

ing His work in our midst. From twelve to sixteen have asked the prayers of God's people, and many rejoice in a sin-pardoning God. We are in great need of a church in which to worship. There are now in Point St. Charles twelve French-Canadian Protestant families, whom, under God, I have been enabled to bring out of the house of bondage, and there are others on the verge of coming over. St. Henri is also a promising field. On the whole, there is on this mission much to encourage the heart of the toiling missionary.

MITCHELL SADLER.

Facts and Illustrations.

THANKFULNESS is the key upon which is written all the songs of joy, gladness and rejoicing which are sung upon earth as an echo from the music of golden harps and angel voices in the heavenly choir.

It is an interesting fact that though central Africa is inhabited by hundreds of tribes using different dialects, these are so allied that one language will enable a man to cross from the east to the west coast of the continent.

At evening to myself I say:
 "Soul, where hast thou gleaned to-day,
 Thy labors how bestowed?
 What hast thou rightly said or done,
 What grace attained, or knowledge won,
 In following after God?"—*Chas. Wesley.*

THE receipts of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board for the year ending May 1 were \$693,257.70, of which \$224,598.55 came from the Women's Boards. This is the largest amount ever raised in this country in one year by a single denomination for foreign missions.

SPURGEON lately preached on the healing of the man sick of the palsy, and here is the way he divided his subject: "1. Four men anxious about one. 2. A man who went in through the roof came out at the door. 3. A man going in on a bed came out with the bed on him. 4. Somebody grumbled." That last has a sharp point.

ON May 12, the British Protectorate was established over the whole of Khama's territory, which he says extends to the Zambesi. It is gladly accepted by Khama and his chiefs, who stipulate that his law prohibiting the importation of strong drink should be retained under the British Government.

ON moonlight nights the people in Cuba betake themselves to the balconies or carry umbrellas. They are more afraid of the rays of the moon than of sun-stroke or the fevers that breed in the fetid atmosphere. Every lunatic, every deformity, every distemper or bilious attack is charged to the innocent moon, and while the Cuban refuses to drain his city or clean his street, he will never permit himself or any one over whom he has control, to be exposed to the malignant moonlight.

As is the fresh air to a close, infected room, so is the keen, invigorating breeze from the throne of God, which peers into the narrow chamber of the heart,

stuffed with the prejudices and passions and fancies of our own little circle, of our own little thoughts, whose doors have never been opened to new ideas or bright feelings, whose windows have been closed against all wider and higher views.—*Dean Stanley.*

THE glad songs of Israel's sweet singer come ringing down the ages, borne along the line of prophets, apostles, and saints of all time. With overflowing hearts we catch the sweet strains, and bear them still onward, while we sing: "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever;" "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;" "Sing unto the Lord a new song in the congregation of the saints;" "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;" "Praise ye the Lord."

THE missionaries report from Japan intense enthusiasm among the natives for the study of the English language and literature. "It would seem," says Mr. Gulick, "as if this whole nation is yet to learn to read the English language."

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