

purchased this cargo of whiskey and knocked the barrels in the head, that their vile contents might be swallowed up by the sand rather than by the people.

—The London Missionary Society continues to push its work in Madagascar with increasing success, notwithstanding the political changes and the aggressive attitude of the church of Rome. With its 80 English missionaries, it reports the astounding number of 838 native ordained ministers and 4,395 native preachers, 61,000 church members and 230,000 adherents. But, as yet, scarcely one-half of the population have been reached by the gospel.

—Friends' Mission. Besides a large amount of work in connection with schools, training of teachers, hospital, printing, etc., in the capital (Antananarivo), the district of Madagascar under the care of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association covers about 2,000 square miles, and contains 133 congregations, with nearly as many schools. Mr. H. E. Clark writes that there is a pressing need that more workers should be sent out this summer. In Antananarivo there are only five Friends' missionaries (not including ladies), two of whom will shortly be leaving to take up work in the country districts of Arivonimamo and Mandridrano, while the health of one of the ladies is so shattered that she will be compelled to come home on furlough at once.

—I also tell you that I place my kingdom under the protection of God, for I know that it is the kingdom that is governed by dependence upon God, that it is true and has strength and progress. Go forward in wisdom that the glory of this kingdom may increase. Remember that it is righteousness that exalteth a nation, and that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. — *Queen of Madagascar at her coronation.*

Scotland.—The Anglo-Indian Evangelical Society. A most encouraging report of this society was presented at the annual meeting in Edinburgh last week. Rev. J. Fordyce, secretary, stated that larger contributions had been made in India than in any former year, and that they balanced a slight decrease in the contributions from this country. Rev. G. G. Gillan of Bengal appealed for increased funds, and Mr. Duncan McLaren moved a resolution embodying the claims of our countrymen in India, who were destitute of Christian ordinances. Rev. John McNeill said he believed that the English army in

India was a huge Anglo-Indian demoralization society, and that it was their duty to send out no uncertain sound regarding facts which had come to their knowledge, and which had not been contradicted, because they could not be.

Siam.—When Admiral Foote in the harbor of Bangkok received the King of Siam on board his flagship, the Christian commander asked a blessing at dinner. "Why," said the king, "you do just like the missionaries." "I too am a missionary," was the reply.

Switzerland.—The Basle Missionary Society reports its various missions communicants as follows: China, 1,808; India, 4,694; Africa, 2,995—total, 9,497. The income was \$198,847.60.

Turkey.—Euphrates College at Harpoot (formerly Armenia College), is doing a noble work under its president, that veteran missionary of the American Board, Rev. C. H. Wheeler, D.D., who is now in this country, but means to be at his post on the Euphrates by September 1. The college has an attendance in all departments of 500 students, about 100 being in the college proper. The field over which its influence is especially felt is about 100x200 miles. Here are twenty-four churches, ten of which are independent of the American Board. The college has twenty instructors, of whom nine are ladies. Up to the junior year the students study the Bible every day. Ten years ago a strong effort was made to raise funds for the college, and \$71,000 was secured. Now Dr. Wheeler is anxious to raise \$30,000 more for endowment, \$5,000 for a new building (which is about completed), and \$2,500 for scholarships for needy students.

United States.—American Bible Society. At its recent meeting a specimen copy was presented of the complete Bible in Japanese, just printed at Yokohama, with a letter from Mr. Loomis saying that there is a large demand, especially for the Old Testament, 1,600 copies of which were called for within one month after its publication. Grants of books were made for benevolent distribution, at home and in foreign lands, of the aggregate value of about \$10,000. Appropriations of funds were also made for publishing and distributing the Scriptures in foreign countries, to the amount of \$17,450, provision being thus made for Bible work during the ensuing year in India, Italy and Siberia, and in the