C.M.S. missionaries for the year past were qualified doctors. This is noted as an encouraging fact of the growing missionary interest amongst the medical profession at home. The total number of medical missionaries on the C.M.S. list at the close of this year will be forty-seven.

THE Rev. J. Addison Ingle, in an account of a trip to the out-station of Han Ch'uan, says: "At 8 a.m. I went to the Chapel and celebrated Holy Communion. To my great surprise there were *twenty-three communicants, some of whom had come long distances through the rain.* About 10 o'clock we had morning prayer, and I baptized twenty-eight men and preached."

THE Rev. George Heber Jones writes from Chemulpo, Korea: In faith, hope, and charity, in sincerity, steadfastness, and patience, the Korean Christians are a constant source of joy and gratitude to God, to the missionaries. The Korean Christians are distinguished by simplicity of faith in God, patience, and endurance of aspersion, both by the heathen native and the unsympathetic foreigner.

A TRACT put in a missionary box in India was afterwards given to a Burman chief, and it led him to Christ. The chief told the story of his new God and great happiness to his friends. They were also led to believe and cast away their idols. A church was built in the neighborhood and a missionary sent for. Fifteen hundred converted from heathenism was the result of the little seed.

REPORTS continue to be made of the wonderful work which is being wrought in the northern districts of China and in Manchuria. A missionary lately from the latter country stated in a great missionary meeting in Edinburgh, that since his landing in England letters had come to him which announced that there had been hundreds of converts in his field who were claiming baptism. "Everywhere," said he, "people want Christianity."

THE work of Miss Fraser for the relief of the exiled Armenians at Varna, Bulgaria, made such an impression upon the committee of wealthy men in that city who aided in the work that, on her departure, they presented her with a handsome silver tea service, with her monogram and "Varna, 1897," engraved on each piece, together with a quotation from Matthew xxv. 35, 36, in Armenian. The Armenian Patriarch at Constantinople also sent to Miss Fraser a letter of thanks, with his benediction, for the services which she had rendered his people in their time of need.