

Society Islands.

The news from these Islands is very interesting. Although under the Protectorate of France, and exposed to the unceasing efforts of Popish Missionaries, the native Christians are more numerous now than they were at the time of the seizure of the Islands by the French Government almost twenty years ago. In the Island of Tahiti there are thirty native pastors, sustained by the French Government—for there is in these Islands, as in France, a union of Church and State. A former Missionary of the London Missionary Society has an important supervision of the whole. Upon the Island of Tahaa, one of the leeward group of Islands, is a school for the training of native preachers, to which ten candidates were lately sent from Tahiti. The "week of Prayer" last January was well observed.

Wonderful has been the progress of Christianity on Savage Island within the last fifteen years. The Rev. Mr. Pratt, of the London Missionary Society, has under his supervision five chapels, one of which will hold 1000 people, and a class of fifteen young men, who, he hopes, will one day be capable assistant teachers.

Egypt.

The Mission of the United Presbyterian Church of the U. States in the 'Land of the Pharaohs' meets with much encouragement. Its school at Cairo has 200 scholars, and that at Alexandria 150. One of its Missionaries sold eight thousand New Testaments on a tour up the Nile. The Rev. Drs. Dales and Pressley, the former the Cor. Sec'y, and the latter an important member of the Board of Missions of that Church, are at this time on their way to visit that Mission, as well as the Mission in Damascus, under that Board.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LIBERIA.

We have read with great interest the account contained in *The Spirit of Missions* for August last of the organization of "The General Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Liberia and parts adjacent." The convention which effected this organization was held in the month of April at Cape Palmas. There were present on the occasion the Rt. Rev. Bishop Payne, and Rev. Messrs. J. G. Auer, C. C. Hoffman, J. K. Wilcox, T. J. Thompson, G. W. Gibson, and Messrs. T. Toomey and G. B. Gates; in all six ministers and three laymen, representing nine stations and seven churches. The session lasted several days. A Constitution, consisting of nine articles, was prepared by a committee, was discussed, and adopted. Also seven Canons. A Stand-

ing Committee was appointed, that adopted a series of five rules for the regulation of its proceedings and acts. The first meeting of the General Convocation is to be held in Trinity Church, Monrovia, in the month of February, 1863. May the blessing of the Great Head of the Church rest on this interesting branch on the shores of Africa, and with the noble little Republic of Liberia!—We are sure every reader will say, *Amen!*

ZULU MISSION.

This mission must be prospering; the Rev. Mr. Linsley's account of it at the annual meeting of the American Board at Springfield was exceedingly interesting.—We are grieved to report that that excellent missionary received, just before his departure for his work in Africa, intelligence of the loss of his house, furniture, and books by fire! We believe the loss was greatly, if not entirely, made good before he left; we sincerely trust it was, at all events.

ABYSSINIA.

The Missionary Flad, from the Christiana Institution, near Basle, Switzerland, and his coadjutors, have been much blest among the Jews (Falaschas) some thirty of whom he reports as being prepared for baptism.—"Two of them," he says, "are old men of sixty years, with silver hair, and although they are black, yet the peace and the kindness of God laughs out of their faces."

France.

ACTIVITY OF PROTESTANTS' ACKNOWLEDGED BY PAPISTS.—The publishers of the *Rose Tree*, a Parisian journal, devoted to the worship of Mary, make the following admission:—"The Protestants have disseminated more than two millions of bad books in the Chalais' camp, whereto the Catholic chaplain could oppose but twenty thousand good ones, and to get these he had to knock at all the doors, to spend much money, and often received after all books scarcely suitable." The London correspondent of the *Paris Star* also admits the great activity of Bible-distributors at the Great Exhibition, in the following ill-humored manner:—"O, this Bible! The Evangelical propaganda takes every disguise in England: it watches you everywhere, passes through your key-hole, conceals itself under your pillow, and will even marry you if only it can get in a Bible! In going and coming, I tell you, I have received enough to fill a book-shelf.—There is neither a concert, nor a ball, an exhibition, nor a meeting, nor a Sabbath boxing between Papist and Huguenot in Hyde Park, nor a paper of sugar plums, nor a nosegay of flowers, but a Bible is hidden within it! In Cornhill, there is a dentist