

most fail us when we consider the wants of the MALAGASY people, but no zealous, true-hearted worker need sit down in despair, for go where we may, we find work to do, and people to be taught. The news from MAURITIUS must gladden the hearts of all. In that Island 9242 copies of the Scriptures—3704 copies in excess of the previous year—have been sold. Almost entirely the work of 12 Christian men. "What hath God wrought."

Leaving Mauritius we hasten on to the GREAT INDIAN EMPIRE over which our Gracious Queen now reigns with the title of Empress. Here we find the way clear for the operations of the B. and F. Bible Society—"The Queen," as it has been well named, "of religious Societys in England." Whilst the destructive cyclone swept off in one night 150,000 souls, and Famine is doing its deadly work, yet Scripture, with its healing power is fast gaining ground among the 240,000,000 of that Noble Country. Much Scripture knowledge and ready wit is, however, often required by the Colporteurs to meet the *subtile* objections raised by some of the natives. The belief is fast gaining ground that "a general movement will be one day made in favor of Christianity. Various influences are contributing to this great end; and it may be safely affirmed that one of the most important of them is the work of the Bible Society."

CHINA. Many of the Colporteurs engaged in China are natives and faithful workers for the true "Celestial Kingdom." A European, however, named Mollinann exercises, as a foreigner, a greater influence than the natives. The wholesome practice of selling, not giving away the Scriptures, is now adopted among the Chinese. In JAPAN numerous openings for Scripture circulation are found. Some Missionaries state that they have sold more Bibles in Japan in a few months than in China during several years.

A few words must suffice for the good work done in other parts. Your Committee simply state that the accounts from these parts are very cheering. Australia, New Zealand and The South Sea Islands have sent to the Parent Society as Free Contributions £3,919. 14. 10 and for the purchase of the Scriptures £2,943. 10. 10 thus making in all £6,863. 5. 8.

A word or two about the New Hebrides, which form part of the South Sea Island Group may prove interesting. The good cause is making satisfactory progress in the several Islands of the group such as Fatuna, Erromango and Efate. The Aneityumese Version of the Old Testament, superintended by Rev. John Inglis, will likely be completed this summer. A translation of St. Luke's Gospel in Fatese has been accepted by the New Hebrides Mission Synod. We are also glad to state that, under the ministrations of the Rev. Daniel McDonald, who superintended the above translation, a whole village of natives has embraced the Gospel, and several of them have been baptized.

Coming to our own adopted land we find that the Dominion of Canada has sent a free contribution of £3,483. 3. 9 and for

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