

port entitling him and his family to perfect freedom of travel and residence for a year, with the privilege of renewal. It is alike honorable to the Japanese Government and to the good doctor himself.

*Madagascar.*—A revival is in progress in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. The missionaries of the London Society write with great joy of the work which began early in May. The meetings are attended by young men and women, many of them connected with the higher schools. An illustration of the radical change wrought in some is presented in the following story: One of those who attended the meetings was powerfully wrought upon by the Holy Spirit, and came privately to confess a great sin, and to make reparation. He would not confess his sin until after prayer, and then he acknowledged the stealing of some money. "If I could," he said, "I would do like Zachæus—restore it fourfold; but I have not got the money. However, I can restore it twofold, and here, therefore, are sixteen shillings."

—West of the capital of Madagascar is a tribe of the Sakalava nation numbering about 1,500,000. Two years ago one of the missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel penetrated into this region to find that he was the first white man ever seen by the people, who were heathen, with no intercourse with the outer world, and no idea of the value of money. He established friendly relations with Tocra, the ruling chief, who expressed his readiness to receive a teacher. In August last the missionaries landed on the west coast, and with the assistance of a friendly princess, sister of King Tocra, they have made their way inland, being often met on the way by natives bringing their sick for treatment. Many such cases having been alleviated the missionaries have secured the respect and protection of the blacks.

—An incident that has recently occurred illustrates the character of the

queen, and also the fact that slavery still exists in Madagascar. The pastor of the church at Androvakely, about twenty-five miles from the capital, is a slave, and though he has been much hindered in his work by the claims of his master, he has done excellent Christian service in the district. Recently the queen, hearing of the good work he had done, sent for him to preach in the palace church. She was so pleased with him that she paid fifty dollars to redeem him. This pastor is not educated, but he is exerting a strong influence throughout his district.

*New Zealand.*—The Baptists of New Zealand have recently established an Aborigines Mission for Eastern Bengal, with a station in the district of Brahmaderia, Hill Tipperah, northeast of Calcutta. The Baptist Missionary Society, of England, has stations all around, but this is the first attempt to work in the midst of the aborigines, whose condition is of the lowest. Two missionaries have been on the ground for some little time, and they have recently been joined by three others.

*Samoa.*—A communication has recently been received from Samoa, bearing testimony to the demand among the natives for the English Bible Society's Pocket Edition of the Bible, of which few copies were left unsold on the island; and urgently asking for a further supply of 5000 copies. In its view, the letter is an interesting illustration of the extent to which the Bible is becoming the people's book all the world over.

—A clergyman travelling in the East writes in the highest terms of the American United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt and Syria. He says they are gathering the young boys about them in their mission schools, and in ten years the tourists will find the villages along the Nile filled with hundreds of young men who not only speak English well, but who are washed and "clothed in their right mind."