

## MISSION FIELD.

A remarkable letter has been received by the Church Missionary Society from Tuwon, on the Brass River, West Africa. It is signed by four natives, and expresses their feelings of thankfulness, firstly to Almighty God for the gift of His beloved Son, and secondly to the Church Missionary Society for the tidings of love and redemption. "As we have found the Gospel good for our souls," says the letter, "and have been enabled to subscribe and substitute a substantial iron church, built by our Archdeacon, the Ven. D. C. Crowther, for the old one, we resolved that the first collections in the new church, however small, should be sent to you, to show how much we feel the debt of gratitude we owe you." A draft for £30 is enclosed as the result of the collections at the dedication service, and after wishing the society God's support and blessing, the letter is signed thus:—

his  
CHIEF SAML. X SAMBO,  
mark

ALEX. SPIFF. X SHIDI,  
mark

JUST SPIFF, D. C. SPIFF.

"The mission-workers of all Christendom in China are, by latest reports, 387 men and 420 women, including wives. They are connected with sixteen British, four Continental, and thirteen American organizations. Chinese communicants 25,000." What are these among 350,000,000 of heathen?

The missionary spirit is rising rapidly, and the most hopeful symptom is the numbers of young men who are offering themselves for missionary work—not the ignorant and uneducated, but promising young men in our colleges. In America the latest accounts show that no fewer than 1,684 students have enrolled themselves as candidates for the mission-field.

## MISSIONS IN CHINA.

In this vast empire of 400,000,000 of men, women and children, there are thirty-eight different Protestant mission societies at work—English, American, German and Scottish. It speaks well for their energy and Christian faith, but badly for their unity. Chinese people to be taught Christianity, the Christianity of the Christ who prayed that all his disciples might be one, and taught by thirty-eight different methods. And yet even under this heavy handicapping, the past nine or ten years have seen Christianity growing from 473 missionaries to 892. The number of Chinese ordained missionaries foots up 134, but there must be some mistake in this; suppose we deduct 40, there will be left 94. Native helpers (unordained) number 1,154; number of communicants, 28,119; pupils in schools, 9,864; contributions by native churches, \$17,874. In 1877 the communicants were 13,515; they have more than doubled since. The missionary outlook, while not so

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