

Mission Field.

The new annual report of the C. M.S. shows that the Society occupies 424 stations: of which 44 are in West Africa, 15 in Eastern Equatorial Africa, 18 in Egypt, Persia, and Palestine, 178 in India, 22 in Ceylon, 10 in Mauritius, 24 in China, 14 in Japan, 41 in New Zealand, 48 in Northwest America, and nine in the North Pacific. The baptisms during the year amounted to a total of 11,606, of whom 7,713 were children. The Society has 2,033 schools and seminaries, attended by 82,368 scholars. The medical work of the Society provided, during the year, for the wants of 4,461 in-patients and 353,237 out-patients.

PRINCE MOMULU MASSAQUOI.

Nearly fifty years ago a number of devoted ladies connected with the churches in Philadelphia, Mrs. Lucy H. Shober, Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. Arthur G. Coffin and others, established the Orphan Asylum at Cavalla, West Africa. Later on, Mrs. Briery from St. Paul's church in Boston, left her home and took up the work of a missionary at the station which had been established by these ladies. On Sunday afternoon, May 13th, Momolu Massaquoi, a prince and prospective king, made an address in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, on "The Progress of Christianity in Africa," and was entertained at the Rectory. This prince, when a child, came under the influence of Mrs. Briery, and is now an earnest Christian, who has been visiting this country for educational purposes. He will soon return to his own country to take upon himself the government of a small territory over which he is hereditary ruler and will eventually succeed his father who is king of a large country. In an interview had with him in the Rectory study, the prince, who is a man of intellectual ability and steadfast purpose, talked of the future of his people, expressing a keen appreciation of the responsibilities of his position and a firm determination to use his abilities and opportunities to advance the cause of Christianity. When asked how his father, who professes Mahomedanism, felt about his being a Christian, he replied that his father was a good and just man, and accorded to him the right to choose his religion as he saw fit, without question, and that there would be no difficulty or trouble in establishing the Christian religion among his people. "The people," said he, "will follow the ruler's religion if he is a good ruler. Among other things he said that he knew a number of native boys who at their baptism had been named Richard Newton, Stephen Tyng, John S. Stone, Alonzo Potter, etc., and of Mrs. Briery he spoke in glowing terms, saying that he knew of no one person who had done more or better missionary work than she. It is not often that the good seed sown yields such an abundant harvest as is promised in this case, nor is it often that the evidence that the

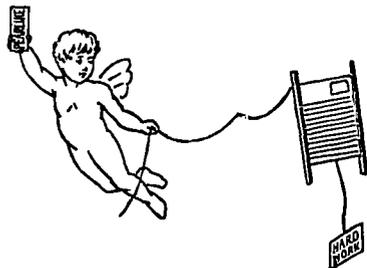
seed fell upon good ground is vouchsafed to the sowers.

As an illustration of the fact that if men only knew more about what missionary work is accomplishing they would give more liberally, it may be stated that a gentleman in Nottingham has made a bequest of \$75,000 to the London Missionary Society, and that he was influenced to do this by the testimony of Miss Gordon Cumming concerning the marvellous results of Missions in the South Sea Islands, given in her volumes on "At Home in Fiji," "A Lady's Cruise in a French Man of War," and "Fire Fountains."

It is said that one out of every one hundred converts from among the heathen becomes a missionary, but only one out of every 5,000 Christians born and reared in Christian lands, except in the Moravian Church, which has one missionary to every 65 members at home.

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