

members. Now there are forty-two. On some of the islands the mortality has been great, which many of the superstitious natives attribute to the influence of Christianity.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CAFFRARIA.—The May number of the *Missionary Record* contains further particulars with reference to the opening of the church at Engwali, and gives several of the speeches made by native christians on the occasion. It is pleasing to know that the church has been already blessed and owned as the spiritual birth-place of fourteen souls since it was opened, and that it is filled from Sabbath to Sabbath with a crowd of christian and heathen natives.

INDIA—BEAVER.—The Rev. Mr. Shoolbred, writing from Beawr, mentions the baptism of a converted Brahmin and Pundit from Agra, who had some time previously applied for baptism. After he had given satisfactory evidences of his sincerity and of the progress which he had made in the knowledge of divine truth, he was received into the church. Many witnessed his baptism.

Mrs. Valentine, the wife of Dr. Valentine, medical missionary, died at Bombay on 2nd February. She was the daughter of the Rev. D. Somerville, Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Presbyterian Church, and went with her husband to India in 1861. She had struggled with disease for some months, and in the entire course of her illness was enabled to glorify God, and to give most satisfying evidence of an assured interest in Christ. A passage had been procured for her in a homeward bound vessel, but the home which she reached was her Father's house of many mansions.

CHINA.—Dr. Parker, who had labored at Ningpo as medical missionary, met with an accident by the breaking down of a canal-bridge, whereby he was violently thrown from his horse into the water. At first, his medical attendants—the doctors of H. M. Ship *Encounter*—thought the injuries slight, but pleurisy set in, and in a short time he was removed by death. He was a most devoted laborer in his own department, and his prospects of success were encouraging. In a letter written shortly before his death, he mentioned several encouraging cases under his care. His opinions as to the Tae-pings were not favorable. He stated that where they had been, even those who had previously been friendly to the rebels, on account of their supposed profession of Christianity, had ceased to regard them with favor.

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The *Missionary Herald* for May contains much interesting information in regard to the Missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church, both Home and Foreign. Dr. Craig, at Hamburg, reports the mission church there as prospering. The Jewish Christians are growing in grace, and there are many opportunities afforded for doing good among the Jews, although the missionary agents are prevented from working among the Jewish children.

Mr. Wallace, writing from Gogo, in India, gives his impression as to the changes which are taking place in the minds of the native population in reference to Hindooism and Christianity. He had just returned from a mission tour among the villages around Gogo, in which he was accompanied by three native christian young men. In almost every place he found tracts in the hands of the people, and some measure of knowledge of Christianity. Mr. Wallace believes that there is a growing conviction that Hindooism is a human system.

At Surat, Mr. Montgomery had admitted two more from among the heathen into the membership of the church. One of these is a man of considerable intellectual ability and attainments.

An auspicious beginning has been made among the Dheds near Ahmedabad.