

"We remained a few hours in one large village belonging to another branch of Pepohoans, situate about midway between Hoanachhan and Toloku. It is an important place, both on account of its population and its central position in reference to the work in that district. The people were exceedingly friendly, listened to our story, and took our medicines readily.

"Many of the Aborigines have been suffering of late, owing to the large continued drought following severe frosts which destroyed many fields of potatoes in the end of last year."

"A more recent letter says that the other crops would be very abundant, as the needed rain had been sent. May this blessing incline the people's hearts to Him who gives fruitful seasons and covers the valleys with corn.

"On observing the distances between the stations our brethren have to visit, we can fully understand the longing for more labourers, European and native. Dr. Dixon has often mentioned his desire to establish an evening school, but finds himself obliged to postpone its opening on account of his other pressing work. The appointment of native evangelists is still a delicate and difficult task. Some of them are admirable helpers, but others have painfully disappointed the hopes formed of them. One such case has recently grieved our missionaries in Formosa, who have been obliged to suspend from church privileges one Tai, who had been with them for some time. But kind and careful discipline like this will be a good lesson to others as to the real objects of the Gospel."

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The American Presbyterian Church has recently sent out no fewer than thirty new missionaries, a large number of whom have gone to labour in India, while others have Mexico for their field, and others again have left for positions of still greater discomfort and difficulty.

General Religious Intelligence.

SYNOD OF THE WALDENSIAN CHURCH.—The Synod of this oldest of the Reformation Churches met at La Tour on the first Tuesday of September. The Rev. E. Comba, of Venice, who was afterward appointed Professor of Theology and Church History in the place of the late Dr. Revel, preached the opening sermon. Many churches were represented, the Free Church of Scotland, the Irish and American Presbyterian Churches, &c. The report which was of most interest for foreigners was "that of the Commission of Evangelization, which consisted of ninety closely-printed pages, and entered minutely into the statistics and accounts, as well as the spiritual state and progress, of the various mission-stations throughout Italy and Sicily. It shows that the number of stations is thirty-seven; at which are employed twenty ordained ministers, twelve lay evangelists, and twenty-five male and thirty-one female teachers—in all, eighty-eight labourers. The number of communicants is a little short of 2000, while the attendance at