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PREFACE.

It was the intention of the Editor to issue this record of the work of 1903 early in April; but circumstances beyond his control made this impracticable, although the various contributors, with but one or two exceptions sent in their manuscripts with kind punctuality.

The pamphlet as will be seen includes about one hundred pages more than the issue of last year, but most, if not all, the additional matter will, it is believed, justify its insertion.

In spite of this expansion, several important matters have been overlooked. Among them is the work for the foreign seamen of Yokohama, under the superintendence of the Rev. W. T. Austin, and a somewhat similar work for Japanese sailors at Yokosuka and other naval stations, under the care of Miss E. Finch and her Japanese Associates. The report of the latter reached the Editor's hands too late for a suitable notice. A report of Mr. Austin's work failed of insertion through an oversight for which the Editor alone is responsible and which he deeply regrets.

The Directory is reprinted from the report of the Statistical Committee, though certain corrections have been made with the view of bringing it as nearly as possible up to date. In the tables of statistics a few errors were detected and corrected.

In the case of the report of the Anglican Missions, a full table of statistics was appended by request. It would generally be impracticable to comply with such a request, but the table is in some respects unique and it was deemed appropriate largely on account

of its fulness and suggestiveness that it should be seen by a wider public than the publications of a single group of Missions would alone constitute.

In sending out this second issue of *THE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT IN ITS RELATION TO THE NEW LIFE IN JAPAN*, the Editor desires to thank the many friends who have aided him by their contributions without which no such comprehensive statement would have been possible. Especial thanks are due to the Rev. C. F. Sweet and others who have rendered much appreciated service in reading proof and in other ways.

DANIEL CROSBY GREENE,

Editor.

CORRIGENDA.

- Page 17. In giving the statistics of the rice Harvest it should have been noted that the unit of measurement is the *Koku* which is equal to about 5.13 bushels.
- Page 19. In the fifth line of the article on education the clause beginning "Since candidates etc." should be joined to the preceding sentence.
- Page 95. Omit the word "been" in the third line of the footnote.
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GENERAL SURVEY.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The impending War with Russia has cast its dark shadow over every department of life in Japan throughout the past year. It would be out of place in a pamphlet like this to present a brief for the Japanese Government as against Russia. On the other hand, it can hardly be expected that one, who like the writer, will within a few months celebrate the close of thirty-five years of the most cordial friendship with all classes of the Japanese people, should completely divest himself of the sympathies which are the natural fruit of such friendship. The effort will be made, however, to state fairly and succinctly the salient features of what are believed to be the causes of the War, as viewed by the Japanese of all classes. First of all must be mentioned the interference of the three powers, Russia, France, and Germany at the close of the Chino-Japanese war, as the result of which Japan was obliged to withdraw from the continent of Asia and cede back to China the territory she had