

ed. Then they were oppressed by tyrannical matters. In 1856, their contributions amounted to 8,000 rupees—nearly as much in Bassein alone as in all Western New York. Three years after the churches in Tavoy made a magnificent offering to God of a foreign missionary. It was their reverend teacher Sau Quala. They prayed over the subject, and when they were convinced that it was the will of God, they gave him up willingly, gladly; and “never,” said Mr. Thomas, “did I witness such a manifestation of the Spirit of God as at that meeting.” The churches of Bassein have recently given up the best man of sixty native preachers to go 400 miles above Ava. In Burmah, that is a foreign field. Ava is to a Karen of Bassein as far away as the city of the Montezumas from us; and this is 400 miles beyond Ava; and 100 miles is no small journey in Burmah.

“The people are appointed to be eminently a missionary people. Toungoo is now projecting a mission to China. Six men for China (Yunan) is now the cry. Two have been found; the other four will be. East of Toungoo are the Laos or Shan people, related to the Singphos of Assam. They can be traced down to Siam and Bangkok. Why should not the Karens be missionaries to many tribes? Our English friends sent us 1,000 rupees to save us from bankruptcy; and cannot we sustain these Karen missions?”

CHINA.

The vastness of China as a missionary field, with its teeming population, must give it a prominent place in the thoughts and the prayers of Christians. One of the most interesting items of news from that country, is the translation of some of our precious hymns into the Chinese language by the Rev. W. C. Burns.—The success of the effort has been most encouraging. The same tunes and choruses are used as in England and the United States. These sweet songs of Zion are beginning to be sung in Chinese villages, it is reported, as well as at the missionary stations. This is a great step in the right direction. How interesting it must be to hear “Rock of Ages, cleft for me,” “Just as I am, without one plea,” “There is a Fountain filled with blood,” “The Happy Land,” etc.,

sung by those strange children of the East!

The Rev. Messrs. Doty and Kip, missionaries of the Reformed Dutch Church, who left this country last spring, arrived safe at Amoy; the former returning to his old post with recruited health, the latter entering the mission field for the first time. These brethren received a cordial welcome from the Rev. Mr. Ostrom and the other brethren of the Mission, as well as from the missionaries of other Societies who labor in that city and its vicinity. The Rev. Mr. Culbertson, of the Board of the General Assembly, who had left Shanghai by ship to go up to Che-foo, the seaport of Tang-chau, in the north-eastern part of the empire and on the borders of the Yellow Sea, but was driven down the coast by a terrible typhoon, arrived at Amoy about the same time, and enjoyed much the society of the brethren of that highly favored place. The Rev. J. H. Ballagh also stopped there a few days and then went on to Shanghai, and thence pursued his way to Japan, the field of his labors. Shortly afterwards (in October) the Rev. Mr. Kapalje returned to his post at Amoy, from a three months and a half's visit up the coast as far as Chee-foo and Tang-chau, whither he had gone in quest of health. Amoy was also visited by the Rev. Mr. Douglas, of the English Presbyterian Mission, about that time. The letters of these several brethren, contained in the *Missionary Recorder* and the *Home and Foreign Record* for January and February, give much interesting information respecting the wonderful progress of the Gospel in Amoy, in Cioh-be, Chang-chau, Peechia, and other neighboring places within the last four or five years. The Dutch Mission has two churches in Amoy and several in the neighborhood, embracing several hundred communicants. Almost every week, it is believed, new inquirers after the truth become known. It is, we suppose, the most prosperous mission in China; although, as we remarked in our last *Christian World*, the English Mission in the same place has also been greatly blessed. The missionaries of all the Societies, and at nearly every point occupied on the coast of China,—Canton, Hong Kong, Amoy, Fuh-chau, Ningpo, Shanghai, Chee-foo, Tang-chau, Tiet-sin,—are meeting with more or less encouragement.