

recognized as the most valuable work on Japan in the English language.

Japan has three imperial cities; 72 Ken; 86 Provinces; 717 Departments (Kori); 6,862 City Parishes (Ku); 70,443 Rural Parishes (Mura); 12,535 Towns; 7,107,841 Houses; 128,123 Shinto Shrines; and 98,914 Buddhist Temples. The number of Shinto officials is 76,119; of Buddhist *religious*, 207,669 (students and families); of nuns and priestesses 9,326. The total population is 33,900,675 souls.

There is room for curious inquiry or philosophizing on the disparity in the number of males and females in some classes as shown herein. There are:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Farmers	8,004,014	6,866,412	14,870,426
Artisans	521,295	180,121	701,416
Merchants	819,782	489,409	1,309,191
Miscellaneous	1,218,266	911,256	2,129,522

This also is a suggestive table:—

	Males.	Females.
Maimed, blind, deaf, dumb, etc.	63,759	37,828
Criminals in prison	2,311	119
Criminals in penal settlements	962	26
At hard labour	2,726	320

The railway from Yokohama to Tokio, eighteen miles long, carried in 1873, 1,435,656 passengers, and in 1874, 1,592,814 passengers. In 1874-5 there were but nine money letters stolen, out of an aggregate of registered and ordinary letters of 16,996,602; and of 47,480 known to contain money.

Of one hundred and twenty-three Japanese sovereigns, nine have been women. The Foreign language school, in which students learn English or other languages, contains six hundred students and twenty-five foreign teachers. There are fifty-three thousand students in the vernacular elementary schools; or one for every six hundred persons in the empire. Nearly 3,000,000 youths of both sexes are in the schools.

To show the power possessed by the Government over the people, it is enough to say that the whereabouts of ninety-nine hundredths of all the citizen during any given twenty-four hours can be told with great certainty. The increase of newspapers, are shown by the mail reports, between 1873-4 was 411 per cent., "a fact which speaks volumes for the progress of civilization." There are ten daily newspapers in the capital, and two hundred publications in the empire.

The following are the concluding words of Mr. Griffis's exceedingly interesting and valuable work: