

who are anxious to embrace the new faith. From other sections of the field similar reports are received. The set time to visit India's aborigines seems to have come. The missions which have been properly equipped and efficiently maintained are able to take full advantage of this movement toward Christianity.—*Indian Methodist Times*.

—A great field is opening in India for female missionaries. Owing to the secluded condition in which the native women of that country are kept they can only be reached, to any considerable extent, especially in the cities and large towns, by those of their own sex. Mrs. C. W. Forman, of Lahore, writes: "The women of India in the cities are not reached by the preachers of the gospel; some have never seen one. I do hope we shall soon have ladies here in Lahore to take up the Zenana work. If we had nine or ten ladies visiting in the city they might never meet each other at their work, and yet there would be portions left untouched. Oh, indeed, we want no curtailment of the work amongst the women; it is when they are reached that a bright day will dawn for India."

This call should not be unheeded. The responsibility rests upon the Church. Women in large numbers are willing and ready to leave home and kindred and enter upon this work at once if the Church will supply the means.

Japan.—During the year ending April 30, 2,129 converts were received into the churches of the A. B. C. F. M., an average of over 43 to each church; 43 of the 49 churches are self-supporting. Christianity is advancing rapidly, yet there are still 250,000 Buddhist priests in the empire, or more than eight times the total number of Christians.

—The Congregationalist Church at Okanama has 542 members and a Sunday-school of more than a thousand scholars. It supports, besides its own pastor, 4 paid evangelists, 13 out-stations, a Young Men's Christian Association, a women's temperance society, a monthly magazine and a small dispensary.

Mexico.—We are glad to report that plans for the establishment of a theological training school which shall meet the wants of the missions in Mexico have at last been completed. Preachers who can speak the Spanish language are needed in the southwestern sections of the United States as well as across the border, and hence it has been felt that the New West Education Commission and the American Home Missionary Society might well unite with the American Board in the maintenance of an institution for the training of theological students who shall speak the Spanish language. The result of several conferences has been the establishment of the "Rio Grande Congregational Training School," which is to be located at Ciudad Juarez, formerly known as Paso del Norte, which is just across the Mexican line from El Paso, Texas. Rev. A. C. Wright, of Cosmihurich, has been detailed for this work on the part of the American Board, and has already moved to Ciudad Juarez. It is expected that the institution will be opened in the early autumn.—*Missionary Herald*.

Spain.—The Jesuit, Father Raphael de Zufa Menendez, of Spain, has been received into the Protestant Church by Pastor Lopez Rodriguez. He was well known as professor

in Bordeaux, as apostolic missionary in Africa, and as missionary preacher in Madrid and Barcelona. Pastor Rodriguez sends us his photograph and an interesting sketch of his life. Much may be expected from him.

Sweden.—Our readers may remember the request for prayer that recently came from our brother Leonard at Stockholm. A card under date June 10 says: "With great pleasure I write of the answer to prayer in the recent conference in Stockholm. They decided *without dissenting voice* to begin a mission in China, and as soon as possible one in Africa. A young man came forward to offer himself for China, and said it was laid upon his heart to be a missionary when he was seven years old. There was great rejoicing. Pray that many others may follow."

Tibet.—The Tibet Prayer Union.—Mrs. Polhill Turner, writing from Kan-suh, China, asks: "Are Christians quite unmindful of the multitudes in perfect bondage to Buddhism in Tibet and the neighboring districts? we hear so little of prayer for the work among them. The devil has immense power through the Lama system. Attacking him among Tibetans will be no child's play, but a tremendous struggle, and if the work is not of God it will be an utter failure." No, we are not unmindful of Tibet and the multitudes enslaved by that vast religious system, whose practical atheism knows no Creator, no sin, no soul, and no Saviour. Our experience of nearly forty years' work among Tibetan Buddhists bears out the statement that it is no child's play. It is a tremendous uphill struggle, and, in the conviction that our own and any other missionaries engaged in it need the special and constant intercession of Christians at home, we have started a "Tibet Prayer Union." A minor feature of this Union is the request to those who are privately willing to be known to one another as intercessors for Tibet, to Rev. B. La Trobe, 29 Ely Place, London, E. C. Among the names sent in are some from the Continent and the United States. And we know that others have marked the invitation in the *Periodical Accounts* for March, 1890, and are acting (indeed in some cases have long been acting) on the suggestion, without desiring to be named. The last quarterly letter of the Moravian Prayer Union has again shown hearty interest and cooperation.

United States.—Dr. Arthur Mitchell, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, who has been visiting its stations in Asia, is impressed with the vast unoccupied fields in Central China. Cities of from 75,000 to 300,000 population have not one missionary of any denomination, or even one native helper. In traveling by canals from Hang Chow to Shanghai, a day's journey, he passed scores of great cities, with teeming populations, totally destitute of gospel influences. What causes especial grief to him is the fact that these places are so accessible, both geographically and as respects treaty relations. He writes, "There is as little excuse for leaving a city of 100,000 souls on the New York Central railroad without one single preacher of the gospel, as for leaving cities of that size, and of double that size, utterly neglected within twenty-four hours of Shanghai." Surely, China's neglected millions appeal pathetically to Christendom.

—By the kindness of friends, a copy of Dr. Pierson's "Crisis of Missions" has been presented to each of the students attending the Divinity Halls of the Church of Scotland at Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and Aberdeen.