

—A Bengalese young woman, Miss Dass, having been converted to Christianity through the instrumentality of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist missionaries, has decided to go to England to take a course of medical training, after which she intends returning to India to labor among her people.

—Adjutant Abdul Aziz, a convert from Mohammedanism, is now in charge of the social work of the Salvation Army at Bombay. Two native female officers have started under him a work for women.

—Seven poor men from four different congregations belonging to the American Madura Mission, all related to one another, united with their pastor in spending eight days together in a retreat in order to study the Bible and fit themselves for telling to their people the story of the Cross. And all the expenses of this retreat were borne by themselves.

—How vast the field, and how few the laborers! Take a single example. The Marathi Mission covers an area with a population of over 3,286,000, distributed in 30 towns and 3570 villages. The entire number of missionaries, men and women, engaged in effort in their behalf, is 33, residing at 8 different stations, while the number of native agents of all classes amounts to 351, residing at the mission stations and at 118 out-stations.

—In the Pgho Karon School, at Bassein, Burmah, a "do without" band has been organized, and 100 of the pupils have joined it. All the members pledge themselves to do without something each month. The savings are to be devoted to some religious object. In the month of July, rupees 36 were thus realized. The efforts to fix Christian responsibility in the hearts of Burmese disciples are meeting with encouraging success.

—All authorities say that Peking, the present capital of China, and Nanking, the ancient capital, are hardly half so

large as they were a hundred years ago. They show all the symptoms of decay. The more enterprising and energetic individuals are found now in the seaports, that offer a marked contrast to the more conservative and literary communities of the interior.

—The Rev. W. A. Wills writes as follows from Chonping, Shantung :

"Last Sunday I had the great joy of baptizing 30 at Shên-ma-chuang, in the county of Chih-chuan, 6 women, 3 boys from our school there, aged eleven, fourteen, and sixteen years respectively, the others ranging from twenty-one years to seventy-six. These converts have been busy several weeks preparing the baptistery, and enlarging and renovating the chapel in their spare time. In the afternoon we commemorated the Lord's Supper, when 11 of the number, living some eight miles from this village, were formed into a little church."

Africa.—The Khedive of Egypt has given \$150 to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

—Since 1885 the Congo Free State has enjoyed the most substantial benefits of the Postal Union. That is, for five cents per half ounce the inhabitants thereof may communicate with the whole civilized world; and they appreciate the privilege, for the number of pieces of mail despatched to and from the Congo in 1886 was 33,140; the number in 1890 was 74,988.

—Rev. P. Frederickson writes from Kinjila station, Congo Mission: "We have now 22 baptized, all young men from eleven to twenty years of age, and none of them are ashamed to tell that Jesus has saved them and that they love Him. I hope they will all be evangelists."

—Bishop Taylor evidently counts not himself to have apprehended, but continues to reach forth and press on. Not content with laying foundations in India, in South America, and on the Congo, he now sounds a ringing call for an advance into Mashoonaland.