

—It is stated that at Hyderabad, a photographic studio has been opened, in which the operators are all women. The Koran forbids the making of portraits, but the muftis have declared that photography cannot be included in the prohibition, since the prophet knew nothing about it.

—During the winter of 1891 a band of 35 to 40 Ceylon Christians went at their own expense on a tour to the village of Liyanwala and the surrounding district, teaching, singing, and preaching the Gospel.

—One of the latest applicants for baptism in the Wesleyan Mission in Burmah is a niece of the late King Theebaw, a bright girl of seventeen, a pupil in the mission school.

Africa.—Thirty-six English missionaries are threatened immediate expulsion from Algeria by the French Government. This is in order to prevent trouble with the Mohammedan population. The French Government declares in a dispatch to Lord Salisbury, that they hold their own people (French Catholics) to the same rule, and they cannot allow of an exception in favor of strangers.

—The French are pushing ahead their railroad across the Sahara. Two hundred and fifty miles have been laid, and the trains are running regularly from El Guerrah, on the Atlas Mountains, to the Oasis of Biscara. It is proposed to end the line near Lake Tchad.

—A railway which is to traverse the African continent from east to west has been opened as far as a point near Cazengo, 140 miles from the starting point, St. Paul de Louanda.

—King Hodge, at Bigtown, his head place, near Cape Palmas, has built a church, and in it personally conducts the services. Several years ago this ruler and three of his chiefs were converted, and soon after his wife and many of his leading people also accepted the Gospel; and now the whole tribe is practically Christian.

—In the Cameroons District of the Basle Society 13 chapels and 2 teachers' houses were built last year, largely by the natives, and 80 persons were baptized. At one dedication a chief announced his determination to become a Christian, and straightway gave up his idols and fetich objects to be burned.

—It is pleasant to read in the *Pacific Baptist* that on the Congo the death-rate is less than one per cent higher than in the other tropical fields occupied by the Missionary Union, Japan included. The conclusion is based on the figures for the last seven years.

—A missionary steamer has lately been launched in Scotland for use on the Zambesi and Shirè rivers.

Ocean Realms.—A young English missionary to the New Hebrides, Mr. Sawyer, who had been only two days married to a lady who went out to become his wife, was killed by cannibals. They shot him through the heart, and murdered and feasted on the bodies of two natives who were with him. His body was recovered and brought to Tongoa.

—Mrs. Allan, of the Allan Steamship Line, has given \$2500 to begin a Christian mission in the Loo Choo Islands.

—In 1863 the American Board retired from the Hawaiian Islands with the thought that self-support and self management would be best for the Christians there. Some years since it was concluded that that step was premature, and aid was once more bestowed, and all along of late in certain quarters, both high and low, a reaction has been at work toward idolatry and superstition, showing itself, among other ways, in resorting to native doctors—that is, to sorcery and the aid of demons.

—Among the foreign contributions which came for the new Moravian church at Springfield, Jamaica, was the sum of £6 12s. 2d from the little island of Ramah, off the Moskito Coast. It was the result of a collection, when the Ramah Indians willingly contributed according to their ability.