

recently, Mr. Gardner has baptized a Sepoy—one of that class who figured so prominently in the Mutiny of 1857-58, and whose conversion to Christianity, in at least one instance, was followed by discharge from the army! At Nagpore, Mr. Whitton has received into the native Church a man and his son, a young woman, and four of the girls belonging to the Orphanage. At Calcutta, Dr. Mitchell reports the baptism of a Mohammedan woman, and also that of an educated native doctor, who would probably join Dr. Templeton in his mission to the Santals. And, finally, turning to South Africa, Mr. Laing sends good tidings regarding the mission at Burnshill."

Mr. Whitton also speaks of two candidates for admission from the Roman Catholic Church at Nagpore. Mr. Laing reports the baptism of thirteen persons, and that sixty-five candidates are under instruction with a view to their reception into the Church. The Rev. G. I. Metzger, of Chingleput, in the Madras Mission, has been compelled by his wife's ill health to leave the field and look for work in the Church of Wurtemberg.

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This active Church is again applying for more missionaries to go to India, China, and Old Calabar. Dr. Parker tells of the baptism of two women, one fifty-eight years of age, and a man at Me-Kyü, near Ningpo, in China. He says:—

"Ancestral worship is a great hindrance to the spread of the gospel, as old people are very vain of having their memories perpetuated, and often don't hesitate to declare that we foreigners are come to lead away their descendants to worship our ancestors, instead of worshipping and attending to the spirits of their own. This idea, I think, has been given to them by the Roman Catholics worshipping Mary, Joseph, and other saints and angels. Occasionally a man presents himself for baptism, but on inquiry into his circumstances we find that he has a little family legacy left him to perpetuate ancestral worship; and when told he must give up this before becoming a Christian, he begins to count the cost, and draws back. Many examples are on record of men even foregoing this for the gospel's sake. You will therefore see by what a Chinese convert is surrounded in his daily walk and conversation."

Much of the time of the Medical Mission is occupied with the sale of a medicine for the cure of opium smoking. The average number applying weekly for this medicine is 128. It is a great boon to the poor, affording relief to hundreds of families, who are in destitute circumstances from the father consuming all their income in opium.

The Rev. A. Benoliel, in what he says of the Church in Cadiz, shows the difference between nominal and real Christianity. Almost as soon as his church was opened he had a roll of about 400 adherents. Up to this time, however, having been very careful in admitting to the membership of the Church, only eighteen names appear on the communion roll, seven of whom were admitted for the first time, one a convert from Judaism and six from Popery. The boys' school, which commenced on the 24th of March with one boy, on the 31st of May had an attendance of 97, while the girls' school at the same date had 93 scholars. The Rev. Joseph Villierid has opened a new station in Jersey, which is supported by the people of his original congregation in that city. Mission work has thus begun early. The Jersey congregation must succeed.