

Gospel, about half of whom are supported by the churches to which they belong.

"The three Presbyterian missions in Japan have a regularly organized Theological Seminary, each mission furnishing a Professor. They have over twenty students. It is said that if all missionaries were removed yet the success of Christianity in Japan is certain. The Japanese also show a desire to maintain a high standard of education for the ministry. At the last Presbytery two of the candidates for license were sent back on examination, and this was done more by the natives themselves than by the missionaries present."

"Within the past two months at least three anti-Christian tracts have appeared in Japan. One of them opens by saying that Christianity is spreading like fire on a grassy plain, so that in capital and country there is no place where it is not preached."—*Can. Pres.*

#### Africa.

Dr. Laws, of Livingstonia, East Africa, is making fine progress in translating the Bible into the Chinyunga and Chitonga tongues. Portions of the Scriptures are already printed in thirty-two of the African languages.

There now remains no doubt that in the late great "find" the mummy has been discovered of Rameses the Great, the very Pharaoh who oppressed the Hebrews, and ordered their first-born to be slain.

The missionaries of the Livingstonia mission on Lake Nyassa are translating the New Testament into Chinyanja and Chitonga, making 34 African languages now having portions of the Bible. The whole Bible has been translated into only eight of the many hundred languages of the Dark Continent.

The English Church Missionary Society reports that on the Niger tribe after tribe are ready to receive teachers. On the Delta of the Niger the people by hundreds are throwing away their idols, and the churches are thronged every Lord's day; while the famous old temple at Bonny, studded with human skulls, is going to ruin.

The American Board have secured permission from Umzeila, a powerful chief of the country on the East Coast of South Africa north of Delagoa Bay and of Zulu Land, to establish a mission among his people.

The Roman Catholics are making determined efforts to convert the people of Central Africa to their faith. Already more than fifty missionaries have gone from Algeria to Equatorial Africa, and the Pope is urging greater efforts.

The Swiss mission in Ashantee and on the Gold Coast of Africa, has nine stations and forty-one out-stations, and nearly 5,000 members of their congregations. Two missionaries recently visited Coomassie, the capital of Ashantee, and had a friendly interview with the king, though he would not consent to receive a missionary. They afterwards learned that a young girl had been buried alive just before their visit to protect it from harming the king.

#### Polynesia.

The Christian character of many of the converts in the mission fields of the Church may be learned from the fact that when the news arrived in the Island of Tahiti of the massacre of twelve native missionaries in New Guinea, and a call was made for three men to supply the places of those who had fallen, *all the students* in the college volunteered for the work, and it was necessary to cast lots to determine who should stay,

On Aneityum the natives have contributed arrowroot to the amount of \$8,500 for the purpose of printing and circulating the Scriptures. They now have the whole of the Bible in their own language. Thirty years has accomplished a great work on this island. Ten years ago there was but one island in the group christianised; now the whole of the New Hebrides are said to be open to the Gospel. One great drawback to the work is the fact that 20 different languages or dialects are spoken by the natives requiring as many different translations of the Bible.

In the report of the proceedings of Miramichi Presbytery given in the Nov. issue, the name of the Minister at Red bank was by mistake given as Rev. Wm. McCarter. It should be Rev. John McCarter.