

75,000 rupees toward a building; but since this will cost at least 120,000 rupees, and an additional plot of two acres is needed at a cost of 50,000 rupees, the earnest call is out for funds to meet the blessed emergency.

—The Gossner Mission has a leper asylum with 243 inmates, of whom all but 15 new-comers have been baptized. On a single Sunday of last year 66 received baptism. And the bulk of the evangelizing is performed by the poor creatures who themselves have tasted the joy of forgiveness.

**China.**—In the Celestial Empire, and in Korea and Japan as well, where parents are much thought of, while wives are held in slight esteem, the Scripture is a sore stumbling-block which speaks of a man leaving his father and his mother and cleaving unto his wife.

—In Si-hwa-Hien a Mohammedan Chinese read in his Testament, "Take up the cross and follow Me," and was ready to obey, though puzzled to know the exact meaning of the command. After long pondering he concluded that, since the cross forms a prominent figure in the Chinese character for umbrella, this must be the thing referred to, and hence he was to leave *everything but his umbrella*; "take that and follow Me." Forthwith in obedience, thus accoutred, he set out for Chau-kia-k'eo to inquire further about the truth, and soon was taught "a more excellent way."

—China will pay \$40,000 to the relatives of the Swedish missionaries, Wickholm and Johannsen, who were murdered by a mob at Sung Pu, in July last.

—Presbytery of Amoy spring meeting—Chinese moderator, Chinese clerks, and a Chinese pastor as chief authority on Church law! Presbyterianism seems to have taken a thorough hold of this sober, practical, orderly, argumentative people.—*Free Church Monthly*.

—The heathen inhabitants of Sa Yong, a large town, have just invited

the C. M. S. missionaries to reopen a chapel which had been closed for some years. They had observed with sorrow that the young men of the town were given up to gambling and opium-smoking, and felt that this was the only way to preserve the people from utter demoralization.—*London Presbyterian*.

#### AFRICA.

—The American Mission in Egypt is opening a station at Daron, a point 40 miles north of Assouan, and of some importance since certain rich Moslem refugees from the Soudan came there to live. Only five or six Coptic families are found in the place.

—In a little over eight years Bishop Ferguson (American Episcopal) in and about Cape Palmas has confirmed 875, and the number of communicants has doubled, now reaching 1100. Last year 337 were baptized, 278 coming directly from heathenism.

—The Leopoldville Church (Baptist) has a membership of 30, and a building whose brick walls were laid by Dr. Sims's own hands under a burning sun, while the boys he has since baptized dug the clay, moulded the bricks, fired them in the kiln, and carried them to him. He planned the whole work with raw recruits; he had never learned the trade, but was forced to build of some material not affected by white ants.

—This is an incident of missionary life on the upper Congo: "A good deal of a stirring and unusual nature has occurred here. I went to a place between Kera and Fwambo's villages to arbitrate in a dispute between these chiefs about the ivory of an elephant that had been shot on the boundary, and on ground claimed by both. Before a word was spoken a gun was fired, and a general skirmish took place, in which three were killed and six were wounded. I and my four men were between two fires."

—A movement has been set on foot to form a presbytery of Cape Town, to