

conform to its teachings), and blessed are they who receive it. If a man search his heart and perceive his own sinfulness, the road to heaven is open to him. The mercy of our heavenly Father is boundless. He spared not his first-born Son, but sent him down to the world to give up his life as a ransom, that he might forgive the sins of men. If a man know this doctrine, repent, and depart from evil, his soul shall ascend to heaven.

*MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

"We — little ones bow down upon the earth to pray our heavenly Father, the great Shangti, to grant grace, to pity, to save, to preserve us. Give thou continually to us the holy breath (or Spirit) of God to change our wicked hearts. Never let the devil persecute us. We trust in the redeeming merits of the holy Saviour, the ancient teacher, who is our elder brother in heaven. We trust, also, in the merits of the learned teacher of later day, the Eastern king, who redeems us from disease, that they may in our stead pray our heavenly Father, the great Shangti, that his will may be perfectly done on earth as it is in heaven.

"Look down upon us and answer our prayer. In our hearts we truly wish these things.

"BLESSING BEFORE A MEAL.

"Heavenly Father, the great Shangti, bless us little ones. Give us day by day clothes to wear and food to eat. Deliver us from evil and calamity, and receive our souls into heaven."

AMERICAN BOARD.

One of the most valuable and efficient missionary organizations in the world is the American Board. It has just concluded the *fiftieth* year of its existence, and the following is a brief summary of what it has accomplished during those eventful years:—

Ordained Missionaries sent forth since the formation of the Board, 415; Missionary Physicians, not ordained, 24; Male Assistant Missionaries, 128; Female Assistant Missionaries, 690; total, 1,527. The eight males and females composing the first company of missionaries now stand associated on the historic page with a company of 1,527. Of these a third are now in the field, aided by 500 native helpers, and 400 teachers connected with some 26 missions. In these missions, churches to the number

of 162, have been gathered, with a present membership of more than 20,000, and with a membership from the beginning of not less than 55,000, averaging more than a thousand for every year of its existence. The average admissions into these churches, annually, during the last ten years, have been 1,500.

During all these years the educational department has received a large share of attention. Full 19,000 children and youth, on an average, male and female, have been taught in the mission schools during the past ten years, including the Sandwich Island free schools only for a portion of this time. As many as 175,000 have been in the schools since the commencement of the enterprise, and some thousands of these have enjoyed the advantages of higher seminaries and boarding schools.

The spread of printing establishments in distant lands has enabled the board to dispense with five of its ten offices in ten years. The present annual printing for the missions chiefly at the charge of Bible and Tract Societies, is not far from 50,000,000 of pages, and the number of pages printed from the beginning, cannot fall much short of 1,500,000,000.

INDIA—ARRIVAL OF U. P. MISSIONARIES, &c.

The correspondent of the *Scottish Guardian* writing from Bombay in November, says:—

Poona is one of the places occupied by the Free Church Mission. The Educational Institution there established in connection with it is one of the most important in India; and there are few places better situated than Poona as a centre for village preaching. The Mission is at present in most efficient working order, under the able direction of Rev Dr Mitchell, Rev Mr Gardner, and the Rev N. Sheshadri, aided by native catechists and teachers. In the Educational Institution there are more than 400 pupils, and the number is rapidly augmenting. Of these upwards of 300 are Brahmmins. I was exceedingly pleased with the intelligence and mental vigour of the scholars. All the branches of English education are well taught, and the boys seemed to have a special talent for arithmetic. The method in which the difficulties of English pronunciation to a native are met and overcome struck me as excellent. Your readers