

cause he felt that he was at such a time so much needed among his distressed people. Bro. Crosby's letter, on another page, will be read with interest, and will call forth the sympathy of all.

AGAIN it is our sad duty to record the death of one of our brethren. This time it is a missionary—Bro. Culbert, of Cape Croker, whose death was sudden, he being ill only a few days of congestion of the lungs. He died at 11 o'clock on Wednesday evening, 21st December last. On the morning of that day he said to the Rev. T. M. Campbell: "I am going home—home, to be with Jesus!" At that time death did not seem to Bro. Campbell to be near, but Bro. Culbert "knew that the Master had sent for him." We tender to the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy.

SOME of our readers may have noticed in the list of receipts published in a recent number of the *Guardian*, a contribution of \$100 from a lady in Kingston, "for a mission in China." This donation is given with the understanding that it be allowed to accumulate until the Church is ready to begin a mission in the "Flowery Kingdom," when it will at once be available. The gift at this juncture is significant, as we have recently heard the opinion expressed by prominent men in the Church, both lay and clerical, that the time is not distant when we should have a mission either in India or China.

IN a list of juvenile contributions received recently from Newmarket, appears the name of "James Bolton, \$7." We are informed that more than half the amount is the produce of his own industry. He has a small garden spot on which he raises some small fruits, and the amount realized goes into his missionary fund. Then he has a couple of hens who raise missionary chickens, and this has been supplemented by a missionary duck. Verily, "where there's a will there's a way."

AT a thanksgiving service lately held in Madagascar to celebrate the completion of the Revision of the Malagasy Bible, a native pastor spoke as follows:—"What is it that will cause Madagascar to go forward? Is it guns and cartridges? Is it cannon and bombs? Is it spears and all other kinds of weapons? No; it is this Bible that has caused all the progress that we see, and has rooted up much of the evil that used to be. Yes, it can indeed be said that it is the Bible which has stopped the *tangena* (trial by drinking poison), that made us dare to burn the idols, and made an end of killing the little children born on an unlucky day. But let us remember that we are only at the beginning of things yet, it will still go on to fill all Madagascar."

Editorial and Contributed.

RENEW! RENEW!

RENEWALS for 1888 are coming in rapidly, but there are still a goodly number of subscribers whom we are anxious to hear from. Please send in your order without delay, and, if possible, let it be an order for a club of eight or more. All the copies can be addressed separately, if desired, and the sender of the club will have no more trouble after the list is once received at this office. The price to clubs is twenty-five cents per copy, cash with the order.

A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

WHEN the publication of the *OUTLOOK* began it was undertaken solely at the risk of the Editor, and in two years' time it reached very nearly the self-sustaining point; but the General Board and Conference decided that the paper should become the property of the Society, that the price should be reduced, and that all ministers of the Methodist Church should be put on the free list. Thus the cost was increased and the income reduced at a single stroke, and since that time the *OUTLOOK* has been published at a loss to the Society. No doubt it "pays" indirectly, but it ought to pay directly as well. A circulation of 10,000 will cover expenses, and this can easily be reached by a united effort. We are sure that all who love our Missionary work will sympathise in our desire to make the *OUTLOOK* pay its way, and we trust their sympathy will take practical shape in a vigorous effort to extend the circulation. A few of our ministers have kindly aided, but from a large majority there is no sign. We are well aware that many of them are too heavily burdened with other work to be able to give personal attention to this matter, but a word to some of the young people in their congregations would, probably, accomplish what we have in view.

In this connection we gratefully acknowledge the help received from members of the Woman's Missionary Society. Many of our largest lists have been sent in by them, and they have been indefatigable in securing renewals at the end of the year. We would be delighted to enlist others in this good work, and we feel sure a general effort by all the auxiliaries would soon put the circulation up to the desired 10,000. Who will help in this matter?

A HINDU fakir lately remarked that he thought Christianity was spreading throughout India, "only," he softly added, "the number of bottles in Sahib's bungalow is a hindrance."