

useful knowledge; and in all these measures they have the sanction and cordial concurrence of the new Sovereign." Six missionaries will embark for Madagascar at the end of March.

PROTESTANTISM IN FRANCE.—Dr. Baird states that, in his recent visit to France, he was astonished and delighted to find that in Lyons, the most intensely Roman Catholic city of that country, there are now five Protestant chapels, with 620 communicants and nearly 3,000 attendants, and five Sabbath-schools and three suburban chapels, four ordained ministers and ten evangelists, one of whom, during the last six years, has distributed 60,000 copies of the New Testament among the troops stationed there, mostly by sale. In Paris there are 32 places of worship where Christ is preached.—During fifteen years Protestant chapels have been opened in 121 places, and in 22 others the way is prepared for opening more.

REVIVAL IN PRINCETON COLLEGE.—A correspondent writes to us from Princeton, N. J.:

"Since the commencement of the present session, which opened on the 1st of February, a powerful revival of religion has been in progress among the students of our college. The religious interest has been thorough and deep, and its influence has been evident, in a greater or less degree, upon every member of the Institution. About forty young men, some in every class, have been hopefully converted. In the Senior class there are now but six who are not professors of religion.

"The faculty of the college, and the members of the Theological Seminary have labored earnestly and faithfully, but some of the most unexpected and hopeful cases have resulted from the prayerful efforts of the students themselves among their class mates and friends. A daily noon prayer meeting of the students, in the Sophomores recitation room, led by one of their number, has been productive of great good.

In Caffraria the progress of the Presbyterian mission is said to be wonderfully encouraging. The number of communicants at the different stations is 577, of whom about a sixth part were added in the course of last year. Success still

continues. On one Sabbath in August twenty-two persons, of whom fourteen were adults, were baptized at Burnshill. The adults had been under instruction for longer or shorter periods, between two years and fourteen months. As these converts are spread over a considerable extent of country, it is reasonably believed that their influence will be extensively felt for good.

COLPORTAGE IN GREAT BRITAIN.—A late number of a Scottish journal states that there are now *one hundred and twenty-four colporters*, and twenty 'book agents,' in the employment of the Tract and Book Society of Scotland. Every county is occupied. The results are stated to be "in the highest degree gratifying and encouraging." Publications are annually circulated of the value of more than £10,000. "The British Colportage Association," London, has entered on similar labors in England and Ireland—a gentleman of Dublin giving it an impetus by depositing £10,000 in the Bank of England for this object, after reading "Home Evangelization," the American exponent of the colporter system. It proposed to employ one hundred colporters during the present year. "The Bible and Colportage Society for Ireland" is also in the field with twelve colporters and fifty-two book agents. And "the Church of England's Book hawking Union" employs eighty agents, with less distinctively spiritual aims than those avowed by the colportage associations.

All these movements are signs of christian life and activity across the water. They may be all traced, under God, to the quiet, unofficial and unrewarded agency of an American clergyman, familiar with colportage in this country, whom we met on the Clyde in 1853, intent on engrafting the system into British plans of benevolence.

INCREASED LIBERALITY IN THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The missionary contributions of the United Presbyterian Church for the year 1861 are considerably in advance of those for any previous year. The following is the amount received by the Treasurer: For Home and Foreign Missions £26,851 2s. 3½d., and for the London movement £3000.