

dispense with half the quantity of flour allowed for our families, but we cannot dispense with the use of the press."

Among the Nestorians in Persia, a remnant of the ancient church at Antioch, is a mission full of promise, with a press and Syro-Chaldaic type, anxiously waiting the arrival of a printer, that they may meet the demands of a people earnestly desiring the Scriptures and other Christian books.—*Epis. Rec.*

GUTZLAFF *on the CHINESE COAST,*
OCTOBER, 1837.

"The village we entered (on Tangsoa Bay), consisted of a number of hovels, irregularly built, but so thickly inhabited that we were soon surrounded by numerous crowds. The people, notwithstanding their poverty, showed themselves very generous, and soon invited us to a watery repast, which we however refused. I now commenced to deal out the inestimable treasure of the word of God. Addressing my auditors in a lively strain, and preaching Jesus Christ, of whom they had never heard, I perceived with pleasure that they thronged about me in increasing numbers. When both their curiosity as well as avidity after books was satisfied, the sick made their appearance, and even in this small hamlet their number was considerable, and the diseases were most loathsome. How many physicians will you be obliged to send out, in order to do away with human suffering amongst these myriads? May they soon come.

"Having this time no medicines with me, we immediately set forward to the place of our destination, Cheopo, a city about thirty miles inland. Our guides took charge of our book-bags, whilst each of my companions carried as many books as he could.

"Five miles we had to walk over an isthmus of barren sand, where

there was neither shrub nor grass, nor any living creature except man. The inhabitants of this dreary spot had built their habitations along the strand, and were living upon the sea. There was not even water to quench their thirst, nor a potato bed around their hovel; but notwithstanding all this, the people were cheerful. Looking with wistful eyes at my books, which they thought I had for sale, I asked whether they could read, and being answered in the affirmative, I tendered a volume gratis. This liberality called the population from the corners of their cottages, and where we supposed only very few to live, crowds made suddenly their appearance. So I went on distributing, and if I happened to forget a single man, he would run after me with great speed, exclaiming, 'A book, a book!' I was at the same time in mental prayer, that the Saviour, in much mercy, might bless his word to the souls of these people."

MISSIONS OF THE AMERICAN
BAPTIST BOARD.

From the Baptist Missionary Magazine for March, we collect the following facts of general interest, from among others.

SIAM.—Mr. Jones at Bangkok informs us, that the globes and orrery received from the Board had been shown and explained to the sons of the late king and others, and were viewed with admiration, awakening the conviction that their own theories of astronomy are baseless.

The printing press is in operation. Two tracts have been published. Progress is making in the translation of Acts, and in the revision of Matthew.

Mr. J. is pained that he sees no hearts regenerated by the power of truth; and enquires, "Do Christians at home pray sufficiently for the Spirit's hallowed influence on our labors?" We rejoice to perceive that foreign missionaries of the various