

received in 1890. The church-members in China are 790, and 98 were added last year.

—The American Presbyterian Church has in its Canton mission 35 missionaries from the United States, and 3 ordained and 94 unordained native assistants; 10 churches with 690 members, of whom 95 were added last year; 3 boarding schools with 231 pupils, and 33 day with 864 pupils. The medical work of the mission is set forth by 63,785 visits to out-patients and 3489 surgical operations.

—The Marathi mission, India, of the American Board, covers 17,000 square miles, embraces Bombay, Ahmadnagar, and 8 other cities, besides 3600 villages, and a population of 3,286,889, of whom 285,000 are Mohammedan. This field is held by 33 missionaries, 18 native pastors, and 19 native preachers. The 35 churches have 2306 members, of whom two thirds have been received during the last ten years, and 215 last year. The schools number 200 and the pupils 3382. In the hospitals 12,289 have been treated. The native contributions were \$1617 in 1890.

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**Africa.**—Since the partition of Africa the governments of England, Germany, Italy, and Portugal have made an agreement for the reciprocal protection of their missionaries in the Dark Continent. Armed with a passport from the government to which they belong, the missionaries will enjoy the protection of each of these powers.

One of the methods which Bishop Taylor is said to be employing to some extent in carrying on his work in Africa is unique in the extreme. Young negro girls are purchased, the market price being \$30 a girl. When introduced into the mission schools their families and friends have no further claim on them, and Christian influences can be brought to bear on them much more effectively.

Latest tidings from Uganda are not

reassuring. The cruel King Mwanga, now restored to his throne, is evidently forgetful of all his pledges to be a better sovereign. He is also being manipulated by the French priests. The little band of Protestant missionaries which are striving to carry on the work of the noble and lamented Mackay have a friend in the Prime-Minister, but the outlook is grave with such a selfish and revengeful man on the throne as Mwanga. Meanwhile this fair province in the heart of Africa suffers in every part because of the bloodshed and desolating warfare of recent years.

From Uganda, Africa, letters are printed in England showing that there is a genuine progress in all Christian enterprises. The peril from persecution has entirely ceased, but peril of an exactly opposite character has arisen on account of the outward advancement of the Christians, who are becoming rich and powerful.

**American Indians.**—Many methods have been devised for raising money for benevolent purposes, but some Indian boys in the Northwest have hit upon the newest plan. They were very poor, but wished to put some money in the collection. They saw a premium offered for killing gophers. The gopher is a mischievous little animal, devouring a large amount of wheat, corn, and other grain every year. The farmers pay two cents for each dead gopher. The proof that the gopher has been killed is his tail. Now these little Indian boys had been so interested in the story told of the work being done by the Sunday-school Society that they spent their Saturday afternoon holiday snaring gophers. They brought the tails in the envelopes of the Society as their contribution.

**Brazil.**—The Methodist Episcopal Mission in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, is finding special opportunities for work among the immigrants that come pouring in in hundreds. While the work at the capital is conducted in Portuguese, that in the colonies is in