

In the *Messenger* for the preceding month, it was stated that a small army had been sent by the Chinese authorities to seize criminals in the towns and villages round Swatow. A force of 600 or 700 soldiers came upon Toal, a village near Ung-kung, which had a bad character for robbery and piracy. In this village are several Christians, who, hearing of its approaching punishment, sent in a petition, that they, as peaceable subjects, should be spared. The Christians remained when the soldiers came, and all the other inhabitants had fled, but the soldiers had received no orders to exempt the Christians. Their houses were burned with the rest of the village, and themselves driven with much harshness as prisoners to Ung-kung.

Mr. Smith, who is at the head of the mission at Swatow, had an interview with the Lieutenant-Governor, who punished some soldiers that had been guilty of rudeness to the Christians, and apologized for the destruction of their property.

The English Presbyterian Church has a mission at Bauleak, in Bengal, under the Rev. Behari Lal Singh, which has been prospering greatly. It includes four vernacular Christian schools, with 225 scholars, an Orphanage, a Girl's School, Evangelistic work conducted by three Christian natives who act as colporteurs, and whose wives act as Bible women, and a mission church with sixty-five native Christian members and adherents.

### MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

The Rev. John Morton, Missionary to the Coolies in Trinidad, writes to the Rev. P. G. McGregor, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Church of the Lower Provinces. The Coolies, whose term of service has expired, are receiving grants of crown lands, and are settling in the island instead of returning to India. They seem to make good settlers, although intemperance and other vices of the Anglo-Saxon are finding their way among them. Mr. Morton is much concerned about their want of honesty, and has been greatly pained by Selal and Henry Martyn, two of his proteges, turning out badly. Still the mission prospects are encouraging.

We copy the following interesting summary from the December number of the "Record" of this sister Church:

"Nearly a quarter of a century ago the first Foreign Missionary of the Presbyterian Church left our shores; our pioneer Missionary then went forth, trusting to the guidance and protection of the All-Wise and Almighty. He was led to the lovely isles of the Pacific, and he had the honor of planting the standard of the cross amid the palm-groves of the New Hebrides. The long-lost inhabitants of Aneiteum listened to the Gospel message, shook off the yoke of heathenism, and by God's blessing became witnesses for Christ among the neighbouring isles. The Bible is now read in the native tongue of the Aneiteumese. The idols of heathenism have long since been flung away to the 'moles and the bats;' and the ordinances of the Christian religion are observed with pious care and reverence. Dr. and Mrs. Geddie are spared to witness with joy the complete triumph of the truth on the isle which was the scene for four long years of their unaided struggle with a mighty and crafty foe. Their good fellow-labourer, Mr. Inglis, rejoices with them as they gather the ripened sheaves to the garner of God. Having sown in tears they reap with abundant joy.

"The next Missionary sent from this country was the Rev. George N. Gordon, a brave, earnest and true man, who fell at his post on the savage and blood-