

hope since the arrival of a priest, who is now stationed within this reserve. We are sure he is trying to do some proselyting, secretly of course, as he is said to have done his best to get the consent of one of our people to have their child baptized by him, but he did not succeed.

Our school is well attended, not only by the children of our people, but by the children of the Roman Catholics. Some are making progress in reading, ciphering and writing. They delight in singing hymns and songs which they have learned. Nothing seems to take hold on them with a firmer grasp than singing.

BERMUDA.

Letter from REV. B. HILL, dated ST. GEORGES, April 25th, 1889.

WE have just finished missionary meetings, with exception of two, which, on account of bad weather, were postponed till next moon. Meetings were good, and in most cases collections were up to last year. I fear, however, that the collectors will have hard work to keep up the receipts. Onions, our staple, are down to 2s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a box of 60 pounds, and there are great cries of poverty. The Portuguese who, last year gave £20, is this year reserving part of it to send the Gospel to his own countrymen. Indeed, he has serious thoughts of returning to Portugal as a missionary. These, together with the burden of self-support, will tend to reduce our receipts somewhat. But we will do our best, and try not to retrograde.

Our work in general is in a very fair condition. Yet the sweeping revival so much needed is still a thing of the future.

Facts and Illustrations.

"If there's a right thing to be done, and we seem to pass through a wrong thing on our way to it, depend upon it there's another way to it and a better one, and it is our own fault, and not God's, that we do not find it."

It is an interesting fact, that, though Central Africa is inhabited by hundreds of tribes using different dialects, these are so allied that one language will enable a man to cross from the east to the west coast of the continent.

THE Japanese *Gazette* confesses that Christianity and Buddhism cannot long co-exist in the same country; and that Japan may as well recognize the signs of the times, and hasten to enrol itself among the Christian nations.

THREE Christian Japanese have recently sailed from San Francisco for the Sandwich Islands, to labor among their countrymen there, who number about 5,000. They are some of the fruits of the Methodist Japanese mission in San Francisco.

WHEN the Gospel has been preached at home, let it also be preached in the regions beyond; and when we sing, "Waft, waft, ye winds, the story," let us not depend upon the winds to do the wafting, but do all we can to raise the wind.—*Richmond Advocate.*

THERE are now in the mission field 2,400 unmarried ladies besides, probably an equal number of the married. In the early days of missions, it was not thought a lady could enter the ranks of mission workers except as the wife of a missionary.

IF parents knew more of Christ and practised more of His religion, there would not be so many little feet already starting on the wrong road, and all around us voices of riot and blasphemy would not come up with such ecstasy of infernal triumph.—*Talmage.*

WE fight this fight (of prohibition) with the weapons of law and order—with the ballots of freemen. Let us not allow our antagonists to force us to throw away the weapons of our choosing for those of their choosing—the dirk, the bludgeon, and the revolver. Not bullets, but ballots.—*The Voice.*

AN Italian Protestant woman was once asked to prove that the Bible was the Word of God. She was confused; she could not answer. Suddenly she asked her questioner, "How do you know there is a sun in the sky?" "I feel its warmth and see its light." "Just so," answered the woman joyfully, "the Bible lightens and warms my soul."—*Woman's Miss. Advocate.*

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