

We waited for him but he came not. He sailed from the Clyde early in March in the steamer *Trojan*, which has never been heard of. Doubtless that ship has gone down with all board, and many, as in the case of the *City of Boston*, are left mourners, after a period of great anxiety and suspense. We sympathise with the friends of our young missionary in their heavy trial. They parted with him that he might help the Lord's cause in the Lower Provinces, and though his desire in that respect was not realized, they may feel thankful that the Master whom he served has made the record in advance, "It is well that it was in thine hearts." May the same desire control the hearts, and shape the course of many of our own young men in these Provinces.

MR. SAMUEL KEYS, one of the Elders of Milford congregation, Hants, died on Sabbath morning the 28th of June, aged 40 years. He had not served in the office of an Elder quite 2 years, but he gave evidence of being a useful office-bearer in the Church. God had other work for him to do, and he had to bid farewell to his fellow-workers and leave them to finish the good work which he saw commenced. He saw a Church built in Milford, and heard the Gospel stately preached in it. On the division of the Rev. James McLean's congregation, of which Milford was a part, he was firm and steadfast to the end. One thing more he wished to see and often spoke of it, and that was a settled minister in the congregation. But he did not live to see that day. In early life he enrolled his name under the Temperance banner, and was consistent to the last. In everything that was for the advancement of religion in Milford, in the prayer-meeting, and the Sabbath School, he took a deep interest. His place was always filled, and those that knew his valuable services miss him most. He died as he lived, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now rests from his labour, and his work will follow him. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

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Intelligence.

India.

Dr. Murray Mitchell writing from India says:—

AFRICA—SLAVERY—MOHAMMADANISM.

Recent accounts lead us to fear that, notwithstanding the treaty negotiated with the Sultan of Zanzibar and the earnest efforts of British officers to intercept vessels conveying slaves from Africa, the accursed

traffic is carried on as diligently as ever. And it is needful to remember that, so long as the Mohammadan religion exists, it will be quite impossible to stanch the wound through which the life blood of Africa has been flowing for centuries. For Mohammadanism recognizes slavery as right, a thing in accordance with the will of God. To the fiery Arab it appears the most irrational proposal that he, a true believer, should be coerced in his attempt to reduce infidels to bondage. The believer is entitled, according to the Koran, to as many slaves, male and female, "as his right hand may possess." It is only the spread of the Gospel that can eradicate the woe of slavery.

We rejoice to see that some Missionary Societies are preparing to extend their operations in Africa. Dr. Stewart of Lovedale pleads powerfully for the important scheme of Livingstonia; and we earnestly trust our own Church will take no inconsiderable share of the new work on which Protestant bodies are about, we trust, to enter with full heart. Very generously, the Church Missionary Society offers to aid the first entrance into the Ashantee territory. At the same time, this greatest of English societies is to enlarge its own efforts to reach the interior from its station Momba in East Africa. The Universities' Mission will extend its operations from Zanzibar in the direction of Livingstone's later journeys. The Methodists are also pressing forward. It is high time. Mohammadanism is spreading in Africa; to the north of the line one negro kingdom after another comes under its baleful sway.

To revert to the subject of slavery. It has been calculated that 70,000 human beings are every year carried off as prisoners, and more than half a million slaughtered in the horrible "man-hunt." And still, hearing of such things, the Churches are but little stirred. Is it not passing strange?

RITUALIST MISSION IN BOMBAY.

In Bombay there has been a new development of Ritualism, in the recent establishment of "St. John's Mission," which is carried on under the authority of the Bishop of Bombay by two "Fathers" of the order of St. John the Evangelist. The "Fathers" act under the direction of a "Father superior," dress in long black robes corded at the waist, and are under vows of celibacy. The High Church party in Western India seem to be in raptures at the arrival of the (so-called) "missioners." They hail them as the "long prayed for" and accredited pioneers of the great Catholic movement in India." Unhappily, Bishop Douglas of Bombay is a Ritualist of the most extreme type, and in placing his agents pays not the slightest respect to