

ambassadors there is reason to hope it may, "then," says Mr. Burns, "as far as the law is concerned, all our mission stations beyond Amoy might be broken up at once, and the progress of the Gospel everywhere be arrested by government interference; and this while Roman Catholics have had secured to them such ample freedom, both in holding property and in many other respects, such as the immunity of their native converts from taxation for idolatrous purposes," etc. . . . Forty members were received by the American Presbyterian Church, at an out station near Ningpo, during last year, not one of whom receives any support from the mission. They have a native pastor, supported in part by the Church. In all, there are about two hundred members, two native pastors, and four licentiates or probationers.

THE CANADA CHURCH.—Our brethren of the Canada Presbyterian Church are actively engaged in various important enterprises for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The last number of the *Canada Record* contains a letter from REV. D. DUFF who has been sent as a missionary to the wild regions of British Columbia. The Foreign Mission Committee have resolved to open a mission among the Cree Indians in the Hudson's Bay Territory, and the Convener calls for volunteers for the work.

"The missionary would require to leave in May for Red River; and after conferring with the brethren there, proceed to Fort Pitt about 800 miles distant. The Committee do not favor the erection of buildings and the securing of stock, etc., at present. For the first year or so, they would expect the missionary to study the language, itinerate, explore, get acquainted with the habits of the people, and in general to *feel his way*. The formation of a settlement will depend on such information as he may gather and communicate. He may be able also occasionally to preach to the miners at the Saskatchewan, who will not be far from a portion of his field."

This is a most inviting mission field, and most glad are we to see that the Canada Church have resolved to enter upon it.

The *Record* gives also a very interesting historical sketch of Knox College, Toronto, from its commencement till now. The difference between 1844 and 1864 is said to be very great. The College has now a character, valuable buildings, and a large library.

There have been licensed for the ministry 126 students. One-third of the present ministers in Canada are from the College. 84 are now charges; 24 are probationers; 6 are dead. Dr. Burns has been connected with the College since 1846.

THE HEATHEN A TERROR TO ONE ANOTHER.—Bishop Patteson, the head of Melanesian (South Sea Island) Mission, states:—"At present there is a school in only one of the islands. I have given you some idea of what the state of that island was. People much older than I am would say to me, 'May I walk with you to-day?' They had never before been two miles from their homes, and under the protection of this white man they were able to see their own island. Some time ago I was walking with a lad across his island and he took the wrong path; it was only three quarters of a mile from his own village, and he confessed to me that he had never been there before in his life. But now, thank God, we had for the last two years natives sent to our central school from every island of that Archipelago and the people are living peacefully and securely. At one time it was impossible for the people to feel at all secure when they went away from their own doors. I have seen in one island a stream of water. And when a woman used to go to it with her calabash, a distance of only a hundred and fifty yards, her husband had to watch her with his bow and poisoned arrows, lest some one should pounce upon her and carry her away. But when I walked through the island the other day I did not meet with a single person armed. The people had not only learned to put an end to quarrelling when we were there, but even when there was no member of the mission party there, they have settled their quarrels without bloodshed."

During the last ten years, notwithstanding the terrible Sepoy insurrection, the success of missions in India has more than doubled. According to most reliable accounts, the number of converted Hindoos has increased from 112,000 to 213,000.—The 648 native helpers have become nearly 2000. Ordained pastors, once idolators, have risen from 48 to at least 183.

The father of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Young of Lagicalmond is dead. He was 85 years of age, 63 of which he spent in the active work of the ministry.

MADAGASCAR.—The labours of the missionaries have been hitherto entirely confined to the capital and to adjacent places. The missionaries are now contemplating an extension of the work to the Betsileo