

The Rev. Mr. Bonney, of the American Board at Canton, reports that the schools, male and female, of the Mission are prosperous, and that his chapel in the central part of the city is well filled when the weather is good. A considerable number manifested a desire to be baptized, but need further instruction. Mr. Bonney deems the "prospects of this field more hopeful than ever."—"The name of Jesus, as the Lord and only Saviour of men, is becoming widely known; the Word of God is more generally read and respected; and the fear of reading it in the presence of others, and of attending on Christian worship, is diminishing."

But the cause of missions in China has been called to suffer a great loss by the death of the Rev. Dr. Bridgman, who had labored thirty-two years for its advancement. His end was eminently peaceful. Dr. B. enjoyed the great happiness of having with him, in his last hours, the company of two of his dearest and most intimate friends—the Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Japan Mission, who was formerly associated with him in the work in China, and the excellent Bishop Boone, of the American Episcopal Church.

It would seem that the death of the late Emperor of China, the assumption of the supreme power by the mother of the young Emperor, the death of three wicked and detested princes whose conduct had been hostile to foreigners, are concurring with the influence of the late treaties made by England, France, and the United States, to open China to the trade of the civilized world, and to Christianity as well. The increase of steamers along the coasts and on the lower portions of the great rivers of that empire is astonishing.—*World*.

INDIA.

The Arcot Mission, in Southern India, of the Reformed Dutch Church of the United States, as well as the other missions in that part of the Peninsula, are advancing steadily, and gaining a firmer hold upon the affections of the people that are brought within the sphere of their influence. We have been exceedingly interested in the account given in the *Deccan Herald* of the examination of the Free Church Institution at Poona. "The pupils in the Mission School amount in all to nearly one thousand.

Of these, full 200 are female, and nearly 750 males. The languages studied are Marathi, Hindustani, and English."—This Institution is established on the plan of Dr. Duff's, at Calcutta. As the Bible is carefully studied in this important school, we must hope that, with God's blessing, it will be "a fountain of living waters" to the Mahratta people. The missionaries of the General Assembly's Board in the Punjab have been much encouraged by the liberal aid proffered by the British officers, civil and military, to the mission in this time of distress at home.

AFRICA.

It is pleasing to note the progress of the Gospel at the Colony of the Cape of Good of Hope, among the English-speaking people as well as the natives. The truth is also gaining ground among the Dutch-speaking portion of the inhabitants; but the conflict is severe. A dead formality, associated in many cases with no inconsiderable amount of latitudinarian error, has opposed everything like evangelical doctrine and spiritual life. But Christ is with His people there, as everywhere else, to crown with His blessing the efforts of his faithful followers. In the various evangelical missions on the western coast of Africa, from Sherbro to Corisco, under the labours of a hundred missionaries,—ministers and teachers,—the Gospel is evidently making progress. We hope to be able soon to give a continuous and somewhat extended notice of this blessed movement.

BURMAH.

We have read nothing for a long time that has interested us more than the account which the Rev. Dr. Binney has given of a recent meeting of the *Karen Association* at Bassein. It lasted three days, and was convened for conference on various subjects relating to the best means of advancing the kingdom of God. Letters from the churches were read, theological and casuistical queries propounded and discussed, just as would be done in a large Baptist Association with us; and all the proceedings were conducted with order, due seriousness, and devotion. Some eight or nine hundred Christian Karens were convened, and on the Sabbath from a thousand to eleven hundred. This speaks well for the progress of the Gospel among those people,