

termining to plant a mission at Mossoro, despite the opposition of Romanists, he entered the place at 4 o'clock, A. M., surprising both friends and foes, and succeeded in renting a place to preach in.

COREA.—The Scottish U. P. Mission in N. Corea reports over 100 recent conversions, and the work rapidly going forward. During a recent illness of the queen, Dr. Allen, of the Presbyterian Mission, refused to prescribe for her unless his associate, Miss Ellers, should examine her symptoms and report to him. The king, alarmed, discharged all the native doctors about the palace. After the queen's recovery she gave a handsome sedan-chair to Miss Ellers. Drs. Allen and Ellers will remain the permanent physicians to the royal family.

INDIA.—A Bengali paper, the "*Prabasi*," has been started in Calcutta in the interests of Christianity. The Christian community increases eight and a half per cent. a year, doubling every twelve years.—*Bapt. Miss. Mis.*

JAPAN.—The remarkable reformation spreading rapidly, in Japan, bids fair to give to that country a great superiority over the Chinese, viz., the gradual adoption of the Roman letters in place of the old ideographic characters. An ordinary student was obliged to load his memory with at least 4,000 characters; but, if he wished to graduate in a higher college, he had to learn at least 8,000 characters, which required six years of constant application. The "Society of Romanization" has a membership of more than 1,000, many of whom are princes and government officials; and the government warmly supports this reform. This reform can scarcely fail to have a highly stimulating effect upon Christian missions in the Sunrise Kingdom. The missionaries seldom acquire over 1,000 characters, and they naturally find themselves considerably hampered by their limited native vocabulary.—*Christian at Work.*

MOLAKAL.—Father Damiens, the Roman Catholic priest, who became an exile for the lepers' sakes, is dead of leprosy, but two other priests and as many nuns take up his work.

NEW BRITAIN.—When Rev. George Brown left this island, off the New Guinea coast, some months since, 500 natives met to honor their departing friend. Five years before, when he landed, he was attacked by the natives who slew several of his Fijian helpers.

THE UNIVERSITY MOVEMENT.—The Queen's and Knox Universities in Canada, moved by a missionary spirit, set apart Dec. 4th for discussion and decision as to some practical and practicable scheme for extending missionary interest and effort. Mr. J. F. Smith, who presided, offered himself to the association as their representative to go to the foreign field, and amid subdued but enthusiastic emotion, the meeting unanimously resolved:

1. Recognizing the claim of Foreign Missions upon the Church of Christ, by reason of our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature.

2. The greatness of the need at this present time—hundreds of millions being without the smallest ray of Gospel light.

3. The greatness of the opportunities at this present time for missionary enterprises, almost every nation and tribe being open to the missionary.

4. The fact that some of our own students are longing to serve Christ in the foreign field, but are kept from doing so by lack of funds in the Foreign Mission treasuries.

Therefore Resolved, that we, as the Queen's College Missionary Association, undertake to send to and support in the foreign field an additional missionary.

The association then appointed Mr. Smith its first missionary, presenting his name to the Missionary Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and pledging its members to his support; and asking that he and Mr. Goforth, from Knox College be sent to China. It seems as though we were entering upon a new era, in which the College Y. M. C. Associations are about to take up Evangelistic work abroad and send forth their members as Foreign Missionaries.