

why they did not carry out their intention, yet peace and quietness have again been restored. We have freer access to the people, and more direct opportunities of doing good to their souls than we have previously had during the past eight months. May they soon solve the mystery, why they were not permitted to carry their design into operation. Truly God reigneth over the kingdom of the heathen. In the midst of all the excitement we endeavoured as best we could, to discharge our duty among them. Our school was kept open that we might embrace every opportunity of speaking to those who would attend.

Our Sabbath day services were also conducted as usual, though the male attendance both at school and also at Church was but nominal, the average attendance at school being but four, at Church twelve. We are still looking very anxiously for letters. Hope deferred in that respect so long maketh the heart seek. Pray for us. Cease not to wrestle mightily with God for Tana's sons and daughters. They know not the Lord—they know not the blessings of that salvation which they so long despise.

Yours &c,

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OTHER MISSIONS.

MICRONESIA.—The Micronesia Mission is one of the more recently formed missions, and we believe the most distant one in the Pacific. A recent letter from the Rev. Mr. Bingham, after speaking very favorably of the character of some where baptism had been previously mentioned, says:

Our King, also, Tekaiaca, is taking a noble stand in some respects. He has put aside all his wives but one, yet providing for the wants of one who is the mother of some of his children. He orders abstinence from work on the Sabbath, is most regular in his attendance upon public worship seems very docile: and Capt. Gelett, of the Morning Star, has more than once spoken of the marked change in his demeanor. He appears to be almost a Christian. His wife, Nei Kaobunang, gives still more pleasing evidence of a change of heart. We hope soon to propose her as a candidate for baptism. Another woman also affords us much hope that Jesus numbers her among his little ones. She has learned to read without instruction from the missionaries. Still other men and women profess faith in Christ, and in several instances their fruits are quite cheering.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.—One single parish in Germany with its noble pastor. Harms, has within the past eight years sent to the east coast of Africa 41 missionaries, and is now sustaining them. It also sustains in its midst, a

school for training its missionaries, and a missionary magazine in which is published the correspondence of the friends sent to their distant field. Their zeal for God in the work of evangelizing the world, puts to shame our puny efforts, and, indeed, the efforts of nearly every Christian denomination. What shall we say? that even in these trying times, a denomination of 80,000 cannot strengthen the little band they have sent to fight where Satan's seat is, by sending them a reinforcement? We know we can, if we will. One tithe of the zeal, which, under God, pastor Harms has infused into the hearts of his people, would lead us to do this now, and even much more. True, it would require us to arouse from our criminal apathy, but what a blessing to ourselves and to our denomination would that be. A spirit of Christian enterprise would be awakened that would impart new spiritual life and vigor to our churches.

MURDER OF TWO MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.—A private letter dated Shanghai, Oct. 24, 1861, gives the following facts relative to the murder of two Protestant missionaries:

"Last Sunday night, just after the service in the Episcopal mission chapel Bishop Boone received a letter from Mr. Smith, of their mission at Chefoo, stating that Rev. Mr. Parker, of the Episcopal Mission, and a Mr. Holmes of the Baptist mission, had been mur-