

9 principal and 63 branch stations; Natal, with 3 principal and 24 branch stations; Livingstonia, with the famous Bandawé headquarters, to which 23 branches are attached; New Hebrides, with chief stations at Aneityum and Fatuna, having 6 branches; Syria, with principal station at Shweir and 7 branches; South Arabia, with the Sheikh Othman station. In the course of the past ten years the sum raised for mission work outside the United Kingdom has increased from £38,735 to £94,385 per annum—a bright index of the consecration of the Free Church to missionary obligations.

Baptist Missions in China.—Dr. Glover, of Bristol, and the Rev. T. M. Morris, of Ipswich, have returned from their missionary tour through China. They speak in glowing terms of the character, magnitude, and success of the work of missions in that empire, and particularly of the flourishing Baptist centre at Shantung. Their appreciation of the worth of missions had been heightened by the visit. Here and there were failures, which only had comparative significance in face of the promising outlook of Chinese missions. Dr. Glover urges the importance of occasional visitations to the stations abroad for mutual encouragement.

The Call to Uganda.—Gratifying results are attending Bishop Tucker's flying visit to this country. The 40 men required for Uganda and intervening mission stations are forthcoming. Gifts are as freely being made. With the aid of the missionaries the native converts of Uganda may become as useful in spreading the faith as the possibilities of the country are illimitable. The sacrifice of the lives of Hannington, Parker, Mackay, Hunt, Dunn, and like heroes is bringing forth fruit—not improbably the story of the Madagascar mission may be repeated on the shores of Victoria Nyanza. Bishop Tucker states that the quarrels of the Protestants and Catholics have ceased to exist;

but on this point Captain Lugard speaks less hopefully. He apprehends that the intrigues of the Roman Catholics for court favor may provoke disturbances eventually. For the safe navigation of the great lake, the committee of the Church Missionary Society have dispatched a steel boat. It is expected that a larger craft will be sent on in a few months.

A Loss to the Niger Mission.—News to hand of the death of the Rev. J. A. Robinson, a co-leader with Mr. Graham Wilmot Brooke, of the recently undertaken mission to the Upper Niger and the Soudan, will be received with regret, more especially following the serious troubles in connection with this hazardous enterprise. He lent much assistance to the Church Missionary Society in their late Niger inquiry. For the cause of Mohammedan missions in that part of Africa, Mr. Robinson gave up a brilliant career and a large income at home. His attainments as a Cambridge graduate were unusually promising. His personality recalled the figure of that scholarly and saintly missionary, the Rev. Marsham Argles, who died a few years back in the service of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta. Mr. Robinson was a man of inexhaustible energy, and yet of such modesty that it was with difficulty he could be persuaded to accept the post of joint leader of the mission.

Ngamiland.—Now that this large territory is under British protection, a fresh opening is offered to missionary enterprise. Since Moremi's death, last November, the government of the country has been in the hands of Dithapo, the chief headman, as a kind of regent, assisted by other headmen. His weakness and unpopularity have been detrimental to the interests of the Towana nation, in consequence of which the natives have begun to lean on Mr. Strombone, of the African and General Exploring Company. He is an oracle to the natives, who take no steps of importance without his counsel. Very