

ported, are moving in the same direction. The prohibition of the liquor traffic is the demand of the people, and the politicians and statesmen who fail to heed it are only treasuring up for themselves wrath against the day of wrath, wealth and party power to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The meeting of the American Board at Portland, Me., during the first week of Oct. possessed the usual interest of the annual gatherings of that venerable body. The receipts for the year were \$462,271, 21.

A general summary of the work done during the year shows a net increase in the number of missionaries of 26; a gain of 23 churches and 1700 members on confession of faith; an increase of 80 in the number of native pastors and preachers; an addition of 17 high schools and seminaries, and of 1000 youth in them; besides 1500 more pupils in common-schools. Over \$80,000 has been raised by native Christians among themselves.

At the meeting of the Board when men of wealth were pledging thousands to meet the increasing needs of the Board a venerable man rose in the audience and said "he had no money to give, and so he couldn't double on that; and he had no more children to give, for he had already given them all; but he would promise to double his prayers."

Africa.

THE BIBLE IN THE BASUTO LANGUAGE has been issued by the British and Foreign Bible Society, at a cost of 4000*l*. This is the ninth completed Bible in the native language of Africa.

SEVEN DIFFERENT NATIONS are embraced by the Berlin Missionary Society in the area of their South African Work, which extends 1000 miles in length by 500 miles in width. They have forty-two stations within this boundary.

TEMPERANCE prevails in Madagascar. The queen enforces a penalty of ten oxen and two pounds on any person found manufacturing intoxicating drink, and of a lighter fine upon those who sell and drink it.

During 1861, 180 released slaves were received and placed under instruction with a view of restoring them to their country as Christians. A chain of stations from the sea-coast to Lake Nyassa has been formed, and about 1000 natives are under the care of the Mission Agents.

Mr. Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, is in Europe in excellent health. He penetrated three hundred miles beyond Vivi, and established fifteen trading stations. At first the natives were hostile, but soon became so friendly that the men at the trading stations now required no weapons to insure their safety.

THE UNIVERSITIES MISSION, instituted in 1859 at the instigation of Dr. Livingstone, has three great centres of operation in Africa; Zanzibar, the Usambara country, and the Rovuma district. There are thirty-four European Missionaries, and twenty-six native Evangelists in connexion with the Mission. The income for 1861 was 11,000*l*. The old slave-market at Zanzibar, where 30,000 slaves were annually sold, has been turned into a centre of Christian teaching, and a Church Mission house and school, now occupy the spot.

India.

THERE ARE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE Hindoo and Mohammedan sovereigns who are tributary to the Queen as Empress of India. Of these the greatest is the Nizam of Haidarabad, in the Deccan or table-land right between our Bombay, Madras, Santal, and Nagpore Missions.

REV. DR. MURRAY MITCHELL after visiting China went to India, charged to bear an earnest message from the Chinese to Indian Missionaries on the subject of opium. The petition recently forwarded to the British Government, signed by 338 clergy, ministers and missionaries in India, we are glad to learn, is the result.

THE POPULATION OF BRITISH BURMAH, within the last ten years, has increased to the extent of one million souls! It now contains about 3,756,000 people, eighty-seven per cent. of whom are Buddhists, four and a half Mohammedans, nearly two and a half Hindoos, and nearly two and a quarter Christians.

At the meeting of the Waldensian Synod in Sept., one of the pastors stood up and offered himself for missionary work among the heathen. He places himself in the hands of the Synod. Should the Synod send him he was ready to go; should the Synod retain him he would willingly remain. The announcement, which was received in silence, made a marked impression. Every one perceived that this was the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the Waldenses—that they were about to enter the ranks of missionary churches. He was accepted.