

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The *Record* of this Church contains the following: "FROM THE REV. GEORGE SMITH, *Swatow*, 14th Nov., 1870.—I am very thankful to report that at all the stations I have visited there is cause for encouragement, and there seems evidence of God's Spirit working in the hearts of more or fewer. At Ungkung one man was baptized out of many applicants. At Phusua one man and three women were received; while at Kitje, which includes Miow, Saipow, &c., twelve adults and one child were baptised. At Suatham an additional member was admitted. At Swatow one woman who belongs to the Miow quarters and speaks Hak-kia was received; and at Tieje I yesterday baptized two, an old woman of seventy-three and a young man. At Saipow the people have been doing something for themselves in getting a house repaired and furnished for worship. Ahii, from Saipow, applied for baptism about two years ago, and seemed then to be truly awakened; but he did not then overcome the persecution to which he was subjected by his father and other relations, and for a time drew back. But the Good Shepherd drew not back from "seeking him out," and now he is in the "fold." At Swatow comparatively few have been baptized, but a good many have of late applied for baptism. As they almost universally belong to other parts of the country, we seldom have so long proof of their character as to warrant their being forthwith admitted to membership. However, the seed sown there, if it take deep root, may be and has often been harvested in other parts."

We also learn that five men and two women have been admitted into the Church at Alikang, Formosa, by the Rev. Hugh Ritchie.

Later information has come of the baptism, by the Rev. C. Douglas, of Amoy, of two young men at Anhai, six persons at Khiboey, and four at Kwankio. The Rev. G. Smith, of Swatow, reports eleven more baptisms, and Dr. Maxwell, of Taiwanfoo, the admission of thirty-three candidates to church membership.

The result of twenty-five years' mission labour by all the churches in China has been six thousand converts.

General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLAND.—The Rev. Henry Melvill, a Canon of St. Paul's, one of the most eloquent preachers of the day, is dead.

The Bishop of Winchester moved in Convocation that Mr. Vance Smith, the Unitarian member of the Bible Revision Committee, should cease to act with the Committee. The motion was carried in the Upper House, but negatived in the Lower.

The Baptists have 1910 pastoral charges in England with 2397 chapels. In Great Britain and Ireland together they have 2568 pastoral charges, 3093 chapels and 233,675 members. Yet they have only 1990 ministers, of whom 436 are without charges.

The Committee of the Privy Council has found the notorious Mr. Voysey, who denies the Divinity of Christ, the Atonement, and a number of other fundamental doctrines, guilty of heresy, and has recommended his deprivation.

"An active movement is now going on in London for securing reciprocal action between the clergy of the Episcopal Church and the Dissenting