

Mission Field.

MISSIONARY FACTS AND INCIDENTS.

Afghanistan has six millions of population and no missionary.

Gojurnra is a total abstinence town in Japan, and over each house a motto is placed reading "Frugal in all things; liquor prohibited."

The native Christians of the Samoan Isles sent \$9,000 last year to London for the evangelization of other countries, at the same time contributing generously to the support of their own ministers and teachers.

Six cents a day is said to be the average wage of a Malagasy. Can we then estimate what the Madagascar local contribution of \$32,000 to the London Missionary Society's fund means?

Dr. Herrick Johnson very truly says, that while we are called upon to hold the fort at home, yet holding the fort will not win battles a thousand miles away, and we will not hold the fort long if battles out on the distant fields are not won.

At the last Confirmation service at St. Mark's church, Harper, Cape Palmas, forty-three persons were confirmed, twenty-eight of whom were from the heathen villages in the neighborhood of Hoffman Station—all adults, headed by the high priest of the tribe. Thirteen were baptized and 191 communed.

Concerning the last Confirmation service at Mount Vaughan chapel, Cape Palmas, Bishop Ferguson writes: The class presented numbered twenty-two promising soldiers of Christ, of whom nine were girls and boys, seven young men, and six men and women who are heads of families. The mixed congregation, representing all the Christian denominations here, witnessed the impressive service and the laying-on of hands with marked attention. The celebration of the Holy Communion followed in due course, and the Lord's table was

"Furnished well with joyful guests."

The editor of the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* says of the "Classified Digest of the Records of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," recently published: "This is a truly wonderful book. Nearly a thousand pages of small type are occupied with a perfectly exhaustive account of the history of the S. P. G. and its Missions. We have always thought that the Church Year Book was the most remarkable monument of patient industry in Church publications, but it is completely beaten now by the work before us. Prebendary Tucker states in the preface that a member of the office staff, Mr. Pascoe, who has had special charge of all the Society's MSS., archives and books, has sacrificed all his leisure time and his annual holidays for five years to complete the work,

and it speaks much for the order in which the archives must have been kept that any man could compile such a mass of information in that time. Moreover, Prebendary Tucker states that he himself has gone carefully through the proof-sheets, and given such an amount of editing to the book as enables him to accept full responsibility for any faults that may be discovered in it, and even this labor must have been very great. The result is a splendid model for all published records of Societies and Institutions.

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