

THE Missionary Society of Sweden have sent two missionaries—one to New York and the other to Boston—to labor among the Swedish immigrants arriving in those cities.

**ZENANA WORK.**—Within the past ten years at least 2,500 women have annually received zenana instruction in India.

THE Basle Mission Society has in India, China, and Africa ninety-eight male and fifty-nine female European laborers, ninety-five native catechists and evangelists, one hundred and one Christian teachers and helpers, and three thousand seven hundred and eighteen communicants.

### China.

There are in China three missions sustained by American Methodists—those of Fu Chau, Klukang, and Peking. That of Fu-Chau was organized in 1847; but, like all the China missions, it was slow of growth at the outset. Now it numbers four missionaries, two assistants, two missionaries of the Woman's Board, 65 native preachers, 1,805 communicants, 297 baptized children, 28 students of the female academy, 869 Sunday scholars. The mission press issued, in 1872, 3,502,782 pages, and a Biblical Institute has been started for the training of the native ministry. Humanly speaking, upon this mission, according to Rev. N. Sites, the acting Superintendent, depends the enlightenment of 3,000,000 of people. The Klukang and the Peking Missions are as yet in the earlier stages of development, having only been established three or four years. They have, however, good working forces. A year ago \$10,000 was voted by the General Committee for establishing a mission in Canton, this being a natural outgrowth of the mission on the Pacific Coast, for which \$7,000 was expended by the Committee last year.

SIR BARTLE FRERE says:—"In going from Zanzibar to Aden, he was sailing along the coast of Madagascar, on a Sunday, and as they were not far from the shore he saw a native town. He ordered the vessel to stop, and went on shore in a boat, feeling an anxiety to see what a Malagasy town was like. He took along with him a native interpreter. They found all the streets deserted, and all was silent as the grave. He (Sir Bartle Frere) inquired the reason for this; and was told 'the people are praying, sir.' He was then conducted to a large shed, where 2,000 people were devoutly attending the worship of God. He observed and listened attentively, and never saw nor heard a service conducted with more devoutness and propriety. At the

close of the service some went away, the others remaining. Through the agency of the interpreter, he was told that the people were next about to hold a communion service. He sat down with them at the table of our Lord, when the worshiper produced a beautiful silver communion service, all wrought by native silversmiths. 'Never in all Christendom,' added Sir Bartle Frere, 'had I seen a communion service conducted with such propriety.' This station was fully 300 miles away from the nearest European missionary station. And when it was asked how the people there came to the possession of the truth, he was told that it had been conveyed thither, in 1846, by two native slaves, who were sold at the capital and who had previously been under missionary influence.

### Madagascar.

Young nobles of that land having been satisfactorily educated in connection with the mission, the native government seemed so much impressed with the result as to propose "to erect a large college, where the whole sons of their nobility might be educated, under the care of the agents of the Missionary Society. The whole of this they further proposed to do free of cost." During the past year 28,000 converts have been added to the churches; but it is surmised that Dr. Mullens, of the London Missionary Society, after examining the needs of that great mission field for himself, will call for a corps of missionaries that can provide for twice that number. Now there is one English missionary for every 100 native churches.

It is said that there are already one hundred Protestant churches planted in Italy, and all are enjoying more or less prosperity. In Rome 10,000 children are in the municipal schools, formerly under Papal direction, but now no priest is admitted as a teacher.

REV. LEVI SPAULDING, D. D., has recently died at his home in India, at the age of eighty-two. He was one of the second party of missionaries sent to India fifty-four years ago by the American Board. He was one of the best Zaniel scholars, and acquired very great facility in the use of the language. He was the author of the first Zaniel dictionary ever published, and his English and Zaniel dictionary is now the standard authority.

THE American Mission among the Nestorians of Persia employs a large number of Nestorian helpers. They report an average attendance on the preached word of about 4,000, with nearly 2,000 pupils in Sabbath-schools. Evening meetings are