

appreciated by the fishermen, lightening, as it does most effectually, the dreary isolation of their six or eight weeks' fishing cruise. Whenever the ships are sighted on their ocean pilgrimages they are greeted with cheers.

—Rev. James Spurrell, recently deceased, left a legacy of £50,000 to the Church Missionary Society; and a strictly anonymous donation of \$1000 was sent a few weeks ago by a missionary of another society, who had seen something of Church Missionary Society work in the foreign field, and had long wished to further it.

—Among the outgoing missionaries of last year from England were three sisters designated for the same field in East Africa, a widowed mother's gift to God, and two sisters from an Irish rectory, whose love and zeal will be bestowed upon China.

—The Baptists with good reason are heartily rejoicing and giving thanks over their success in raising the large Centennial Fund. December 1st, £105,625 were in hand or pledged, and, full of courage and enthusiasm, the proposition now is to continue the "forward movement" until £125,000 are secured; and further, the appeal goes out for more missionaries, in order that within two years at least 100 men may be added to the force in the field.

—Two years ago the children of the Free Church of Scotland were asked to send from Aden to Lovedale 64 Galla girls and boys, rescued from slave ships by the Queen's men-of-war. It was an expensive and difficult work to transfer so many from South Arabia to Zanzibar, then to Mauritius Island, then to East London port, and then to the Kafirland of Southeast Africa. But the work was done, and the Scottish Sunday-schools did it. Most of these 22 girls and 42 boys have been "adopted" by Sunday-schools, classes, or generous friends, who pay on the average about half the cost of maintaining them, which amounts to \$50 a year for each one.

The Continent.—The number of Protestant pastors of all denominations in France is thus given by Pastor Decoppet in his preliminary sketch of a project for the Federation of French Protestant Churches: Reformed Churches (established Presbyterian), 900; Lutheran, 100; Free (Presbyterian), 60; Methodist, 40; Baptist, 15; scattering, independent, and evangelists of the Evangelical societies of Geneva and France, 45. The grand total is 1160.

—For twenty years Dr. McAll has carried on with wonderful fervor, energy, skill, and success the work of evangelization in France, and at length finds the management of its details too exhausting for his strength, and so feels constrained to transfer a part of the burden to other shoulders, and from henceforth will pass the greater portion of his time in comparative rest in London. But, of course, while he lives, and to the utmost of his ability, brain, heart, and hand will be busied seeking the best things for France.

—The Swedish Missionary Society is actively at work among the Laplanders. An orphanage is sustained at Ange and 6 schools in other portions of the country, at which 173 children receive instruction. The king made a grant of 2000 crowns last year, but the expenses exceeded the income by 1500 crowns.

—The police of Vienna are attempting to suppress Methodism in that city. When the English Methodists appealed to the courts, it was held that their meetings were too large to be tolerated under the laws regulating private worship in Austria. Then they appealed to the Minister of Education and Worship, who answered that their sect was too small for imperial protection. And the Wesleyan Society says: "Although we have not yet received the official answer to our application for State recognition and right of public worship, we have been informally made aware that our application has been refused. In other words, it is in Vienna a punish-