

from the Mission Field.

REV. TITUS COAN, one of the oldest and most successful of modern missionaries, died at Hilo, Sandwich Islands, December 2, aged eighty-two years. For many years he was known as "The apostle of the Sandwich Islands." He went there when the people were heathens and in the most degraded state. In all the toils and discouragements at the beginning of mission work there he was a participant. He was an active worker in the revival of 1837-39, and his life ended when another widely-spread revival seemed about to take place. Before his eyes heathenism passed away and Christian civilization took its place. His influence over the people was great, and he continued in the active work of the ministry to the last. The wonderful changes witnessed by Mr. Coan read like a romance, but they are actual facts of history. It is said that Mr. Coan in his lifetime received no less than 13,000 persons into the Church. Mr. Coan went to the Sandwich Islands in December, 1834, where he served faithfully for *forty-eight* years, the Master he first confessed at Riga, N. Y., in March, 1838. His autobiography is a delightful record of a useful life covered with the diadem of them who turn many to righteousness. He was present at the meeting of the American Board when held in Brooklyn, and none who heard him can ever forget his farewell words. He has been gathered to his father's like a shock of corn, fully ripe, and there are many to rise up and bless his memory.

ANOTHER HERO FALLEN.—Dr. Southon, a medical missionary of the London Missionary Society, while working most successfully at Urambo, Central Africa, was accidentally shot in the arm by an attendant. The arm required to be amputated, and the Doctor instructed a friend how to do it. But his friend had no surgical skill. He did his best; but Dr. Southon died from the shock to his system. Just before his death he wrote: "Since I have been lying here I've had ample time for reflection, and I find this comfort; God has ever led me and trained me in this work. I came into it with all my heart and soul and body, and I determined to make it a success. How have I succeeded? Thank God, above all others, and where all others have failed. Have I spared myself in anything? Have I not given up all, and that joyfully? Yes; in Christ I will glory. I have been spent for him here, and my work has been a glorious success. There is a firm foundation on which others may build; and who shall lay anything to the charge of the Master Builder if He removes one workman

who has finished his portion and sends others to carry on the work? I bless God; my trust in Him is as strong, or stronger, than ever, and, if He allows me to live, I will do him good service yet—if not here, in some other part of His vineyard. But oh! If He calls me to help Mullens and Thompson and others gone on before, how gladly will I respond, and joyfully 'knock off work' here."

MADAGASCAR.—One cannot but watch with almost fearful interest the impending robbery in Madagascar. France is acting the rude and cruel highway-man. In the South Seas she robbed the weak, and dethroned a Christian queen. In Madagascar she is following the same disgraceful policy. The government of Madagascar sent envoys to Europe to plead the cause of their country and to cry for justice. In Paris they were treated with singular rudeness; but in England they were treated with all the kindness that was their due. The British Government has remonstrated with that of France on behalf of Madagascar, with what result remains to be seen.

"THE DAYSPRING."—Do not forget, young readers, that you have a mission ship in the South Seas, sailing between Australia and the New Hebrides. That ship carries missionaries to and from their various stations, returns to Australia with letters and with such quantities of arrowroot and other products as the islanders may wish to send to market, goes to the islands with mails, stores and passengers; and is constantly busy in the service of the mission. Without it our missionaries in the New Hebrides would be in a most isolated condition. As the *Dayspring* is the children's ship we hope the children will never forget that they have the pleasant duty of providing for her support.

The failure of Christian missions, as alleged by infidels, finds little confirmation in the results of the labours of the American Baptist missionaries among the Telegus in India, where a single minister has baptized, during the present year, not less than 1,500 converts.

The site of the Livingstonia (Free Church of Scotland) Mission has been changed from Cape Maclear to Bundawi, further up Lake Nyassa, the first site being retained as an out-station under native helpers. The new site is found to be more desirable as the headquarters of the mission. A school has been opened, and as children are near at hand by the hundred, there would be no difficulty in getting more than 2,000 names on the school roll. The first difficulty is to secure regular attendance. The first convert baptized and received to church fellowship is becoming a useful helper.