

acted much important business. As the minutes have not yet reached us we cannot enter into particular statements. As directed by the last General Assembly all the ministers and churches in China, Siam, and Japan are included in the Synod of China. At this meeting none were present from Japan and Siam, nor from Canton and Peking; but Dr. Nevins mentions that there were eight foreign ministers, seven native ministers, and nine elders in attendance, from the Presbyteries of Ningpo, Shanghai, and Shangtung.

### The War.

Missionaries from France have suffered severely for want of funds, their supplies being cut off by the war. Appeals have been made to British churches, and the response as usual has been liberal.—The French Protestant clergy have suffered severely from the war,—Alsace and Lorraine being largely Protestant

### Free Church Missions.

Mrs. Murray Mitchell sends to the *Free Church Record* an account of a visit to Serampore at the time of the festival of Juggernaut. While idolatry still reigns, and the enlightened among the Hindoos are not ashamed to take part in the heathen celebrations, it seems evident that a great change has taken place in the minds of the people in regard to these, and that their hold upon the affections of the great majority is daily relaxing.

"The Mooltan missionaries are doing much for the education of the natives of Bhawalpore State. The superintendent of the school is an old pupil of Dr. Duff's—Kali Dass Chakrabarti. This man has been a blessing to the State; and as a Christian, has connected many efforts for the good of the people with that name. In addition to his school work, when the famine in Bikaner sent thousands wandering in search of food, he organized a relief committee. With the assistance afforded by Major Minchin from the State and from private subscriptions, he succeeded in mitigating the evil to a great extent. He now instructs the young Nawab's uncle. What a change is here from the condition of anarchy in which Bhawalpore continued for so many years, down to the death of the late Nawab!"

Samuel Hardy, a native preacher at Chindwara, and assistant to the Rev. James Dawson, missionary to the Gonds, thus states in his broken English the result of his labors:

"At the commencement, when we came to this country, and when we used to go to the villages to preach the gospel to the Gonds, no sooner they see us approach

they used to run away, and hide themselves in the inner apartments of their houses, or in bushes, caves, and sometimes run away to the hills; when at that time myself and the Rev. Mr. Dawson would go up to those in their hiding-places, and with meekness and good words bring them back to their houses, cause them to sit down, and I and the Rev. Mr. Dawson would preach to them by turns; even then they used to listen with fear. But now that fear is greatly abated; for when they see us coming into their villages they gladly come before us, bring also along with them their acquaintances, and sit and listen to our preaching, and at times speaking to us—'Sirs, let us know of Jesus the Son of God, that we may know who he is.' And after our preaching to them, they would tell us, 'What you have preached is the truth, and we will believe in him alone; and we will forsake all idols which we have hitherto worshipped.'"

Some years ago the whole Bible was translated into the Kafir language by the Wesleyan missionaries. It has been deemed advisable that a new translation should be made, and Mr. Bryce Ross, of Pirie, an excellent Kafir scholar, appears upon the Board of Revision as the representative of the Free Church mission.

### The American Board

Anticipates the sending out of thirteen new missionaries during the next three months, and the return of eight who are now in this country. Dr. G. W. Wood and wife, as we have before stated, go to Constantinople; Miss Julia A. Sherman (who is in Germany getting information about Deaconesses houses), to Nicomedia; Miss Dwight to Central, and Miss Williams to Western Turkey; Rev. O. H. Gulick and wife to Japan; Rev. L. D. Chapin and wife to North China. Some of these are already on their journey. During the present month Mr. Seale expects to sail for Smyrna; and at later dates, Miss Nye, now completing her medical studies, for Constantinople; Rev. M. D. Sanders and wife, with Mr. T. S. Smith, and Miss Fairbanks (to become Mrs. Smith), for Ceylon; Rev. B. G. Snow and wife, with Mr. Whitney and Miss Bailey (to become Mrs. Whitney); Rev. A. A. Sturges, and Mrs. C. H. S. Doune, for Micronesia. Misses Shearman, Nye, Dwight, and Williams, go out under the auspices of the Woman's Board. Of the twenty-one, five—Mr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gaulick, and Misses Dwight and Fairbanks are children of missionaries, making the number of missionary children (of the American Board), who have taken up the work of their parents, thirty.