

order that they may enjoy health, competence, and happiness.

The efforts which England has made to procure your independence is a sufficient proof of her anxiety for your welfare; and you may be sure that she will not cease to watch your progress towards civilization, and to interest herself in your behalf on every proper occasion.

That God's blessing may attend you, will always be the wish of—

Your sincere friend,

H. B. MARTIN,

Captain of H. B. M. ship *Grampus*.

China.

A Public Valedictory Service was held on Feb. the 8th, at Craven Chapel, London, on occasion of the departure to China of the Rev. Dr. Legge, Rev. W. Young and Mrs. Young, Rev. B. Kay and Mrs. Kay, Rev. T. Gilfillan, and J. Edkins, Mr. Hislop (medical Missionary) and Mrs. Hislop, three Chinese converts, with Misses Hanson and Evans, both proceeding to Shanghai.

In the course of the service the eldest of the Chinese converts addressed the assembly in admirable English, to the following effect:—I am glad to have an opportunity of meeting so many of the friends of Christ and of the Chinese Mission. I must thank you for sending the Gospel to China, for seeking to turn us from darkness to light, and from Satan to God. I was once a heathen,—now I hope I am a Christian. To you and others in this country my thanks are due. It was in Malacca I first met with Dr. Legge, and from thence I followed him, with one of my friends here, to Hong Kong, for I was determined to follow up my education. My father wrote to me soon after, approving of what I had done, and advising me to be diligent in my studies. When Dr. Legge made up his mind to go to England, he intimated that, if we would accompany him, we should return with him to China. After some time, we said that we would do so, and accordingly we left Hong Kong towards the end of 1845, and have been in this country about twenty-two months. We have all been very happy in Britain. My father has written to me several letters, and he is glad that we came with Dr. Legge to England. We have made tolerably good progress in the English language, and various branches of knowledge. We have become acquainted with the doctrines of Christianity, and have professed our faith in them by being baptized. I believe that there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, namely, Christ Jesus, and that he came into the world to save sinners. I was

as a sheep going astray, but God has brought me to Christ as the shepherd and bishop of souls. I hope I am a Christian, and I desire to carry the doctrines of Christianity to my countrymen. I expect we shall embark in a few days. We shall labour to diffuse the knowledge of the true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, and we hope that, before long God will bring many more of the Chinese young men to believe in Christianity, and to join us in preaching the Gospel,—in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. We shall soon embark on board the ship, and I have to say to you, "Farewell." Pray for us,—pray that my companions and myself may be kept stedfast, and that God would make us the instruments in turning our relations, and many of our countrymen, to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Again, I say, "Farewell." I shall remember the congregation I have met to-night as long as I live.

Survey of Protestant Missions.

The information contained in this article is chiefly derived from a paper which appeared in the *Missionary Chronicle* of January last.

We begin with EUROPE. That continent is called "Christian." With how little propriety the appellation is given must be sufficiently obvious to those who bear in mind that probably three-fourths of the population belong to the Romish or Greek churches, and are consequently steeped in ignorance and superstition.

In addition to the testimony borne by Protestant churches, there are specific missionary enterprises, sustained by various Societies. The Wesleyan Missionary Society has agents in the South of France and in Switzerland; the American Baptist Missionary Union, in France, Germany, and Greece; the Foreign Evangelical Society, in France and Belgium; the Paris and Geneva Evangelical Societies, in France and Switzerland; the English Baptist Missionary Society, in Brittany. Besides these, there are many missionaries among the Jews, most of whom have been sent out by the London Jews' Society and the Free Church of Scotland. Malta is an important missionary station, being a convenient centre, from which agents may be despatched to all the coasts of the Mediterranean. Dr. Achilli, and his excellent coadjutors who have taken refuge there, are preparing the way for a powerful attack on Popery in the Italian States.

ASIA has largely shared the sympathy of Christians. The number of missionaries in that quarter of the world is 588. Of these,