

ITEMS.

FRENCH FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—This Society has been relieved from its temporary embarrassments. Two years since the committee were under the necessity of abandoning three stations in South Africa, to stop building the seminary at Carmel, and to close the Institute at Paris. Now the three stations are resumed, the works at Carmel nearly completed, and the opening of the seminary determined on, while preparations are making to send out new missionaries. There are 144,000 francs on hand, a large portion of which was received from foreign countries. The Sandwich Islands sent 2,724 francs.

ZEAL IN RELIGION.—It was a striking remark of a converted Indian, when he heard some strictures on too great earnestness in religion. "Surely it is better that the pot should boil over than not boil at all."

ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.—At a recent

celebration of the Lord's supper in the first Lutheran church in Baltimore, there were among the communicants, who were regular members, natives of Norway, Holland, England, Ireland, Germany and America, and the son of an Italian. The last Swede who was a member of that church, died some time ago. How interesting such a collection of believers.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—This Society has from the commencement of its operations until now published books and tracts in 410 different languages and dialects, and distributed 500,000,000 copies.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA.—It is officially stated that there are in the Russian dominions 2,770,000 Romanists, 2,400,000 Mohammedans; 1,200,000 Jews; 1,750,000 Lutherans; and 11,360 of the Reformed or Calvinistic denomination. The number of the Greek Clergy is 35,944; and the churches of the denomination, 11,380.

Youths Department.

THE LOST TREASURE FOUND.

A good missionary in Borneo, called Becker, writes:

At the close of the last year we received from Germany, a number of school-books in the Dyack language, and nothing could exceed the joy which the boys showed when I took them to the school, and gave to each a copy. It is a pleasure to us to see how they value this gift, and how carefully they try to preserve their books from injury. Without our recommendation, nearly every one of them has made a little basket or bag, in which to keep his treasure safely, in coming to or going from school. Some of the boys have to cross a river to their homes. Lately four of them sprang into a boat which was so small, that before they could reach the opposite bank, it filled with water. Three of them, when they got to the shore, shook their jackets and long wet hair, and then laughed heartily, for the had saved their spelling books and slates. But the other, who was a new comer, and had no basket for his book, remained by the water as still as a post, not joining in the mirth of his companions, for his book and slate had as he feared, sunk to the bottom. But happily he was mistaken, for, looking a-

round him after a moment's thought, he saw his book a little way off, floating upon the top of the stream, and instantly he plunged in after it. He seized it, and holding it up above the water, brought it joyfully to land. Now, however, he thought of his slate, and his joy was checked. The boat was full of water, but it had not sunk. "Perhaps," he said to himself, "the slate may still be at the bottom of the boat;" so he swam to it, and searching the bottom, found his lost treasure. But how can I describe the joy of the poor boy, as he shouted, laughed, and shoving away the shattered boat, leaped to the shore! I could scarcely help laughing myself; but a tear of pleasure stole down my cheek as I thought what good these boys might one day do to their country. May the grace of our Saviour be given to them! Pray, young people, that so hopeful a beginning may end in their conversion to Christ, and that they may become faithful servants to his truth, in this dark country.—*Juv. Miss. Magazine.*

THE WORLD SHUT OUT AND CHRIST WITHIN

Mr. Moffit, some time since, sent home an interesting account of a visit he paid to Borigelong, one of his out stations. On