

seek restoration in his native land. Some interesting facts connected with the Chingleput station of the Madras mission are communicated by Mr. Metzger, the European Missionary, who is assisted by three native Christians, a teacher, a catechist, and a colporteur. In his school he has 139 boys studying English, and 33 girls who have not got any further than Tamil. Mr. Metzger has been itinerating, preaching the gospel where its trumpet never sounded before, disputing with Brahmins, and distributing tracts to crowds summoned by the voice of the catechist singing loudly Christian words to native melodies. The people of all castes, Brahmins, Sudras, and especially the outcast Pariahs, seem to have little confidence in their own creed.

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### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The famine in Rajpootana has not been followed by the peace and plenty expected, and the U. P. Church is called upon to make a fresh effort on behalf of the thousands of impoverished natives who are laboring at the mission famine works for what barely suffices to support life. The Rev. Mr. Martin, who superintended the works at Ashapura, is in Scotland endeavoring to meet the expenditure caused by the continuance of the famine scourge. 47,000 dollars have already been subscribed by this liberal Church for the famine workers and orphans of Rajpootana. The harvest that will yet be reaped in the conversion of souls promises to be one of the largest ever seen in India.

Old Calabar sends the sad news of the death of Mr. Timson, a devoted missionary, whose activity in the cause aggravated the disease which carried him off. Mrs. Timson remains with her three children in the capacity of teacher, a position which she held before her marriage.

The Rev. John Sclater, from Paterson, Transkeian Territory, Caffraria, sends an account of the death by drowning of Dick, the chief of the Mbulukweza, a Christian Caffre, who had been very helpful to the Mission, and whose loss will long be deeply felt among his people and in the native church. The Rev. Peter Davidson, of Adelaide, South Africa, records the death of a young Caffre girl, the child of heathen parents. His words are, "O that thousands in the Church of Christ for years, and who have enjoyed thousands of more advantages than she had, were as clearly saved and as well assured of their salvation."

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### ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Rev. W. S. Swanson, of Amoy, had a congregation of over 300 persons on the occasion of the communion being held at Khiboy in June last. About 100 were candidates for baptism. They began to arrive on Saturday, and remained throughout the Sabbath services, dining in the open air, and listening with the greatest attention to the missionaries preaching, with the thermometer above 95°. The Rev. George Smith, of Swatow, speaks of the time of China's distractions as pre-eminently the season for winning it to the gospel, and fears that, with the thorough re-establishment of imperial power, there will be a disposition to oppose the progress of the truth. Dr. Maxwell, of Takao, in Formosa, acquaints us with the reception into the Church by Mr. Ritchie, at Baksa, of eighteen men and one woman. He regrets the proposal of Sir R. Alcock to withdraw the British Consulate from Formosa, as this would involve the withdrawal of the Mission.