

in 1889. Mr. Michell, who has been working in Tunis, accompanied by Mr. Harding, who left England February 1, landed in Tripoli the 27th. Thus far they are getting on well. They find the people more bigoted than in Tunis. Beside the work they may be able to do in the city and neighborhood, they will be able to send some scriptures by the caravans leaving for the Soudan which, with the blessing of God, will spread the light around Lake Chad.

Burma.—Dr. A. T. Rose says many Karens are going over to the Burmese language and Buddhism. He baptized in January 20 Burmans. Sunday-schools in Rangoon sent \$75 for the Hammerfest Chapel, Norway. The first copy for the new Sgau Karen Bible went into printers' hands in January.

China.—The "Chinese Exclusion Bill," passed by Congress has reacted in China to excite great hostility to Americans, and especially missionaries are suffering persecution. When Dr. S. Wells Williams arrived in Canton fifty years since, there was a death penalty for teaching foreigners the Chinese tongue, and there was but one convert in China. Now there are more than 35,000.

—The Missionary Union undertakes a new mission at Su-Chan, in Sz-Chuene. Rev. Wm. Uppcraft and Geo. Warner, both of Minnesota, go to be supported by young men in Baptist churches of that State. Out of 50 Chinese seeking to enter Dr. Happer's Christian College, Canton, more than half had been in Chinese Sunday-schools in the United States.

—Increase at Foochow. At the last session of the Foochow Annual Conference, Bishop Fowler presiding, the total number of members reported was 2,320—an increase of 111; probationers, 1,346—an increase of 122; mission money raised, \$411.46—an increase of \$80.20; self-support, \$1,030.31—an increase of \$92.72; church building, \$2,302.98—an increase of \$1,341.98.

Cuba.—Bishop Whitaker, of the Protestant Episcopal church, has lately returned from Cuba, and speaks of the religious outlook on that island as follows: "There is a loud call for the gospel. People are ripe for missionary work and welcome all well-directed efforts. It is evident that the general sentiment has been, and still is, favorable to Episcopal services; but the church has been slow in supplying this demand, and hence the Baptists are conducting a very successful mission in Havana; and many hundreds, tired of the exactions of the Roman Catholic church, are welcoming the simpler and plainer service furnished by the Baptist. Considering Cuba as a field for Protestant work, it may be said the people desire Protestant services to that extent that no more hopeful ground for effort can be found anywhere."

England.—The amount of the drink bill for 1888 was some \$625,000,000, or \$15 for every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom.

—One of the notable men of Cambridge is Canon Christopher, who proclaims his interest in missions by annually entertaining a great company of representative men to breakfast. Among his guests this year (numbering 300 in all) was the Bishop of British Columbia, who made what is reported to have been "a very sturdy and inspiring speech." His description of his first introduction to his Episcopal "palace" was very graphic. The "palace" was simply a wooden shanty without windows or roof, and the first thing he and his wife had to do was to nail strips of calico across the roof to keep out the moonlight.

—The S. P. G. report an increase of 28,601L in the year 1888 over the income of 1887. This is made up of two donations of 25,296L and 2,268L, and an increase in the general income of 320L.

—The Universities' Mission has a missionary fleet on Lake Nyassa, consisting of the following: (1) The *Charles Jansen*, with two dingies; (2) a larger boat, capable of carrying several persons; (3) still larger rowing craft, known as the consular boat; (4) a delta metal centre-board boat; and (5) the *Ousel* a centre-board sailing boat of galvanized steel.

France.—At the recent meeting of the McAll Association, held in Philadelphia, nearly \$3,000 was raised as a special offering to pay for the two *Salles Evangelique*, Champ de Mars, where daily services are to be held, opposite the entrances to the Exposition grounds. Hundreds of thousands of strangers, visiting Paris, will be confronted by these *Salles*, at Porte Rapp and Place du Trocadero.

Formosa.—The English Presbyterian church has appointed another ordained missionary (Mr. Ferguson) to the island of Formosa. The Rev. W. Campbell, F.R.G.S., who is returning, takes with him the gospel of Matthew in raised Romanized type, which he has prepared for the blind. As the blind are treated with respect in China, their influence may be used for much good, if taught to read the Scriptures; just as now their influence is very evil from mostly following the art of fortune-telling. Mr. Campbell is also taking a reprint of the Dutch gospel prepared by missionaries, who labored among the Malays in Formosa, some 200 years ago, when they were driven away. The Dutch are likely to recommence this mission.

—Rev. Dr. Mackay, of the Canadian Presb. Mission in Formosa, writes that there are now fifty churches, so arranged that all North Formosa is in a sense occupied, and that there are fifty-one native preachers who are the sharpest, brightest, most tal-