

Scotchmen will not allow their agents to trample under foot the fourth Commandment.

Mr. Selater writes from Paterson Transkei, in Caffraria, giving a most interesting account of a revival of religion which had taken place among the Lutuli. The chief of this tribe came to Mr. Selater and urged him with two native elders, he himself being an elder, to assist in revival services among his people. The services, of a very impressive character, were held, and resulted in the apparent conversion of some thirteen persons.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Missionaries and the friends of Missions are loud in their complaints against the new foreign policy of Great Britain in relation to China. The protection formerly accorded to missionaries by the consuls or representatives of their respective nationalities being now withheld, it is much to be feared that advantage will be taken of the defenceless state of the Christian Church in China, by the large number of ignorant and fanatical pagans, who have already caused much uneasiness to those interested in the welfare of Zion.

In Swatow, Dr. Gauld and Mr. Masson are still suffering from continued illness, while Messrs. Smith and McKenzie, feeble in health, are struggling against great opposition. The joy experienced on account of the Formosa conversions has been damped by the death of the first convert, who publicly burned his idols a short time ago. The cry is still one of "more labourers for the harvest."

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Nothing of special importance is recorded concerning the missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church. The *Record* of this Church supplements the account given in the *Free Church Record*, of the conversion and baptism of Dr. Jayakar, who although a Free Church Student, was baptised by Mr. Wallace of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, at Ahmedabad. From it we extract the following:—

TRANSLATION OF DR. JAYAKAR'S BAPTISMAL CONFESSION.

"If we consider the question, whether the Hindu religion be a revelation from God or a fabrication of men? I have not the least doubt we shall come to the conclusion that it is made up by man. I am of this opinion from my school-days, and the conviction originated from the reflection that Hinduism is devoid of the necessary characteristics of a divine religion. When I rejected Hinduism, I felt the need of a substitute, and began, therefore, to seek for the true religion; but it was long before my mind was satisfied. Man is sinful from his birth, and is suffering the evil effects of the defection of his first parents, and there is not one who can be called holy. Our sins provoke God's wrath, and we need a mediator to atone for them. Such I found to be the teaching of Christianity, and of Christianity alone. The doctrine of Hinduism is, that by alms and penance a man can obtain from God the pardon of the greatest crime. But our great heavenly Father is not to be appeased by such hypocritical nonsense. The true means of pacification is to be found alone in the Christian religion. He alone receives deliverance who confides in our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life for our salvation.

"Believing, therefore, that the Christian religion is true and divine, I now make a public profession of it; and my prayer to God is, that others similarly convinced may acknowledge Christ as the Son of God and our Teacher, and follow His instruction."