

iness classes. Four of them are Christians, and two of these are preachers. The very limited missionary work now being done is accomplishing grand results in laying the foundation of the Church of God. Dr. S. N. Wheeler, of the Methodist mission in the capital of the province, wrote as follows just before leaving for this country:

"There has been no such beginning of our work in any other part of the empire as we are already permitted to see in this frontier province. On a recent Sunday a great concourse of people gathered at our compound to see and hear. The chapel was much more than filled, and overflow meetings were held. On returning from chapel to the house, I found my daughter in the large pavillion, surrounded by perhaps four hundred women and children. She had been there a long time, singing and talking the Gospel to her interested auditors. One helper estimated that there must have been from four to five thousand people in the premises and on the streets, seeking admission, although the estimate probably exceeds the fact. Notwithstanding the throng of curious and eager men and women, we had no serious trouble with them beyond a degree of difficulty in keeping order. It was my privilege, on last Lord's Day, to baptize two converts. There are other inquirers to whom the rite could have been administered."

An old African missionary once observed:—"If you would mend man you must Christianize him; you must raise his dark, selfish, sensual nature to heaven and to God. If you are to benefit him you must bring God into the business; man cannot do it." This opinion was formed after many years of observation among the heathen and is confirmed by sad illustrations. Cases are frequent of Zulus having visited Europe, seen its refinement, its sanctuaries and benevolent institutions, but on their return to their homes doffing their civilized clothing, putting on the skins of wild beasts, taking a plurality of wives, and wallowing as at first in the mire of heathenism.

A missionary of the American Board at Hong Kong, China, who has recently made a tour of two months, says he visited the homes of returned California Christians, and was encouraged by seeing most of them standing firm in their profession.

Mr. Spurgeon puts a home question to those who are in doubt as to the real use and necessity of Foreign Missions:—"Dear friends, you sometimes say, Will the heathen be saved if we do not send them missionaries? I will ask you another question: Will you be saved if you do not send out any missionaries? because I have very dreadful doubts whether you will. Do not smile. The man that does nothing for his Master, will he be saved? The man that never cares about the perishing heathen, is he saved? Is he like Christ?"

Letters in the June number of the *Missionary Herald*, describing the revival at Kioto, Japan, are of thrilling interest. One striking feature is the zeal with which the Bible is read, nearly all of the worshippers carrying a copy of the Scriptures to the preaching services. At Imbari thirty-six have been received into the church. At a week day preaching service in that town the missionaries had "a silent, sympathetic and appreciative audience" of fully two thousand persons.

Dr. F. F. Ellinwood, one of the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, in addressing the late assembly said:—"We thank the women of the church who have contributed through their societies (during the past year) over \$200,000, and who in individual gifts have added not less than \$50,000 more. Since the reunion the women of the Presbyterian Church have raised over \$1,700,000 for Foreign Missions alone."

When Dr. Grant, of the Nestorian Mission, received discouraging intimations to the effect that it might perhaps be best for him to return to America or plant a mission elsewhere, he answered:—"I cannot leave this field till I have reasons which I can give at the judgment seat, where I expect soon to stand."

The Young Men's Christian Association of London has formed a Foreign Missionary Society. During the year four young men from its ranks have gone forth to distant lands to labor for God and for souls. Six others are now in training for the field, while many more are waiting for the way to open up.