

Conference in Japan last summer, where over 100 were present. Of those who were not Christians, over two-thirds decided for Christ during that week.

India.

India is changing rapidly. The war has developed a strong sense of loyalty to Britain, in contrast to the unrest of the past few years. The people are losing their old subservience, and rising to some sense of their national consciousness. The social reform is making rapid strides. Religious unrest is showing itself in the new sects that are arising, and in the remarkable mass movements to Christianity. The Christian colleges of India are doing a mighty work, both for men and women, the most important part of their task being the preparation of the native Christians for real leadership. The Indian churches are moving more and more towards self-support and extension work. The movement towards a federation of all Protestant churches is again being pushed, with some success, and has been assented to, among others, by the English Baptists.

Korea.

The Korean Church still remains the modern ideal missionary church. One missionary has just written that it is nearer the ideal church of apostolic days than any he has ever seen or heard of; and the reason is that the people are steeped in the Bible. No amount of time is too much to give to its study—and it tells. The corner-stone of the Arthur T. Pierson Memorial Bible School has recently been laid in Seoul by Robert E. Speer.

Armenia.

But there is also the Near East—and very tragic is its story now. Our interest centres in Armenia. The worst we hear cannot be the half of the tale of sorrow and suffering and heartbreak and

despair. That story of the men from village and town and country, torn away from their families, shot, drowned and burned; of the women and girls deported, marching miles and miles, the only alternate being the giving up of their Christian faith. The older ones are killed, and the younger ones saved for further persuasion. The Missionary magazines have wonderful stories of heroism. Of one company of school-girls, torn from school and friends, and subjected to the hardships of a forced march, only one yielded in her allegiance to Christ, and she was immediately married to a Turkish officer. The missionaries, in great danger, have followed and succored their people, with marvellous self-forgetfulness. Wonderful to relate, many of the Mission Schools are open, and where the population is left, they continue to send their children.

Persia.

Persia is in a most unsettled condition—wars and rumors of wars stirring up dormant fanaticism and hatreds. Mr. Shahbaz, whom many in Canada know, has returned to America with a sad tale of loss and disaster. He and his wife searched for days for their little son, and when they found him, weakened and terrified, they had to watch his life flicker out, and leave him behind while they came here by way of Archangel, Russia, and around by Iceland. And yet there is light in the darkness. The Moslems have not been roused to a holy war, as we feared they might be. Medical missionaries have been wonderfully protected in their work, and it is still true that the Bible is the best selling Book in the Moslem world, next to the Koran.

Palestine.

And Palestine—the Turk still rules; the people are hungry; the soil is untilled for lack of men; the missionaries