

evidence of the selfishness and wickedness of the Arabs, and of the faithfulness of the Christians, and it is but reasonable that he should trust the latter rather than the former. The fact that Mr. Mackay is there as counselor, a man of unusual energy and clear head, inspires the hope that the government in Uganda will be conducted in a fairly Christian way.

—The Baptist denomination in Liberia is the only self-supporting religious body in that country. There are thirty-one churches, with 3,000 members. They have a mission among the aborigines.

—The extent of European territorial annexation of Africa, provisional, protective and positive, is quite surprising. The *London Times* says, that of the 11,000,000 of square miles in Africa, six and a half millions are attached to some European power, and of the four and a half millions unattached, half lies within the desert of Sahara.—*African News*.

—British West Africa. The Niger country, that is south of the desert and north of the Congo State, extending far east from the Atlantic, is gradually brought under British civilizing influences. The French have sought to hem the British in by keeping them near the coast, and claiming for themselves a large country north of the Lower Congo. They still hold much territory here, which England has conceded, but for some time they have felt the encroachments of British influence on the north and east, and were getting quite uneasy. Meanwhile England has been making her claims and power more tangible and definite by special treaties with the natives. Thus the whole Yoruba country has been attached, and free access attained to and beyond the Kong mountains. This includes the cessions of "The Royal Niger Company," and embraces a very large territory—some say more than all North America.—*African News*.

China.—The *Hong Kong Daily Press* states that Dr. Mary Fulton, of the Presbyterian Mission, Canton, had returned from Poling, sixty miles from Swatow, where she had been successfully treating two ladies of General Fong's household. The General's family entertained her in foreign style and with great courtesy. She also received two gold medals in testimony of her skill.

—The text books in China are the same as they were 2,000 years ago. The consequence is that the nation is kept in ignorance of the marvellous progress of the world since then, still thinking that China is celestial as compared with all other nations. The missionaries and the Christians are the only foreign class whose aim is to bring all sorts of blessings into China by means of churches, schools, literature, etc. But hitherto the authorities generally have opposed their enlightenment up to the limit of violating the treaties. The result is that after forty-five years' foreign

intercourse, the government cannot open a railway from the port of Teintsin to the capital, a distance of eighty miles, as the people have risen up in opposition. The central government has had to ask the advice of the governors of the provinces. Some of the most noted memorials of these governors have lately been published, but none of them yet see that the defect lies in obstinately neglecting to prepare practical text books for their schools. As they resist light, they cannot complain if they reap the fruits of darkness.

—The Empress. A Chinese paper has the following, which we translate: "At Peking there is a pious lady, the wife of a foreign merchant, who spends her time in doing good. One day she went on a visit to the home of a Manchu lady of high rank. She took copies of the Holy Scriptures. A young lady was present who took great interest in the conversation. She heard the old story of the gospel of Jesus, who died for a world of sinners. The young lady bent forward to catch every word, and when the Christian visitor had concluded, she said: 'I am glad you have come to tell me this. Some day I will have a place built where people can meet to worship this God and hear this gospel preached.' This young lady is now the Empress of China."—*Our Mission*.

—Napoleon said, "When China is moved, it will change the face of the globe." The fact to be noticed now is that China, having one-quarter of the population of the earth, is moving.

England.—Missionaries wanted. The Missionary Bureau invites applications from earnest devoted Christian men and women for responsible positions now vacant in the foreign mission field. Some of these posts could be held only by men of superior education and ability, capable of superintending the work of others, while for other vacancies ladies with a professional training in teaching are required. Two or three men are also wanted to work among seamen in large shipping centres, and there is an immediate need for several men possessed of private means, to carry on mission work in South Africa, setting the present workers free for more aggressive efforts.

The Secretary will be glad to communicate also with any earnest worker who feels led of God to offer for the foreign field. For all who are chosen and set apart by the Holy Ghost, whatever their educational attainments may be, there is ample room and urgent need. The prayers of those who may be unable to go are earnestly desired, and the consecrated gifts of any who may feel led to help in sending missionaries out will be thankfully received and wisely administered.

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