

## MISSION FIELD.

## CHINA.

The Rev. T. O. Partridge, of the Wuchang Mission, argues that the safety of foreigners in China should be secured by friendly intercourse with the people in their mother tongue, and not by the use of bricks, tiles, or other missiles. "The power of half a dozen words of their own language over a Chinese crowd is simply marvellous. One sentence correctly spoken and judiciously applied will cause a rabble quickly and peacefully to disperse, when a shot gun or a missile would be fatal." In the case of a great riot, when the people and soldiers are already beyond control, the language may be ineffectual, in which case you have recourse to the second protection, which is a child. Take a little child with you in your arms, and the roughest men will spare you for the sake of the child. A lady who was in the recent Chung-king riot told me, that when the mob surrounded her and began to beat her sedan chair to pieces she rushed out of it into the street with a child in her arms, and the crowd cried, Don't hurt the child. Thanks to the presence of the little one she reached the governor's gates in safety. This is a very curious trait, but a very creditable one, and it is almost universal in China.

## MELANESIA.

Bishop Selwyn, writing on June 21 from Norfolk Island, relates the following incident as occurring at Opa (Leper's Island) in the district of the Rev. C. Bice:

Charles Tariquat, the native teacher, had been doing splendid work in the midst of difficulty and danger. Quite a young fellow, he had brought together the people of his place in the most wonderful way; he went to a feast at a village 6 miles off, and while there, standing among the elders, and looking at the dancing, a young friend came up with his father's gun; this, of course, was loaded, and at full cock. The lad let it down with a bang, the lock snapped, and poor Charles was shot through the lungs. He lived for fourteen days, and during that time he constantly exhorted his people to remain steadfast to the new teaching. Never mind me, he said, I am only one, but do you all hold fast the truth. On the morning of his death he was lying very weak and faint when the bell rang for prayers. Go, all of you, he said: I will go to sleep; when they came back, he was 'asleep'—in Christ. The Bishop says, such an incident as this may remind us, that it is not our teaching, but the life of Him who lived and died for us that we have been enabled by God to plant in these men's hearts.

## AUSTRALIA.

On July 13, an eight days' mission was commenced in Melbourne. Thirty-five parishes were confederate, and great efforts were made in

preparation for it by the forty clergy of those parishes and their lay helpers. Hundreds of workers visited from door to door within the ten mile radius, and the result has been that great crowds have gathered in Churches day after day, and night after night, and forty Mission preachers have taken part in the effort, South Australia, New South Wales, and Queensland, each furnishing a contingent. A united Thanksgiving service in the Melbourne Town Hall on a wet night with an immense overflow, concluded the mission. Three thousand persons were massed together, and the hymns were led by a special choir. There was a series of addresses, and a collection of nearly £100, followed by a solemn *Te Deum*. All this was on a chilly winter's night, and 2,000 people were turned from the doors and found an overflow congregation in St. Paul's. The Bishop took a prominent part throughout the Mission, and spoke and preached to the very end, with great point and fervency.

[Contributed].

## A RECIPE FOR SWEEPING CARPETS.

I think I hear the reader making fun of the above heading, and exclaiming "The idea of a recipe for sweeping a carpet!" But that is just what I mean to say. If there is an abomination of domestic life it is the hired girl who will not sweep clean. Of the four girls that I have employed in the last twelve years, only one knew how to sweep well. At the three I was always getting provoked for just this reason; and indeed, one of them gave her notice because I found fault with her for this one thing. After she went I purchased a carpet sweeper and used it myself, until number four was engaged. She was a Yankee, a Vermonter, tall, tough, and terrible as an army with dish cloths. Her name was Celestia, but she pronounced it like "Slasher," and a slasher she was, and is, for still she reigns among us. I did not fancy her at first, and in my heart of hearts, determined that she would never suit me in the world. She came on Monday and she washed well. She ironed on Tuesday and magnified the flat irons. Wednesday I sent her into the parlor to sweep, and in a few minutes I went down to oversee her; she had set the carpet sweeper on the mantle-shelf, and was sprinkling my carpet with water that looked as if it had come out of the mop-pail. O, how angry I was. My elegant carpet doused with slops! "O, git out!" Celestia exclaimed, coolly, "that 'ar won't hurt yer floor kiver!" That was too much, and I told her to consider herself discharged. "Wall!" she said, and went to her room, while I went to mine. At noon when I went to show John where the damage had been done, to my surprise I found that that part of the carpet which had been swept was brighter than it had been for months. "What wuz it?" Celestia said when I called on her for an explanation. "Why, nothin',

only I put Pearline in the water to lay the dust, jedge in' it wud clean out of the wash-tub as well as in it!" And dear reader, she was right, and that is the recipe. It works like a charm, injures no carpet, and is fine—just try it. L. C. M.

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