

native priests, 2,429 churches and chapels, 1,779 colleges and schools, with 25,219 scholars, and 33 seminaries and 654 seminarists. In Corea, Japan, Manchuria, Mongolia and Thibet there are 130 European and 15 native priests, 227 churches and chapels, and 77,254 Catholic Christians. In the Indo-China peninsula there are 694, 286 Catholics, and in India 1,185,538 Catholics. The grand total for these Asiatic countries is 2,440,486 Catholics, 2,639 missionaries and native priests, 7,293 churches and chapels, 4,469 colleges and schools, with 112,359 scholars, and 76 seminaries with 2,746 seminarists. These countries are divided into 67 vicariates apostolic, and 4 prefectures apostolic. Six of these vicariates are worked by the Jesuits. Most of them however, are under the charge of missionaries of the Society of Foreign Missions of Paris and the Seminary of Foreign missions of Milan.

THE bloody work of persecution against Catholic Christians continues in Tongking. A recent letter from the Vicar Apostolic of that province speaks of the destruction of four parishes out of six in a single district in West Tongking. The inhabitants have all been massacred. The parish of Keben was destroyed once before; in 1884, a third of its population having been slaughtered. Among the victims who were burnt at the stake was Hao, a native priest, ninety years of age. As long as he could make himself heard he exhorted his companions to repent of their faults, forgive their persecutors, and submit to the will of God. In the

recent massacre at Keben all the inhabitants were killed.

WE learn from Mr. C. A. Colman who has been visiting North Formosa of a trip with Dr. Mackay to the east coast during which 213 converts were baptized. He further reports that from March 1886 to March 1887, 315 persons were baptised including children; 16 died, making 89 deaths since the Mission commenced. The baptised converts are now 2,546; native pastors 2; 38 stations with 38 preachers, 53 elders and 45 deacons; there are 20 students in Oxford College, and the girls are gathering for a session in the girls' school.

A COPY of *The Life of Faith* has been sent us, in which we are glad to note an article on "The Divine necessity of Missions," and an editorial on "A New Era in Missions." Quotation is made in the Editorial from Rev. James Johnson's "Century of Missions," and the following from the Annual Report of the Church Missionary Society, regarding west Africa:—"Forty thousand communicants ought to mean forty thousand missionaries to the surrounding heathens; and if spiritual life in them were lifted up to the level of whole hearted consecration, an immense impetus would be given to direct missionary work."

A CHINESE temple, together with a hospital, are to be opened in Mott Street, New York, the subscriptions having been made by Mongolians in New York and Brooklyn. Each contributor of five dollars is to have his name cut