

nese Government has adopted the following measures: Indemnities, amounting in all to about £100,000, have been paid to the Christian missions of all nationalities and to the families of the only two foreigners killed—the missionary, Mr. Argent, of the "Joyful News" Mission, and a customs official—both Englishmen. Severe penalties in the shape of imprisonment and capital punishment have been inflicted on officials and law-breakers, and stringent precautions taken to defend the lives and property of Christians. The authors of pamphlets inciting the people against foreigners will in future be condemned to death, a form of justice already visited on ringleaders of the Kola Hui organization. The rising in Mongolia last November had no connection with the events in the south of the empire, its object being pillage, without distinction between Christians and others. This fanatical local outbreak has been suppressed.

As the Belgian missionaries have suffered considerably in China, it may be interesting to know that these workers belong to a special congregation, whose headquarters are at Scheutveld, near Anderlecht, where they acquire the Chinese language, and at the age of twenty-five are despatched to their field of labor. About eighty of them are at work in China under the superintendence of three bishops, two of whom are Belgians, and the other a Dutchman. Besides preaching and proselytizing they render many charitable services to the population. They have opened hospitals and schools, and, in addition to teaching the children the ordinary branches of scholastic knowledge and training them to trades, they subsequently assist them in the choice of husbands and wives. Mr. Alexander Michie, of Tien-tsin, whose book on missionaries in China is provoking comment, says that in China proper the Catholics have 530 foreign missionaries and 525,000 native converts, including children, compared with the Protestants, who have 1296 foreign missionaries and

a following of 37,287 adult native converts.

**London Missionary Society.**—A leaf is being taken from the Salvation Army book by the directors of the society, supporting a week of self-denial in February, to raise the income £30,000 per annum. The Rev. J. P. Gladstone, of London, the author of the proposal, is sanguine of the result. If the Congregationalists who, it is said, number a million in this country, and who mainly belong to the middle classes, take up the idea, there is no question of the money being speedily raised.

The friends of the Rev. A. N. Johnson, of Leicester, will be glad to read of his appointment to the important position of Home Secretary to the London Missionary Society, succeeding the Rev. E. H. Jones, whose long and faithful services have endeared him to a wide constituency. Mr. Johnson's student career at King Edward's School, Birmingham, at Lancashire College, and Owens College, Manchester, was highly distinguished throughout, especially in classics. At Trinity College, Cambridge, he carried off a first-class in the theological tripos of 1881 and other distinctions. In Manchester he was Dr. Macfadyen's assistant for a time.

**Nyassaland.**—News to hand (December 29th) from Dr. Laws, Superintendent of the Free Church of Scotland's Nyassa Mission, states that he has reached King William's Town, Cape Colony, on his way home. He purposed calling at Lovedale with four natives from Central Africa for training. In the Colony he will remain about six weeks to hold several conferences with the leaders of the Dutch Reformed Church at Stellenbosch, a church which co-operates with the Livingstonia Mission on Nyassa. Dr. Laws has labored fifteen years in Africa.

**Jewish Migration to the Argentina.**—On authority of the *Jewish Chronicle* announces that Lieutenant-Colonel Albert Goldsmid will take charge of the arrangements for the colonization of Jews in the Argentine Republic upon lands