

us. Fourteen days ago a negro killed one of immense size, and most poisonous in its bite, here in our house. Frogs, scorpions, centipedes, and large hairy spiders, creep into our beds, chests, and closets. But what exercises our patience most is the mosquitoes.

"The ants are also dreadfully troublesome. As lately, one evening, we were going to rest for the night, we found our beds covered with two different sorts of ants. Already in the afternoon, a countless number of the black ants were making their way through our room, every one with an egg in its mouth. We tried to stop them, when there came a still more troublesome species—brown, biting, and bad-smelling insects, which were the allies of the first, and so we were glad to leave them alone. They all vanished after an hour or two, and we thought to get some sleep; but, as before stated, the bed from top to bottom was covered with them, and they made their way through all the bed-clothes. We had the bed taken into the open air, and well-shaken, and then gave the vermin an hour to march off. After this we made the bed again, but scarcely had we lain down, when the covering once more swarmed with the vermin. At last we found, that by rubbing the posts well with chalk, and putting plenty of it around the feet of the bed, the ants went away. It reminds us of one of the plagues of Egypt."

### China.

Seventeen missionary agents sailed for China, from the East India Docks, in the Lammermuir, Captain Bell, on May 26. The company consisted of the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, with wife and family, and fifteen male and female missionary helpers. "They go forth," says an account before us, "unconnected with any society, without guaranteed support from man," except in one case only; "simply depending upon God for the supply, in answer to prayer, of all needful means."

**EVANGELICAL CHRISTENDOM.**—We have received from Miss WELLS, of the Religious Book and Tract Society's Depository, a copy of this valuable monthly Magazine. It contains a vast amount of Religious and Missionary intelligence.—Price 12½ cents a number.

**DEGREE CONFERRED.**—The degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred on Rev. Professor King of the Presbyterian college of this city, by the college of New Jersey, Princetown.

### NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

Account of monies received by the Treasurer from 1st June to 20th July:—

#### SYNOD FUND.

New Annan Congregation.....	\$4.04
Boulardurie, C. B.....	12.00
Primitive Church, New Glasgow.....	12.00
Sherbrooke, per Rev. J. Campbell.....	20.30
John Knox Church, New Glasgow.....	11.25
Hopewell.....	4.00
Central Church, West River.....	4.00
Bridgewater.....	9.00
Queen's Sq. church, Ch'town, P.E.I.....	4.00
Lunenburg.....	4.00
Newport.....	4.00
Parrsboro', per Rev. D. McKinnon.....	5.30
Middle Steviacke and Brookfield, per Rev. J. D. McGillivray.....	9.00
Shubenacadie, Gay's River and Lower Steviacke.....	6.62
Onslow, after paying ministers and elders expenses.....	8.00
Cornwallis, per Rev. W. Furlong.....	6.75
Albion Mines.....	20.62½
Richmond Bay East, and Summerside, per Rev. W. Frame.....	2.00
Merigomish.....	9.00
West Cornwallis.....	5.37½
Middle River, C.B.....	8.70
Lake Ainslie.....	6.42½
Richmond Bay West, per Rev. J. D. Murray.....	6.03
West River, Pictou.....	9.00
River John.....	11.87½
Dundas, P.E.I., per Rev. A. McLean.....	6.00
Shelburne.....	3.00
Truro, besides expenses.....	12.00
Clifton, besides expenses of minister.....	4.00
New London and Summerfield, P.E.I. besides expenses.....	2.00
Chalmers' church, Halifax.....	23.00
Cascumpeque, P. E. I., per Rev. A. Fraser.....	2.00
Cape George.....	6.00
Antigonish.....	4.00
James' church, New Glasgow, besides minister's expenses.....	8.00
Baddeck, C.B., per Rev. K. McKenzie.....	14.00
Bedeque, P.E.I.....	4.00
Knox church, Pictou.....	12.00
Tatamagouche, besides minister's ex- penses.....	3.00
Little Harbour.....	6.50
Poplar Grove church, besides expenses of minister and elders.....	24.00
2nd congregation Maitland and Noel.....	27.40
Wallace congregation.....	8.75
Steviacke, per Rev. Dr. Smith.....	17.43
Yarmouth.....	15.00
Windsor and St. Croix.....	20.50
Mabou congregation.....	9.35
North-West Arm & Little Glace Bay, per Rev. A. Farquharson.....	16.00
Gabarus.....	8.00
Economy and Five Islands, besides expenses.....	8.00
Lower Londonderry.....	8.00
Gore, per Rev. J. Cameron.....	6.45
Nine Mile River, besides paying ex- penses.....	7.00