

constantly expanding operations, labourer after labourer is falling, or else obliged to abandon his post for a time. Fifteen or twenty years of missionary work in India are more exhausting than a lifetime in Europe, and we may therefore cease to wonder that the following list is so long. In addition to the death of Mr. John Anderson a few months ago, and of Mr. Robert Nesbit in July last, the following facts may well be pondered by the Church:—Dr. Duff is at present in Europe, where his health has been injured, and his sojourn prolonged beyond what he designed, by his exhausting labours in this country and America in raising funds, added to his long-continued efforts in India. Mr. Braidwood has been for some time in this country recruiting his health after long absence at Madras. Mr. James Mitchell, from Poonah, has also been for some time in Europe, after more than thirty years of service in the East. Mr. W. S. Mackay has been again driven from the field, and is now in this country. Mr. Ebenezer Miller is in Australia in quest of renovated health. Mr. R. Hunter, from Nagpore, has just reached this country, having delayed his return too long, in reluctance to abandon the work. Mr. W. Beg, a native preacher, is also in Scotland in enfeebled health; and, in addition to all this the Rev. Thomas Smith must speedily return from Calcutta. Perhaps no Church can show such a list of invalids, most of them veterans in the service.—*Witness (Edin.)*

MISSIONARY STATISTICS OF SHANGHAI.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN TIMES.

Sir,—At the close of last year, I forwarded a series of queries to my missionary brethren at Shanghai, in relation to the state of missionary agency there at that time. Through the kindness of Mr. Wylie, the Superintendent of the London Mission press at that station, I have been supplied with valuable particulars down to May 30 of the present year. These, with additional information obtained from other quarters, I herewith send for circulation among your readers. At the present time, there are, in a population amounting probably to 350,000 Chinese, ten Protestant societies of Europe and America at work, with thirty-three foreign and nine native agents, three missionary hospitals, two printing presses, twenty-nine schools, above 700 pupils, thirteen chapels, and more than sixty communicants.

It is with much regret I direct your attention to the High Churchism that prompts the reply of the American Episcopal missionaries, to the simple question I put as to the date when the Church, in connection with their mission at Shanghai, was formed? All other missionaries, Methodist, Church of England, Baptist, and Independent, give a common-sense answer. But these American Episcopalists, with their Right Reverend Bishop, Dr. Borne, at their head, a man of great talent and undoubtedly Evangelical principles, can only say (I give it in their own words): Query, Church when formed?—Reply, “A.D. 33.”

To conclude, I make the following extracts from Mr. Wylie's comment of May 30:—

“You will have seen the blocks for ‘The Sinner's Friend.’ We have nearly distributed 10,000 of it. We are going on here with the large edition of the New Testament, and shall have 115,000 finished, I expect, within two months, when it is proposed to begin 50,000 in the Mandarin. We are getting towards the end of Jeremiah with the Old Testament. The aspect of mission affairs is now much more encouraging than ever. The chapels are crowded daily, and there is a demand for books to an unlimited extent. Itinerancy is carried on with much more vigour than before, our missionaries taking journeys of 100 or 200 miles into the interior without let or hindrance. Preparations are being made at all the posts in China for carrying on a system of colportage for the Bible on an extensive scale.”

I remain, Mr. Editor, yours truly,

WILLIAM C. MILNE.

Sept. 1, 1855.

RARATONGA.

Thirty-one years ago, the first missionary landed on the island of Raratonga. In 1834, the first Christian church was formed, six in number. Since then, in that