

the year is as follows: Members, 539; probationers, 1722; adherents, 3642; Sunday-school scholars, 1265; self-support, \$430. The 68 ordained and 125 unordained preachers, together with the members, probationers, adherents, and baptized children show a total of 27,509.

Korea.—Evidently this peninsula, which was innocently the *casus belli* between China and Japan, can never again be considered to be but an outlying dependency of the Son of Heaven. Concerning the outlook for this land, Rev. Henry Loomis writes: "One thing has especially impressed me, and that is that one of the best statesmen in Japan, Count Inouye, has been sent to Korea to assist in inaugurating the new order of things, and has taken as his associates two Christian men, Count Hiro-sawa and Saito Shinchiro. This means that henceforth the religion of Jesus Christ is not only to be tolerated but held in esteem by those in power." Referring to one of the Korean leaders who visited the United States and became a member of the Reformed Church, he says: "I was pleased to hear him avow his Christian principles, and he expressed a very warm interest in the missionaries and their work. He regards Americans as brothers."

Japan.—In the city of Tokyo there are 120 newspapers and magazines. The *Asabi Shimbun*, or *Morning News*, has a circulation of 100,000 daily, and the paper of the same name in Osaka of 130,000 copies. But with this circulation they may well rebuke Christian America; for there are no Sunday papers in Japan.

—Rev. Mr. Pettce, writing after a visit to Hiroshima, which has become, for the time, the royal residence and the real capital of the nation, speaks of the good order which everywhere prevails. This city has an ordinary population of 80,000, increased now by 40,000 more drawn thither by the exigencies of the war. Yet no American city, he

avers, "whether on ordinary occasions, fair days, riots, or war times, deserves to be mentioned in the same week with Hiroshima as to orderly conduct."—*The Pacific*.

—Nobody has written more thoroughly and impressively of what the future probably has in store for this empire than Rev. J. T. Yokoi, of Tokyo, in a recent issue of the *Congregationalist*. And his conclusion is for substance, that while we cannot reasonably expect Japan ever to adopt the peculiar type of Christianity borne by any church or nation of the Occident, it is yet scarcely possible that she will stop short of possessing the essentials of Christian civilization.

AFRICA.

—South Africa includes all of that portion of the continent which lies to the south of the Zambesi, a territory with an area of 1,250,000 square miles. On the whole, the soil is fertile, and the climate such that white men endure it without much risk to health.

—At Lovedale the attendance last year was 725, of whom all but 33 were native Africans, and these pupils paid last year for tuition, etc., the snug sum of £1885 (\$9425).

—The Rev. Dr. Steele has printed a short journal of a ten days' mission tour in Angoniland. He visited 19 villages, held 20 meetings, dispensed medicine to 320 patients, extracted 20 teeth, and preached to over 2000 people. There are no inns, rest-houses, nor shops in Angoniland. The mission caravan included 11 carriers—tent, 2 men; bed, 1 man; bedstead, 1; magic-lantern, 2; medicine chest, 1; 2 baskets with food and cooking gear, leathern bucket and basin, 2 men; box with books and clothing, 1; chair and folding table, 1 man. In addition, Dr. Steele took with him a native evangelist and 3 boys. The cost of the tour amounted to £14 0d.—*Fres Church Monthly*.