

Colporteurs, and publishing various tracts and books, Dr. Craig often preaches four or six times in the course of a week.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN 'CHURCH.

CHINA.—In connexion with the various mission stations, the work of evangelization goes on prosperously. The Rev. W. C. Burns, in a letter dated Pekin, Nov. 12, states that, since completing the translation of the Book of Psalms, he has been engaged more frequently than before in public preaching, for which he has had many excellent opportunities. At Kway-Tham, there are three candidates for baptism. At Khi-Boey two had been baptized.

Since the death of Mr. Masson, lost on his passage to China, several young men have been led to offer themselves for missionary service. The committee are in communication with three, who it is hoped may be found eminently fitted for the work in China.

CHINA.—LARGE ACCESSION OF CONVERTS IN THE PROVINCE OF SHANG-TUNG.

A correspondent of *Evangelical Christendom* mentions that a very remarkable religious movement is in progress in the Province of Shang-Tung. Before September, 1865, no foreigner had visited the place. The work began and was carried on for months without their presence or aid. The work began with an aged man who, in anxiety of mind, arising chiefly from a very peculiar dream, went to Tien-Tsin, in search of some Roman Catholic priests, of whom some of his neighbours had told him. He was providentially directed not to the priests but to a Protestant missionary, who made known to him the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He remained some time studying the Bible and religious books; and, on his return home, took a supply of books and tracts for his neighbours. On his subsequent application, a native Christian was sent to instruct the people; and, subsequently, a native preacher. The reports of these labourers were so encouraging, that two European missionaries went down in September, and spent two or three weeks in instructing the people, conversing with applicants, &c.; and, before leaving, received into church-fellowship forty-five persons. The Christian consistency of these converts is described as being of a very high character.

NEW ZEALAND.—ITS PEOPLE AND MISSIONS.

Three magnificent islands, with a coast line of 3,120 miles, including 65 millions of acres, and a population of nearly a quarter of a million,—such is New Zealand. It contains broad and lofty mountains, which send off their spurs in various directions to the sea coast. The highest mountain in the Northern Island attains an elevation of 9,000 feet. The summit of the range in the Middle Island is covered with perpetual snow. It reaches an elevation of 13,000 feet, and has been called the Southern Alps. Considerable rivers flow through the noble plains. They are subject to sudden floods or “freshets,” occasioned by the melting of the mountain snow. Primeval forests of vast extent are seen on the hill sides, and on the undulations of the lowlands. Vegetation runs riot. “The general appearance of a New Zealand forest is different from anything in the old world. Thousands of tall columnar trees, of fifty different species, one hundred to two hundred feet high, struggle up through