

## FUH-CHAU FUH.

We regret to state that Mrs. McCaw, the wife of the Rev. F. McCaw, died at Fuh-chau fuh on the 9th of October: her infant has survived. Mr. McCaw has suffered severely by this bereavement, but has been enabled to rise above it, and pursue his work vigorously. In his letter of the 12th of October he says—

"There is no impediment whatever to the spread of the Gospel here; and, unless the authorities disturb our plans, there is every prospect of a blessing for this city. If our application for chapels and schools in the city succeed, of which you have seen in our journals and reports, we shall then be more highly favoured than any of the Missions in China. It is pleasing to see that the books are not only gladly received, but that they are eagerly read, and with delight. I have seen literary graduates remain a quarter of an hour at my gate reading, and seemingly explaining to others the subjects they had read."

## ABYSSINIA.—PALESTINE.

Extract of a Letter from the Bishop of Jerusalem, dated Jerusalem, December 10, 1855.

"Last Friday evening, the 7th, we had a very full meeting at the schoolhouse, when I delivered the Instructions to the four Missionaries for Abyssinia; and I think the reply of one of them, in the name of all, could not have been heard without emotion and edification by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, chiefly for its humility, good sense, and faith. They have left us this morning to embark to-morrow at Jaffa (God willing); and they will tarry in Egypt till they get the Bibles and New Testaments from England, which I have asked from the British and Foreign Bible Society; unless, indeed, this supply should be retarded on the one hand, and, on the other hand, unless there is a good number of Bibles at Cairo, in which case they will start, at the latest, in the middle of January 1856.

"In the middle of my troubles I have been much encouraged by the interest which by far the larger number of our community take in this Mission. They have already contributed about £20 for it, and I understand there is another collection going on, which will bring about £14 more. Is not this much for poor Jerusalem, when it is remembered that the Consul and the richest members gave nothing?

"Yesterday before service we had a violent storm, with thunder and lightning, and much rain. I thought this would prevent our people from attending, but they all came in due time: even the Protestants of the Anglo-Turkish Contingent attended. These men seem anxious to use the means of grace as long as they can. They will soon be sent to the Crimea."

"The poor soldiers came to take leave. I gave them an exhortation to act faithfully, not as worldly soldiers of the cross. During their stay here two Mahomedan soldiers were convinced of the truth through their instrumentality; they wished to be baptized, but the time was too short to prepare them. However, they are determined to embrace the opportunity to enter into the fold of Christ's flock. I gave them a general letter of recommendation to the chaplains of the army, and other pious soldiers in the Crimea."

"Our Mission seems to have a more encouraging aspect. After the boys had been dismissed from school to-day, two of them were walking home together with their books under their arms. A Catholic priest met them. He stopped, and took hold of one of their books: it was the New Testament. Then looking at the boy, he said, 'But are you a Christian?' The boy replied, 'No, I am a Jew.' Then, turning to the other he asked, 'And what are you?' 'A Mahomedon,' was the answer. By this time the teacher had come up, and the priest said to him, 'If I had not seen this with my own eyes, I could not have believed that Jews and Mahomedons would read the gospel.' Yes,' said the teacher, 'it may well appear marvellous in your eyes; in our school they all read the gospel.' 'This is God's work,'"

## WEST-AFRICA MISSION.

Bishop Weeks arrived in Sierra Leone on the 14th of November. The event is thus noticed in the "New Era," a Sierra Leone paper—

"The 'Ethiophe' brought us our long-looked-for Bishop, the Right Rev. J. W. Weeks, D. D., with a number of Missionary clergymen for this coast. The arrival of Dr. Weeks among us, as may have been expected from the familiar acquaintance with him of the many who had, in days long past, experienced the benefits of his earlier ministry, created an almost indescribable excitement. One and all rushed to the wharf to greet him who, though as a new bishop, was still their same old friend.

"The demonstration on the part of the native people was pleasing in the extreme. All eager to shake hands with their old father, and their beloved matron, Mrs. Weeks, they seemed for a moment to forget all decorum; and, hugging as closely as possible to the beloved pair, a little timidity alone restrained them from giving vent to their natural warmth: of African gratitude and affection.

"The appointment of a bishop to this colony could not have been more happy. The people seem to feel at home with him and to regard him with affection; the demon-

strations could not fail to be pleasurable even to the most disinterested observer."

## OUR MISSIONARY FORCE.

The establishment of our Mission at present, in Sierra Leone, is

7 Ordained Missionaries, 3 Ordained Native Missionaries, 1 European Catechist, 3 European Male Teachers, 3 European Female Teachers, 1 Country-born Catechist, 6 Native Male Teachers, 8 Native Christian Visitors, 66 Native Teachers and Schoolmasters, 7 Native Schoolmistresses, at home sick 6 Ordained Missionaries.

## FREETOWN.

Pademba-Road District is under the charge of the Rev. James Beale, who has also taken the villages of Goderich and Lunley. We present an extract from his journal.

June 4—I spent this day, in a distant part of the town, in pastoral visits. I visited every house, whether heathen or Christian. Was sorry to find, from personal observation, that many were again setting up idols in their houses. I, however, found a much better feeling among them towards myself. I sat down in the houses of several heathens who never attended any place of worship. Some of these were formerly very violent, but now kind, especially one that struck my visitor, and was a terror to the neighbourhood. He now allowed me to sit down in his house and converse freely on eternal things. In two such families, the reception, as contrasted with former days, was very striking. The shipwreck we suffered I found was still the subject of their conversation, and even yet seems to be the Lord's way of opening their hearts. Many promised to come to God's house, some in such a way that I feel satisfied they will ere long fulfil their promise. Though there is much Christianity in this colony, yet it appals one, when looking closely into the masses, to see how many are yet living in the grossest ignorance and superstition.

## KISSEY-ROAD CHURCH.

The Rev. T. Maxwell, our native Missionary in charge of the congregation of this church, has forwarded his journal up to the 30th of Sept. 1855.

Feb. 7—About two o'clock on Tuesday morning I was awoken by a great cry at no great distance from my house: it was a mournful announcement that death had come among us, and had ushered an immortal being into eternity; yet who the unhappy victim was I could not guess, not being aware of any of my neighbours being dangerously ill. At day-break I inquired and received the intelligence that J. W., one of my best communicants, was dead. I was the more surprised by the information, as twenty-four hours had scarcely elapsed since I last saw him, most laboriously occupied in blasting stones. I was