

COLPORTEURS FOR CHINA.—Two Christian men of high character and with suitable qualifications have been selected from among the students at the college of St. Chrischona, near Basle, and will shortly proceed to China, to labour as colporteurs for the Society, under the direction of Mr. A. Wylie.

THE SCRIPTURES IN NAPLES.—It has been resolved to make the best of the opportunity for circulating the Scriptures which will be afforded by the Maritime Exhibition at Naples. A stall will be erected in the grounds; a set of the Society's versions will be exhibited, if sanction be given, in the building itself; and Mr. Bruce will personally superintend the work, assisted by a special staff of colporteurs.

LOSS OF BIBLES BY FIRE.—The Society has suffered the loss of 3,000 of the Gheg-Albanian and Bulgarian Scriptures through the destructive fire which has lately occurred in Constantinople.

BULGARIA AND SPAIN.—An edition of 2,000 of the Book of Proverbs, in Bulgarian, has been ordered. A new edition of 30,000 Spanish Bibles, in 12mo., is about to be printed in Madrid. An edition of 15,000 Danish New Testaments is to be printed in Copenhagen; and 5,000 Swedish Bibles are ordered to be printed in Stockholm.

TWO AGENTS REQUIRED FOR THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA.—The retirement of the Rev. Dr. Tucker from the Society's agency in Australia to accept permanent clerical duty, has rendered it necessary that a new appointment should be effected. The almost unanimous recommendation of the Auxiliaries in the several colonies, urges upon the Committee the necessity and importance of sending out two agents, if the work is to be done thoroughly and efficiently. The range of country to be traversed is of such vast extent that one agent is insufficient to overtake the visitation of existing societies; and if new organization is to be planted in districts where population is accumulating, and where at present nothing is being done for the Bible Society, and if, moreover, the visitation is to be extended to New Zealand as originally proposed, then the exigencies of the work seem to require an additional agent.

The Committee are desirous of enlisting the services of two gentlemen to occupy this large field of labour. Tact for organization, experience and ability in addressing public meetings, and catholicity of spirit are indispensable. The choice of the Committee is not necessarily restricted to ministers of religion. Laymen with competent qualifications are equally eligible.

Miscellaneous.

MADAGASCAR.

EFFECTS OF THE BIBLE IN MADAGASCAR.

During the time that elapsed between the expulsion of the missionaries and their return, the Christians were bitterly persecuted. They were left without teachers, and few possessed a complete copy of the holy book. Fearing that the detached pages they possessed would be taken from them, a few of them resolved to commit large portions to memory, so that their cruel rulers might not rob them of the blessed truths of Revelation—they succeeded. God's care must be over such a people. The sequel proves that it was. The recent evidences of Gospel triumph are most complete. A few weeks ago the last of the idols in this beautiful island were publicly burned, and the following extract shows the power of religious principle in the court and among the people:—