

but have to concentrate our efforts on our present possessions ; at the same time, the season of sickness will soon be over, and the time for advance be back again."

The College, Amoy.—At this college 28 students have been studying for the native ministry, 16 of them belonging to the Presbyterian and 12 to the American Reformed Mission. A knowledge of the Mandarin language is imparted by a native of Peking resident in Chinchew. Mr. Macgregor, on whom, with the college tutor, the work of tuition has mainly devolved, tells of the conversion of a Chinese graduate who spent some time daily with the students, reading the Chinese classics. "For more than a year he has avowed his belief in the unity of God and the folly of idolatry. But he did not feel his need of a Saviour, and he could not admit the divinity of our Lord. Toward the close of last year, however, he passed through an experience which drove him to prayer, and led to his avowing himself a believer in Christ as a Divine Saviour, and his acceptance of Him as his Lord. At the Chinese new year he went home to visit his family in Chinchew. He has thus far bravely stood the trial of a confession of Christ among kinsfolks and friends. He has attended the Lord's-day services, and given publicly in the church an account of how he was led to accept the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. His avowing himself a Christian may, we trust, be the means of arousing to inquiry many of his friends in Chinchew.

North Africa Mission.—From the latest letter of the indefatigable secretary of this mission, Mr. Edward H. Glenny, we learn that the work in Algiers is hindered by official opposition, and that several bitter articles about the mission have appeared in some French Algerian newspapers. We are glad to learn from the same source that Mr. Cuendet in Algiers is working on diligently with his translations into the Kabyle language, and is now occupied

with the Epistle to the Romans. There are now 11 missionaries on probation studying Arabic at Barking, England, besides 3 others who are hoping to go to the foreign field—14 in all. These, with the missionaries in the field and their helpers in the Lord's work, amount to nearly 100.

THE KINGDOM.

—Duty makes us do things well, said Phillips Brooks ; but love makes us do them beautifully.

—General Armstrong has put this query, and in his life he gave the Gospel answer : What are Christians put into the world for except to do the impossible in the strength of God ?

—This was the sage conclusion of the late Dr. Muhlenberg : "The man who finds no interest in those beyond his own family will soon have a selfish household ; the rector who confines his appeals and labor to the work of his own parish will soon have a selfish congregation ; the bishop who, by absorption in his particular field, becomes indifferent to every other claim, will soon have a selfish diocese. Selfishness, whatever and however fostered and developed, must eventually work the ruin of the home interest which it attempts to serve by this narrow policy."

—And the editor-in-chief of this magazine instructs us that "one of the foremost incentives to missions is found in the blessedness of giving. Christ spake a new beatitude, recorded and preserved by Paul, who said to the Ephesian elders : 'Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive !' The full meaning and truth of that last beatitude is yet to be known, and can be known only as this work of missions is done as He meant it should be done."

—Native preachers in New Caledonia, says the *Missionary Gleaner*, after giving the text, wait a moment to let the words settle upon the heart and memory, and then they cry out again :