

this for us? It is his Bible. I have looked into it a good deal, at one time or another, in the different languages I know; it is just the same in all languages. The Bible!—there is nothing to compare with it in all our sacred books, for goodness and purity, and holiness and love, and for motives of actions. Where did the English-speaking people get all their intelligence and energy, and cleverness and power? It is their Bible that gives it to them. And now they bring it to us and say, "This is what raised us; take it, and raise yourselves." They do not force it upon us, as the Mohammedans did with their Koran, but they bring it in love, and translate it into our language, and lay it before us and say, "Look at it, read it, and examine it, and see if it is not good." Of one thing I am convinced: do what we will, oppose it as we may, it is the Christian Bible that will sooner or later work the regeneration of this land."—*Missionary Link*.

CHINA.

HONGKONG.—The two colporteurs whom Dr. Eitel superintends have sought to push westwards into the Province of Kwang-se; but on making the attempt they encountered such determined hostility that, returning in September, they both resigned the work. Mr. Wylie dwells on the hardships of colportage in China, and earnestly commends to the prayers and sympathy of Christians at home the men who labour amid many toils and disappointments to sow abroad the seed of the Kingdom. Similar testimony is borne by the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Corresponding Committee:—

"Unhappily their work was suspended in the autumn, owing to the fact that a few hours after entering a village they saw notices on the walls urging the people to ill-treat them. On removing to another spot, the same thing occurred, and was repeated at several points."

He tells of an effort made at the Buddhist festival of All Souls to distribute the Scriptures. Three stations near the entrances to the market were selected, colporteurs were set in charge, and placards posted up announcing what was on sale. The result was so far good that the experiment is to be repeated on similar occasions.

Some copies of the Scriptures were recently forwarded from Hongkong to the Bishop of Melbourne for use among the numerous Chinese immigrants in Victoria. The first fruits of this colonial labour are seen in two students in St. Paul's College, Hongkong, who received the truth in Australia and have now returned to their own land, there to tell how great things the Lord hath done for them, and hath had compassion on them.

AMOI.—The Rev. R. Gordon, of the English Presbyterian Mission, has sent an account of Bible distribution in the district south of Amoy, which will be read with interest:—

"The work of our Bible colporteurs continues to prove one of the most successful and promising features of our mission operations. So much have we been convinced of this, that some few months ago we were led to appoint an additional colporteur to assist our agent in the district to the south and south-west of Amoy. We have thus a staff of three colporteurs working alongside of our preachers and teachers, and, we are convinced, aiding very materially in the opening up and evangelizing of our mission field. In regard to distribution, a careful discrimination is arrived at, so that copies received may be the more prized and studied. Our agents have been able to circulate during the year over 100 copies of the Scriptures, and nearly 1,000 portions. Our old