

work among the people of the hill country of Formosa. The report says:—An utterly pure and perfect Church cannot be found in China more than elsewhere; but if faith can be proved by works, we have much with which to answer any who would reproach us by alleging that the members are hypocrites. To the communion of Khiboey some of the people come thirty miles over great hills, and through a wild country. They are so eager to be fed with the Word that, careless of the discomfort, 200 crowd into a chapel built for 150. The fisher people of Sionsi meet by themselves—some twenty, who have begun to love the Word among ten thousand—and pray and read without any pastor. In Amoy, besides the contributions regularly paid by the native Christians, and acknowledged in the mission accounts, to the amount of fifty-six dollars, the native Christians give a portion of the salary of a preacher who itinerates in the district of Baypay, and of seven teachers of congregational schools. They have provided five out of the sixteen chapels, and in all of them, except the one at Chinchew, the necessary lighting, cleaning, &c., are at the expense of the Chinese Christians. In the hill region of Formosa the people are found spontaneously singing Christian hymns at their work when there is none to hear them but God, and there also weary miles of toilsome journey, where roads exist not, are traversed in order to partake at the end of the Gospel feast. At Baksa, in December last, the chapel had to be enlarged to accommodate fifty additional hearers, and a school-room was to be built. Dr. Maxwell expected to get all the material and three fourths of the labour from the congregation; and also hoped to announce that two other Formosan chapels at Poahbe and Kamana would be built without external aid. Beyond these examples of one kind of fruit, which might be largely multiplied, our missionaries can tell of conquest of sin in individuals, of growing spiritual apprehension, of hearts softened, of trials endured, and of the Gospel preached by a consistent Christian life among their people. Light is shining on those who were in gross darkness, and many are walking in it with great joy.

INDIA.—Here the work proceeds under the superintendence of the Rev. Behari Lal Singh as satisfactorily as could be expected. At the chapel at Rampore Bauleah, in Bengal, there is a weekly attendance of 50 native Christians; in the schools there are 250 boys and girls, there are 5 native teachers and 5 Scripture-readers. In Mrs. Singh's Orphanage 15 homeless children have found a refuge. Behari's work is reported to be recognised and appreciated by Christian people near him, and last year he raised 100 rupees more than in 1869, in

the shape of local contributions for the Mission.

The receipts of the Synod for Missionary purposes amounted to £7,500 stg.

Religious Intelligence.

Australasia.

Forty-eight years ago Rev. Dr. Lang preached his first sermon in New South Wales, and was then the only Presbyterian Minister in that colony. Now throughout the colonies of Australasia there are upwards of 300 ministers. Presbyterianism has made remarkably rapid strides here.

Island of Formosa.

Thirty-three candidates on this Island have lately been admitted to the membership of the Church. The youngest applicant was a woman of 18 years of age, whose husband had cast her off for worshipping God, and the eldest was a man of 67. The Church is gradually lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes on this heathen island.

Valparaiso.

This city is the capital of Chili, and the most important sea-port on the West coast of South America. The population is largely Roman Catholic, though free toleration is allowed to Protestants. A Presbyterian Church has been opened and a much esteemed minister occupies the pulpit. Rev. Dr. Trumbill.

Fiji Islands.

Fearful massacres have of late taken place on these islands, reminding us that heathenism is not by any means extinct. One minister, Rev. Thomas Baker, has been killed, and hundreds of other men slaughtered. Notwithstanding these trials, however, during the past year no less than 2,300 accessions have been made to the church.

Africa.

God hath truly wrought a great work in this dark benighted land. Twenty-five dialects have been reduced to writing, and there are now 15,000 communicants adhering to different branches of the Christian Church. The whole coast of Africa is now open to Christian effort.