

Sgan Karen, 250 Churches and 15,000 members; Pwo Karen, 31 Churches and 1,063 members; Bghai Karen, 78 Churches and 2,189 members; total, 370 Churches, with 18,852 members.

A NEW MISSION IN CHINA.

Several of the missionaries of the Presbyterian Board in China having been compelled, on account of the state of their health, to spend a part of their time in a more salubrious Northern province of Shantung, the Board has established a mission there to be called the Shantung Mission, to be composed of Rev. Messrs. Nevius, Gayley, Mills, Green, and Dr. McCartee. There is an encouraging opening for missionary labor there. They have already received precious tokens of the Saviour's presence, and six native converts have been welcomed to the Church as the early fruits of the mission.

News of the Church.

The Mission Schooner.

The contract for the building of the Mission Schooner has been taken by J. M. Carmichael, Esq., of New Glasgow. She is to be built of the best materials and in the best manner, according to the rules of Lloyd's for first class vessels, and indeed in some respects superior to them. The present contract is for the hull, spars, and boats, and the price is to be £12 10s. per ton register. This will make the cost £1250 if she should be of 100 tons. The question of enlarging her to 120 tons has been entertained, and the decision of the wisdom of this is now in the hands of practical men. Should this be agreed on, the cost will be £1500. This is exclusive of the rigging, anchors, etc., so that when fully equipped she will probably cost about £200 currency, or about £1600 sterling. From Mr. Carmichael's character and standing as a builder, the church may depend on having a vessel in all respects the best that the country can produce.

The Sabbath Schools and the Schooner.

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY the three Sabbath Schools in this city met and gave in their collections for the Mission Schooner.

The Poplar Grove Children collected the very handsome sum of £85; The Chalmers Church Children, £35; and the North End Children £16. Since that day a small additional sum has been given in also.

This reflects the highest credit on the city children, and we trust that their example will be followed all over the Church.

The Sharon Church Sabbath School, Tatanagouche, raised on the same day the amount of \$46.

Home Missions.

Our Home Missionaries at present in the field are few and widely scattered. Mr. William Stewart is in Clyde and Barrington, Presbytery of Halifax; Mr. William Sinclair is at Mount Stuart, Prince Edward Island; Messrs. McGillivray and Farquharson are within the bounds of the Pictou Presbytery; Mr. Isaac McKay, is under the Cape Breton Presbytery; Mr. McQuarry, Student, is also labouring as Catechist in Prince Edward Island; Mr. Robert Grant labours at Westchester.

At this time last year our staff of Home Missionaries was much larger: but the decrease is most satisfactory—arising as it has done from the following settlements which have been effected in 1862:—Rev. H. D. Steele, at West Cornwallis; Rev. D. S. Gordon, at Annapolis; Rev. A. P. Miller, French River; Rev. D. McKinnon, Parrsboro; Rev. Mr. Frame, at Lot 16, P. E. Island; Rev. Mr. Falconer, Charlottetown; Rev. Allan McLean, Dundas; Rev. James Waddell, Sheet Harbor and Tangier; Rev. H. McMillan, Murray Harbor; Rev. K. Grant, Merigonish; ten congregations permanently supplied during the year. This is the aim, or at least one main object, of our Home Mission work—to nourish stations into regularly organized and self sustaining congregations. We believe that *five* of the places above-named were never before favoured with a settled ministry.

At the close of the present College Session, several valuable additions will be made to our Home Mission staff; and we trust that the Church will not be embarrassed in her operations by lack of funds. There are many extensive districts of these Provinces