

to Kochi, where they had hundreds and thousands to listen to their preaching day after day. A native evangelist and his wife have gone to Kochi since the visit of the missionaries, he to preach and she to open a school. She is the same who founded the 'Bancho' school in Tokio: a famous teacher and sincere Christian. The people of the place promise to assist in the establishment and support of the school. There may be false ideas and motives entertained by the people of Kochi, but surely we could do no less than take the Gospel to those who ask for it, believing in its power to correct error and enlighten the minds of men with the knowledge of truth.

"In a recent letter from Mr. Alexander, he said, 'My work in the West is growing at an alarming rate,' meaning that he had not men or means to begin to improve all the opportunities which presented themselves for occupying new places. And so we, in the Kanazawa region, feel that the greatest need is men who are qualified to enter this field. Work could be begun in almost any of the cities and towns around if there were only men to carry it on. The importance of training-schools, therefore, is very evident."

The statistics of the Osaka Mission give 241 adult members in seven churches, 52 children baptized, 78 communicants added in the last year, about 300 scholars in Sabbath-schools, 653 *yen*, or about \$620, contributed by the native churches toward their own support and other religious objects. This is regarded as liberal giving on their part, the people being poor to a degree, and the value of money there being equivalent to at least six times more than it is in our country.

MISSION IN KOREA.

KOREA: Mission begun in 1884; station, Seoul, the capital, near the western coast, on the Han river, and twenty-five miles overland from the commercial port, Chemulpho; Secretaries—H. N. Allen, M.D., and wife. In Japan, waiting for admission to the country, Rev. H. C. Underwood. Mr. Underwood is at present engaged in the study of the Korean language.

The work of this Mission has been commenced during the past year. Several months previously a Korean of high rank, named Rijutei, had been sent by his Government on some special mission to Japan. On his way thither he came into possession of a Chinese Bible and a work written by Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., on "The Evidences of Christianity." He became so much interested in these that upon his arrival in Tokio he sought further instruction from native preachers, and finally from missionaries of the Presbyterian Board. The result was his hopeful conversion, and his earnest devotion to the work of Bible translation for his people; a work in which he has achieved marked success. At the same time he began to interest himself in the conversion of such of his countrymen as were temporarily or permanently resident in Japan. About twenty of these are now said to have been hopefully converted. From the first Rijutei has sent occasional appeals through our Mission in Japan to the

