

of the various missionary operations carried on at that station. There is a central school and also branch schools, all in a flourishing condition. A book shop has been opened as a means of circulating books, and as a centre for evangelization. Week evening meetings are held at which from 30 to 60 are generally present. The gospel is preached in the Bazaars, and the audience are generally large and attentive. Mr. Robson, thus speaks of the little native church.

"I have hitherto spoken only of our exertions in converting the heathen without—of our struggles and disputings. It is a relief to turn from them to the little church which has been organized in the city. We have now an Urdu service regularly in the school every Sabbath morning, which is attended by as many of the native christians as can come—one or two European, one or two heathen. At the conclusion of it, the children are formed into a Sabbath School, of which there are two classes, one conducted in English and the other in the vernacular. The numbers, indeed, are very small; but it is, nevertheless, a pleasant and refreshing thing to meet thus, two or three in Christ's name, with the assurance that he is in the midst of us—more for us than all they that are against us. Especially refreshing are the times of communion. We take the Lord's Supper together on the first Sunday of every month; and I believe that we have all felt the quickening influence of the performance of this duty. Annie, the eldest daughter of our native catechist, has, as a fruit of it, applied for admission to the church, and been received with every satisfaction. Among those of the station who attend our service, a weekly prayer meeting has been organized, without our assistance, though we are of course glad to be present and to take part in it. I cannot but look on these things as tokens for good; and I trust that the Spirit working in us, may work through us to the conversion of many of the heathen.

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### ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSION IN CHINA.

The following is from the *Presbyterian Messenger*, of the English Presbyterian Church. We rejoice to see that the mission is still making progress.

#### BAPTISM OF THREE CONVERTS AT PECHUIA.

MY DEAR MR. MATHIESON,—Last Sabbath was the Communion at Pechuia, and on that occasion I baptized three young men, a measure of progress in that little church which we have not seen for many years before. However, it must be added that one of the three can hardly be said to belong to the Pechuia congregation, though he is connected with the Pechuia church. His name is Hiang, and he comes from the village of Cheng-Chwan, which you will find on our map about the head of the Pechuia river. His elder brother was converted through hearing the Gospel at Amoy several months before the first movement at Pechuia began (twelve years ago). On account of him I used often to visit Cheng-Chwan, but during many years only one person was converted—a stranger from Ke-bu-siu, who soon after returned to his native village, and our friend was again left solitary; but, shortly before his death, about a year ago, his brother Hiang was awakened, and about the same time several others in the village and neighbourhood became somewhat interested, so that now about a dozen persons meet there every Sabbath for worship, as they are too far (about fourteen miles) from Pechuia to allow of anything more than occasional visits to the chapel. Of late, the head boatman of the River Gospel Boat, a Chioh-bey member, named Siok, has often con-