

to bring them all, of whatever name under his gentle sway. The state of this land calls loudly for the earnest and persevering prayers of all who trust in God, that the Gospel may have free course and be glorified; that the Spirit of the Lord may descend in his rich effusions enlightening their minds, causing them to renounce idolatry, superstition, and sin and leading them to the cross of Christ as the only source of joy. China will not long be shut. We who are in the field must labor hard for perfect fitness to engage in our Master's service, and all called upon to have our loins girded and our lamps burning, and be as men waiting for their Lord.

MAURITIUS.—Shortly after the Queen of Madagascar issued her edict for the suppression of Christianity among her people, the Missionaries proceeded to the Mauritius, where they have since been laboring, with the intention of returning to Madagascar at the earliest opportunity. They have been chiefly engaged among the emancipated apprentices, and the natives of Madagascar resident in the island.

In Port Louis, three schools have been established for the instruction of Malagasy children, and the children of enfranchised labors. Mr. Johns preaches in the Malagasy language. One of the chief objects he contemplated, was the rescue of the persecuted native Christians in Madagascar. As soon as the country again becomes accessible to the Gospel, these Christian brethren, if rescued, with the refugees, will be most valuable instruments for the evangelization of their heathen countrymen.

Although the Romish power at Mauritius is great, there exists no serious obstruction to the promulgation of the Gospel throughout the island. In no part of the world is moral and spiritual instruction more needed, and the people in general are becoming disposed to receive it. Port Louis especially calls for Christian exertion. Forty thousand of the emancipated population are congregated in the town and its suburbs. *There are only two Protestant places of worship.*

The London Missionary Society's Press in Mauritius, under the direction of Mr. Barker, their printer in Madagascar for several years, has been kept in constant operation to advance the cause of God. The circulation of books, calculated to impart a knowledge of Divine truth, has been extensive, and will no doubt have a most beneficial operation in connection with the preaching of the Gospel.

#### CAFFRELAND.

MR. CALDERWOOD thus writes, in a letter of July, 1841:—

On the first Sabbath of June, I had the very great happiness of baptising fifteen adult Caffres, and six children. We had a special service on the interesting occasion of so many Caffres being received at once. The assembly was unusually large. I publicly questioned the candidates on all the fundamental and

practical doctrines of the Gospel. The answers were most satisfactory. The impression was deep and solemn in no ordinary degree. We felt as though the Lord were indeed with us. The attention of the most careless was completely secured. Hearts the most hardened, and full of enmity to the cause of Christ, and which perhaps never before experienced one solemn impression, appeared for a little to bow before the majesty of the truth as it is in Jesus. I cannot but believe that the impression of that day will remain. O may the dew of the eternal spirit descend on the precious seed of the kingdom then sown in much weakness, but under a deep conviction that the Lord would cause it to grow! Macomo was much effected. I asked him what his heart said, when he saw so many of his people casting in their lot with the people of God. He said his "heart condemned him—it was his guilty forgetfulness that prevented him standing among them."

We have just had our missionary meeting; and all present seemed to feel it to be a refreshing and encouraging season. We had upwards of three hundred children present. Between thirty and forty of them were Hottentot children; all the rest Caffres. Mrs. C gave each of them a piece of bread, and a little of what the Dutch very significantly call *tea-water*. The young gentry appeared to approve of this plan very much, and the schools have been well attended since. We have collected during the past year, and at our meeting £21. Considering our circumstances it is an extraordinary effort; and I am now satisfied that this effort has done a great deal of good to the minds of the people. They get by it new objects of thought and conversation, and profitable desires spring up in their hearts, and it expands and elevates their minds, as well as benefits them, to feel that they are acting in unison with the whole family of God throughout the earth.

One of the Caffres, whom I have just baptized, made a very beautiful and appropriate speech. Among other things, he said; "our teacher tells us, and it is true, the service of the mouth is nothing; we must lift up our hearts to God; we must give our hearts to him. Heaven is a place where we do not get with our feet,—meaning that we cannot now go there and be with God in our bodies,—we go with our souls, and are in heaven with our hearts. Now we lay down our money here; the money is like a thing that has power, by which God works to send his word to all nations. Now, with our money, we must lay down our hearts; we must stoop, be humble before God. The Word of God has power; it does great things. There are Englishmen; there are Hottentots; here am I a Caffre, and we are all one, and seek one thing, by the Word of God."

A Hottentot, one of my elders, uttered one beautiful and important idea. He said;