

has recently erected a beautiful and commodious place, costing over \$50,000, for its own missionaries. The American Presbyterian is the only other society, of all who are represented in China, who have any home for its missionaries in Shanghai. All the more need is there for a Christian home to welcome and shelter and pass on new arrivals, often suffering after sea-sickness of a long voyage, and bewildered with the new and strange sights and conditions they are entering. The missionaries in the interior have need also of some one to receive and forward supplies sent them from home, and purchase such things as they require for home use. The agency is designed to meet this need. The home is not supported by any denomination or society, and is a simple effort of an independent worker. It is to be carried on so as to just cover its expenses."

—Rev. Dennis Osborne (India) baptized over 500 persons last winter, and hopes for similar success this season.

—Count Campello is addressing very large gatherings in Italy, urging his hearers to renounce Papacy and affirm the infallibility of none but Jesus Christ. He presses the Gospel message upon the careless and skeptical, but his preaching is not unmingled with politics.

—Rev. John McNeil, who succeeded Rev. J. Oswald Dikes at Regent Square Church, London, is to be relieved from his evening service, that he may proclaim the Gospel in destitute regions in London and round about. Mr. McNeil has very remarkable gifts as an evangelist, and it seems as though he should not be confined within the limits of any one church.

—The motto of Dr. Guthrie's whole Ragged School work was "Prevention better than Cure." It is impossible to raise the lower classes in towns unless

you can lift first the children of the rising generation.

—At a recent session of the Social Scientists in Saratoga, N. Y., Dr. T. W. Couthers advocated a practical method of treating drunkards. He would put the inebriate on the plan of the small-pox patient and put him into quarantine till he recovers. He would take away his personal liberty, declare him both incapable and irresponsible, and so strike a death blow at the schools with the pauperism and crime that proceed from it.

—Samoa has recently attracted much attention. A large proportion of the Samoans are Christians, and a missionary says that he would be willing to match any twenty men, women and children that he might meet there against any twenty met at random in this country as to their knowledge of the Word of God.

—In Africa the number of missionaries exceeds five hundred and the number of converts four hundred thousand, increasing by about twenty-five thousand a year. During the past five years Africa has furnished more than two hundred martyrs.

—A Missionary Reading Circle recently organized at Columbia, Mo. It is an endeavor to unite young people in a systematic course of reading upon the subject of missions. The course will cover about three years, and those who engage in it will be examined and certified as graduates upon the completion of the course. The course for the first year covers the lives of Judson and Livingstone, Dr. Strong's charming book, "The Missionary Review and the Crisis of Missions." The admission fee is fifty cents per annum. We would be glad if such reading circles might be established in every part of our country. Information is what is particularly needed to awaken missionary conscience.