

and Renana imprisonment more complete. The moral atmosphere of Bengal, is signally charged with error and sin, as the natural is with disease and death.

"Female education was uphill work for many days in Bengal. So it is still; but great progress is made. Ten years ago *fifty-four* boys were taught in our own mission for every girl! Now there is a girl probably for every six or seven boys. Besides this, there are various plans to reach classes who are quite beyond range ten years ago.

"Here as in other presidencies, brighter days for woman seem to be approaching. Sufficient funds and agency might soon greatly extend the schools; and already in the free Church missions, instead of less than one girl for every fifty boys in 1852, we have in 1862 more than one for every ten.

"One great hindrance to the Society has been that the Church generally does not help. There are many auxiliaries, but large districts and many congregations send nothing, though this be an essential department of our work in India. It is hoped that the general diffusion of information through the *Record* will open many fresh springs of supply.

CAFFRARIA.—The Rev. R. Ross one of the sons of the veteran Mr. Ross, father of the African mission gives an interesting account of a communion season in his Congregation:—

"A week since, we had our October communion. I was all alone as usual, and a heavy day it was. At eight in the morning, I preached at one of the stations, one most fearfully heathen, the worst of them all, where I have preached for five years in the open air. I returned home about ten, and at half-past ten the bell rang for public worship. Little more than half of the people assembled got into the church, which was packed with 440. My text was 'Ye are Christ's and Christ is God's.' After the sermon came on the baptisms,—twenty adults and twelve children. This was a trying scene, and requiring strength. There was an interval of half an hour, and then began the second service for the sacrament of the Lords Supper. The whole church was one table. There were about 350 communicants, and only a few more inside who were not communicants, but candidates, while many candidates, and many more not candidates, as yet, were outside, anxious to see and hear. I would if I could enlarge the church to twice its present size.

"What a fine thing to see so many communicants all together of the sons and daughters of Ham, all black, not a white man present except myself! How solemn and overpowering! There I was all alone (yet not alone), supported by black elders and deacons; the deacons attending at the doors and windows, or helping out those who became faint. Once or twice I was afraid that I might break down myself; but we were greatly helped, and finished in peace at four in the afternoon. Then what a scattering, some going to a distance of ten miles—to heathen homes! In the evening we had a short service."

MISSION OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHINA.—The Rev. W. McKenzie writes from Swatow, that on the Sabbath after his arrival he and Mr. Smith had the privilege of baptizing six more adults, natives of the village, and the infant child of one of these. In the afternoon the communion was dispensed, when twenty Chinamen and eleven women united with the Missionaries in remembering the Saviour and showing forth his death. Of the men, two were within the last two years engaged in mortal strife, but now they are both sitting at the feet of Jesus. Mr. Swanson, another Missionary, had baptized two adults at E-mung-Kang.

Another Missionary is just about to be sent out to China, viz., Dr. J. L. Maxwell, of Birmingham, where he has held the situation of resident physician of the General Hospital. He is an alumnus of Edinburgh University, where he greatly distinguished himself. It is probable he may be the first Protestant Missionary to Formosa.