

I can testify that the books I sell are read. Sometimes I return to my lodgings through the same street where I have been selling, and I notice here and there a group of people around a doorstep listening to some one, who having purchased a book now reads it aloud. Surely this is all a colporteur, whose time is limited, can do or can be expected to do, namely to get the people to read the books he is selling.

Since my arrival I have learned to read the first ten verses of the Sermon on the Mount in the Foochow Colloquial, and sometimes I read a verse or two to those who stand around me; and when they ask me to read more I tell them that I have not time, but if they wish to know more they had better buy the book, and they generally do buy one.

EROMANGA.

The Rev. Dr. Steel, of Sydney, referring to the cost, delayed by this Society, of printing, at Toronto, 2,000 copies of the Gospels in the Eromangan language, as mentioned on page 239 of the Report, writes—

"You will be pleased to receive a free contribution of £10 to the funds of the Bible Society from the Native Christian Teachers of Eromanga, as a mark of their gratitude to the British and Foreign Bible Society, for their kindness in printing portions of the Holy Scripture in their language. When you know that these teachers do not receive more than £6 a year in money, the contribution will appear in its liberality. There are now some 32 Christian natives of Eromanga who are employed in teaching their fellow-islanders, and in conducting religious services in different parts of the island, which they cover as by a network of hallowed influence. Since the Rev. H. A. Robertson returned last April, he has been much encouraged by the state in which he found the island and the Mission, which were entirely in the hands of the Christian chiefs and Teachers. At the Holy Communion he had 179 persons who partook of the memorials of the Redeemer's body and blood, and there were 400 more present, thus making a congregation of about 600. Mr. Robertson baptized 37 adults and 24 children. He also married eight couples. These services were held in the Martyr's Church, which is erected very near the spot—just across the river—where John Williams and other martyrs fell. The river is now called the Williams River, and the overhanging hill, where the Rev. G. N. Gordon and wife were killed, Mount Gordon."

SOME FELL ON GOOD GROUND.

A native colporteur in China says :

At Chu jo hien, a literary man named Yuen Ping told me that over two years ago he bought a "Matthew book," and after glancing at it laid it aside. Lately he began to read it, became interested in its contents, and studied it intently. He now professes to be a Christian.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL OF LORD SHAFTESBURY.

The late Lord Shaftesbury was so closely in touch with the religious world all along the line of philanthropic and Evangelical effort, that it could not have been a question of years or of months, but only of days or weeks at most, when steps would be taken towards establishing, "in testimony of his useful and devoted life, some enduring memorial or memorials of the national gratitude."

It is with much pleasure, therefore, we notice that, as the result of a public meeting, held at the Mansion House, on the 16th of October, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M. P., in the chair, a large and