

THE Presbyterian Church has twelve physicians in China. Dr. Kerr has practised thirty years in Canton. In one year he and two lady assistants treated 16,000 and performed 2,000 operations.

PLEGDED TO KINDNESS.—There are now about 1,200 "Bands of Mercy" in the United States, with over 100,000 members, pledged to kindness and protection of weak and defenceless creatures.

THERE is many a wounded heart without a contrite spirit. The ice may be broken into a thousand pieces.—it is ice still. But exposed to the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, it will melt.—*Middleton.*

SAM JONES tells of a hard-looking old soak who replied to Bob Ingersoll, when he said there was no hell: "Be mighty sure with your proofs, Bob, for there are a great many of us who are depending on ye."

"WHAT a day this is!" escaped my lips," said a missionary, "as I greeted old Aunt Judy on entering her cabin. 'Bress de Lord, honey,' said she, 'don't ebr-tying come from de Lord? Den, if ye is a Christ'n, de wedder is good 'nuff for ye; an' if ye ain't no Christ'n, it's more'n too good for ye.'"

DOES not the Pauline method teach us that we should have a home and a foreign missionary society separate from each other? "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision." Gal. ii. 8.—*Ex.*

PALESTINE.—Mr. W. Lethaby, who has undertaken a mission to Palestine, affirms that the Mussulmans are not so fanatical as supposed; but, though very ignorant, they are disposed to listen to the Gospel. A Rabbi asked why Jesus did not show Himself to the Sanhedrim after His resurrection, to which Mr. Lethaby replied: "They have Moses and the Prophets; if they will not hear them, neither would they be persuaded if one rose from the dead."

Do what you can, be what you are;
Shine like a glow-worm, if you cannot be a star.
Work like a pulley, if you cannot as a crane;
Be a wheel-greaser, if you cannot drive a train.
Be the pliant oar, if you cannot be the sailor;
Be the little needle, if you cannot be the tailor.
Be the cleaning broom, if you cannot be the sweeper;
Be the sharpened sickle, if you cannot be the reaper.

KING KALAKAUA, of the Hawaiian Islands, is said to be using his influence to turn back his people from the state of civilization, to which they have made a most wonderful progress from a cannibal state within two generations, into the darkness of idolatry. His sister, who stands next in succession to the throne, and the sister of his wife, we learn by a recent letter, have lately been offering their heathen sacrifice of pigs, chickens, and whiskey, to the Goddess Pele, who was supposed by the former Islanders to have her abode in the awful craters of Mauna Loa.

RUSSIA.—The St. Petersburg newspapers are giving currency to the fact that a colporteur supported by the American Bible Society is pursuing his way into

Central Asia, in the vicinity of Merv, in company with the Russian troops. Another colporteur writes from Perm that he has had access to the exiles, who express real gratitude for New Testaments, and say their hard fate is alleviated by being remembered in this way. The officer in charge of one large convoy not only allowed him to go among the prisoners, but himself bought fifty copies and gave them away among them.

A VERY well-known and intelligent Hindu book-seller, of Bombay, died last year, and his widow immediately proceeded to carry on the business in her own name, as Mrs. Badhibai. The natives are not yet done wondering at her temerity, and one of them writes: "This is the first time that a respectable Hindoo widow has ventured to carry on business in her own name since the laws of Manu were written three thousand years ago." We regret we do not know if the lady presides herself in the open shop.—*The Indian Witness.*

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