

A Protestant parish has been founded here, and an Evangelical pastor placed at its head. For the first time in this city we see a Protestant Christmas-tree; twenty Testaments will be given as presents, along with other good books and clothes. The British and Foreign Bible Society may well look to such an event as being in a great part *her work*, for it would never have taken place if she had not patiently, and for many years, sown the seed that now is ripening to the glory of God.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

PORT ELIZABETH.—The Committee of this Auxiliary have generously responded to the special appeal of the Parent Society by sending a Free Contribution of £150, which is half as large again as in previous years. The sum received for Scriptures has been £10. At the last anniversary, speeches were delivered by A. C. Stewart, Esq., who occupied the chair, the Rev. W. B. Raynor, and others; and much interest was lent to the proceedings by the presence and addresses of Messrs. Sharp and Kitching. The former gave an account of a visit they had paid to Shoshong, the residence of Khama, "a noble man, every inch a chief and a Christian, taking part in the services of the Sabbath, but with a father who was still a deep-dyed heathen."

A meeting was held with Khama, to whom it was told, through a local friend of the speaker's that the Queen of England was patron of the Bible Society for the whole world, that Sir Bartle Frere was patron here, and it was asked: Would not Khama be patron of the Bible Society at Bamangwato? Khama took two days to consider, and then consented. Then the merchants of the place were visited, and they agreed that it was desirable that an Association should be formed, and ultimately one was formed. Then there was a meeting of about seventy of Khama's people—one of the most interesting Bible Society meetings he (the speaker) had ever attended. Several of Khama's people made speeches. Khama himself made a speech, which the speaker quoted from his notes. Subsequently, Khama made a contribution to the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society of the value of about £20; and with what the merchants and others contributed, the total subscription from Bamangwato was about £70 sterling.

The Rev. A. Mabile communicates the following interesting particulars in regard to colportage in the Orange Free State:—Our colporteur is enthusiastic in his work. In the beginning of the year he made a journey of two months in the northern parts of that country, with two horses lent to him by ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church. One of the horses carried a pack-saddle with two strong leathern bags filled with New Testaments. The man stopped at a great many farm houses of Boers (Dutch farmers), and was most welcome to all, except at a single farm, where, however, the owner, after a long argument, allowed him to gather his native servants and offer them the New Testament, and preach to them the salvation that is in Jesus. At all other places he was allowed to call the natives together, and not only did they gather in great numbers, but almost everywhere the whole people came with their native servants to listen to the Gospel. Some even of these farmers went so far as to give a few shillings towards the expenses of colportage. This is much to be wondered at. Anyone knowing the prejudices of the farmers; how they continually speak of the natives as having no souls, can only thank God for the readiness they have shewn to help their servants to buy the New Testament. Between collections and sales the man came back having about £25; and that for two months only. We consider that this first journey is most encouraging.

YOANE'S PROSPECTS.—The ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church have recommended the colporteur to their churches, and he has letters from several of them. This helps him a great deal, but it is quite apparent that the Lord loves this work, and He has already blessed it more than we could have expected, and will bless it still more. We trust that through collections we