

Communion are thus simultaneously pressing this inquiry, without concert. The finger of the Lord is in it.

CHINA.—Mr. Suck has great advantage at Macao, for studying the language and character of the Great Nation. Any amount of books can be distributed here. It is not his intention to remain here, but to occupy some other place in China or Cochin China, as soon as practicable.

Mr. S has baptized an interesting Chinaman, by the name of Ahea A. Loo, who, more than two years ago, abandoned his idols, in consequence of the perusal of some Christian books that fell in his way. Mr. Gutzlaff conversed, read, and prayed with him repeatedly, and felt satisfied of the reality of his conversion. This "is the first Chinese ever baptized within the confines of this vast and idolatrous empire." [We presume Mr. S. means immersed.]—*Boston Rec.*

#### RIPLEY, OHIO.

More than eighteen months since, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Ripley, received a commission from the American Anti-slavery Society, to labor one year in their service. The matter was referred to the congregation for their decision. It was felt as a severe trial both to pastor and people. It was just at the time when the mob-spirit raged most fiercely, and, of course, when there was the greatest danger of assassination. After mature deliberation, the congregation unanimously voted to give up their pastor one year, to labor in behalf of the poor slave.

Many believed that this would divide the church, and ultimately sever the pastoral relation. But the Lord furnished them with a suitable supply, and blessed them with greater unanimity than they had previously enjoyed. In some instances, coldness and indifference towards the pastor

were changed for confidence and attachment. And in the midst of sympathy for him, even his faults, real or supposed, were forgotten. New life seemed to pervade the congregation.

When the pastor occasionally returned home, he held meetings, and was heard with more than usual interest. Audiences became larger, and communion seasons more impressive.

During the past fall the seriousness became still more apparent, and was much increased by the divine blessing upon the labours of Mr. Little, agent of the American Home Missionary Society. Deep impressions were made upon some of the teachers and children of the Sabbath School; and even little children gave evidence of a change of heart. In a short time the work extended to others connected with the congregation. The members of the church now appear to be greatly revived, and 48 have been added to the communion. The fruits appear to be faith, repentance, and holy living. The work has been free from noise and confusion. A remarkable stillness has pervaded the audiences. The people seemed to feel that God was present, and that silence and reverence became them when in his temple.

No extra means have been used to produce excitement. Prayer, preaching of the word, Sabbath School instruction, and family visitation have been the means employed. The work is still progressing.—*Cin. Jour.*

#### REVIVAL IN HARTFORD.

Extract from a letter by the Rev. Robert Turnbull, pastor of the second Baptist Church, Hartford, to one of the editors of the Baptist Recorder. Having stated that the revival embraced in its special influences both of the Baptist Churches in that city, and that probably not less than two or three hundred had become the