Paul Cheong Quong has been labouring among the Chinese during the year with acceptance, and not without tokens of success. Cheong Cheok Hong, who is in attendance on the Theological Hall, has been addressing meetings with much propriety and efficiency. Chinamen, who have themselves embraced the gospel, are coming forward voluntarily to make known the way of life to others. The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer continues his energetic labours among the aborigines at Ramah-Yuck settlement with gratifying evidences of the Divine blessing. Education is valued; the influence of civilisation are strikingly marked; social comforts abound; the worship of God in public and private is faithfully observed; and the reality of Christian life is evidenced. The resports from the New Hebrides Missions are most satis factory. At Aniwa, under the labours of the Rev. Mr. Paton, may be seen an entire people, who have changed their gods, and who exhibit in their lives the ennobling power of a living Christianity. At Havannah Harbour, the Rev. Mr. Macdonald prosecutes his work with much enthusiasm and is steadily gaining on the esteem and confidence of the natives. Now that Fiji has become a colony under the British flag, it is proposed that the General Assemblies of Victoria and New South Wales should take joint action, with the view of putting down the infamous labour traffic that still disgraces some of the so-called civilisation that has settled down in these regions.



## MEDICAL MISSIONS.

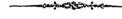
Dr. Valentine, one of the missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church in Northern India, has met with remarkable success. He strongly recommends the general adoption of Medical Missions among the heathen. He submitted a plan for training such missionaries in India which met the approval of the whole Missionary Conference held at Allahabad. Dr. Valentine thus explairs the present position of women among the Mahommedans of India:

Among the Mahommedans the present position of woman is not the result of accident, or the corrupt customs of a later age, but of the direct teaching of the Koran itself, which, in many instances, is so revolting, as not to admit of its being quoted here. I may only refer to the stories of Rihana, and the Egyptian slave, Mary, as well as to the Suru Maarij of the Koran. In Sura-i-Aisa the following is taught:-'Men are superior to women on account of

the qualities with which God has gifted on above the other, and on account of the m lay they make of their sub-tance for them Virtuous women are obedient, carea during their husbands' absence, berns God has of them been careful. But chief those (wices) for whose refractioness y las cause to fear, remove them into separateles apart, and scenage them?

Then in Sura Swad of the Koran th following story is told :-

Job, in the midst of his afflictions, call upon God, who commanded him to stril the earth with his foot; he did so, and fountain of water sprang up; when it was said to him. This is cool water for thee wash with and to drink. He washed a drank, and was cured of all his diseas Then God commanded him to take a ban of twos, and beat his wife with them, a he did so, when the Koran bursts into exclamation of delight with, 'Verily found him a patient person. How exclent a servant was he!' One tradition it, that the cause of her being beaten ; that, tempted by the devil, she had advid Job to curse God. In righteons indir tion, he vowed that if he recovered would give ner a hundred lashes. Wil he recovered, he had a hundred twigston in a bundle, and struck her with this blow! Another tradition has it, that had stayed away too long from him 🐼 day.



## Bible Classes.

Many of our ministers we know greatly cheered by well attended h Classes, but others are discourage small numbers, and the absence of lea persons of influence, whose presence greatly aid and strengthen their Ps hands.

Only the smallest number are atta (4 as they might be. We have just that Rev. J. K. Smith, among other in pressions of welcome at Galt, footd se self greeted with a Bible Class of 300, di raised to about 500. How inspiring such a class prove, how stimulating encouraging! And why should not vance in this line be made over the little in the Lower Provinces?

Having written so far, we turned statistics for 1873-4, and found: For for Galt, in Westville, which it 🕬 🧱 out 500 to study the Scriptures raise a c Mr. Lees, their Pastor.