

feet, and the stakes were far enough apart so that the babies wouldn't get all tangled up. They seemed very happy, and while he stood watching them he did not hear one of them cry. The mothers were at work in a rice-field a little way off.

—Dr. Legge, the eminent Chinese scholar, now connected with Oxford University in England, says: "I have been reading Chinese books for more than forty years, and any general requirement to love God, or the mention of any one as loving Him, has yet to come for the first time under my eye."

—The *Chinese Recorder* hears with deep solicitude that the International Missionary Alliance is to send 200 Swedish missionaries to China, at the rate of 20 each month, and with only \$250 a year for salary and expenses.

—One of the ablest native preachers in the Foochow conference, though offered \$50 a month to enter the consular service refused, preferring to continue preaching with but \$3 a month.

—Thibet continues to be inaccessible. No missionary is allowed to cross its frontier. But its needs are not lost sight of. In our last, mention was made of a Roman Catholic who had hung about its borders for years, and had prepared a dictionary and a translation of St. John. The Methodists have long had a mission immediately outside the country, and a flank movement from the northeast is now being undertaken by the agents of the China Inland Society. The Moravians, too, have been long watching and waiting, busy meantime with a translation of the Scriptures. Those barred gates will ere long be seen standing wide open.

AFRICA.

—In 1885 the leading powers of the world gave their recognition to the Congo Free State, one of its duties being the suppression of the slave trade. Zanzibar has done something in this direction. Morocco and Tripoli foster

it. Latterly the German Government has been reducing Arab slave dealers to subjection within its sphere of influence in Southwest Africa, and have succeeded in limiting their operations to the country lying between Stanley Falls and Lake Tanganyika. The only outlet left for the slave drivers is eastward. Henry M. Stanley says in a late *Harper* that a railway from Victoria Lake to the Indian Ocean would extinguish the traffic, and would command an area of 150,000 square miles of British territory. If he can belt the Dark Continent from east to west and Cecil Rhodes project a line north and south, it will ensure its ultimate civilization.

—The Protestants in Uganda have two thirds of the country allotted to them, the other third being divided between the Roman Catholics and the Mohammedans, as they are less numerous. The mission work is going on most prosperously, the greatest danger being that the political supremacy of the Protestants will lead many to profess themselves Christians from corrupt motives. Within a period of about eighteen months, ending in September, 1892, the Bible Society delivered to the Church Missionary Society about 25,000 copies of Scriptures for use in Uganda. This shows in a striking way the interest of the people in the Bible, but is very far from indicating its full extent.

—In the report of Lovedale for 1892, it is stated that the church, which was organized in 1886, has now a membership of 150. During the year 40 new communicants were received, 33 young men and 7 young women. Besides these, 19 Gallas were admitted by baptism, 14 boys and 5 girls, on profession of their faith.

—The East African Mission of the American Board is to be moved from the malarious and unsympathetic neighborhood of the Portuguese coast town Inhambane to the healthier interior of Gazaland. In its new location it will be under English protection, and will