

CHINA.

1 station; 3 missionaries, and 1 printer;—total, 4.

This mission has been sorely bereaved the past year by the death of Mr. Stevens, which took place at Singapore, Jan. 5th. In one important respect at least Chinese missions are making progress. They are acquiring and diffusing a knowledge of the country, people, government, laws, religion, and language of China. And they are gradually multiplying the means of assault upon the blind, atheistical superstitions of that great empire. Thirteen tracts, new and old, and a harmony of the Gospels, were sent down to Singapore, last year, to be printed. Mr. Bridgman is preparing a history of our own country, to be published by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge in China. Since the imperial edict consequent upon the voyages up the coast, no block printing can be done at Canton, and it has become difficult to exert a direct religious influence upon the Chinese. The number of spies and officers of government on the watch makes it somewhat dangerous for a Chinese to receive a book from the hands of a missionary. The difficulty of operating upon the Chinese within the bounds of the empire, imparts a greater interest to the million of emigrants without those bounds, who may be freely approached, and many of whom are annually returning to their homes in the different provinces. Mr. Bridgman has been requested by the Committee to withdraw from the editorial responsibility of the Chinese Repository; that work having accomplished its principal object in respect to the Christian community at home, and the present exigencies of the mission requiring that those who have a knowledge of the Chinese language, should devote their whole time and strength to labors in that language.

Mr. Gutzlaff is at present extensively engaged in writing Christian books in the Chinese language, and also holds the office of Chinese interpreter under the British Government. Mrs. Gutzlaff has a school of Chinese children.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

15 stations; 27 missionaries—two of them physicians, 2 physicians, 2 secular superintendents, 1 book-binder, 2 printers, 9 teachers, and 47 female assistant missionaries; total, 90.

During the year ending June 1, 1836, the mission performed 1,350 Christian marriages; admitted 212 natives to the church; and printed 157,929 books and 11,606,429 pages. More than 900,100 of these pages were octavo, 675,000 quarto, and nearly all the rest duodecimo. The whole number of native church members is 916, or an average of 45 to each church. The number received from the beginning is 1,078, of whom 105 have died in the faith. The whole attendance in the congregations each Sabbath, on an average, is 14,500, or about 900 to a congregation—a larger number than is ordinarily witnessed in houses of public worship in our own country. The whole amount of printing at the islands from the beginning, is 1,136,457 books, and 54,138,485 pages. Of the Kumu Hawaii, a semi-monthly paper, 3000 copies are circulated. At the station of Wailuku there were 600 subscribers for this paper. The natives write more and more for its pages. A monthly publication of twelve pages, designed chiefly for children, was commenced a year ago. It is only sixteen years since the language was reduced to writing.

The people renounced their national religion about eighteen years ago, and almost immediately were thrown by the providence of God into the arms of our faith and charity. As a