

18 have been added to the Presbyterian Church Mission there within the last few years, and a large number are, at this moment, under Christian instruction. Suffice, that on the whole, the intelligence from this immense Empire now committed to us, as a sacred trust, is both satisfactory and cheering. The system of caste has been effectually struck at and the leaven of Christianity seems to be pervading the reapers. The Bible, with marginal references, is accomplishing much good. Again, a grant of 200 English Bibles, with marginal references has been made to the Bombay University, and the same number is about to be presented to the Universities of the other 2 Presidencies is likely to have a beneficial effect upon the students of culture attending these seats of learning.

After India's coral strand, we might notice Ceylon's isle: The plan of holding what are called Union Moonlight Bible Meetings has again been attended with unabated interest. Twenty-four such gatherings have been held in different parts of the province. The principal part of the arrangements and speaking devolved on the native brethren, who acquitted themselves with credit and ability. The topics selected as the subjects of addresses were such as the following: "What the Bible says of man," "What the Bible promises to man," and "What the Bible requires from man." The attendance varied from 150 to 500, but all listened with marked attention to the short and pithy observations that were delivered, and maintained throughout a courteous and respectful demeanour. Thus truth manifests itself to conscience. *Madagascar* is an island in which the Christian mind takes an interest now-a-days. The accounts from it of Bible work are cheering. Writes a Missionary: the general reverence and indeed love for God's Word are manifested in various ways. If one meets a perfect stranger and finds it necessary to reprove him for some sin, nothing is more likely to come home to his heart than a text from the Bible. Bible Classes are exceedingly popular; the natives never seem tired of them and are very delighted if they last 3 or 4 hours. The attendance at them is remarkably good and often there are as many as 200 persons present. Many leave their stalls at the market and their work in the fields to listen to the explanation of the blessed Word of Life. This undoubtedly shows a healthy state of soul.

From the islands of the South Seas, accounts come of moneys transmitted from Christian natives and of translations of the Scriptures being rendered. But by far the most cheering account comes from what used to be called Savage Island, (one of the Navigator group); and well did it deserve the name, for no European could venture his life there with safety a few years ago, but now the tiger has become a lamb. 1,200 Savage Islanders (out of a population of 5,000) have made personal profession of their faith in Christ, and are living in accordance with the teaching

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