

believed that here the Gospel is leavening the minds of the people, but there have been no baptisms during the year.

A new field of labour has been entered upon at Yam-chow, a place about twenty miles north-east of Swatow, where a native Christian, the fruits of former Missionary labour at that place, is rendering valuable assistance.

The Rev. W. C. Burns has completed a new hymn-book, in the Swatow dialect, containing twenty-eight hymns and three doxologies. He has also completed the printing of a new hymn-book in the Foochow dialect, consisting of thirty-three hymns, several of them founded on such Psalms as the 1st, 23rd, 63rd, 100th, and 103rd.

The Rev. Alex. Grant went down from Amoy in May to visit the congregation formed at Singapore by Si-boo, one of the first of the converts at Pechuia. The work there is in a hopeful state.

The new treaty has thrown the whole of China open to the Gospel. The eyes of Rome are especially turned to that vast empire, and the Jesuits are taking advantage of the treaty which gives them a claim to old ecclesiastical buildings. A cathedral is to be built at Chin-Chew, and they are pouring in priests to Formosa, while your Missions plead—but in vain—for men for these places.

MADAGASCAR.

The *Missionary Magazine* contains an interesting letter from Rev. William Ellis, from Mauritius. The following facts are now clearly ascertained:—

“The number of Native Christians has not been exaggerated in the representations of their friends, but actually exceeds their largest calculation—the suffering captives are all set free, they have returned to their homes, and, under the auspices of the new government, enjoy unrestricted religious liberty—the Christians are importunately requesting the earliest visit of Mr. Ellis at the capital, and, through him, they entreat the Society to send Missionaries and Teachers forthwith; with equal urgency they beg for Bibles and other books from which they may acquire Scriptural and useful knowledge; and in all these measures they have the sanction and cordial concurrence of the new sovereign.”

Mr. Ellis has met with a warm reception from all classes of christians at Mauritius, and it is stated that no foreigner will be so gladly received at Antananarivo as Mr. Ellis. It is believed that by this time six missionary labourers, under the auspices of the London Missionary Society, have embarked for Madagascar. Dangers from various sources surround the cause in Madagascar, but it is hoped that amidst complicated evils the omnipotent power of God may surround the person of the new King, and that the christian church, which has been preserved and even enlarged through many years of cruel persecution, may still be protected and prospered by the abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

MORAVIAN MISSIONS.

According to the Report published at the end of last year the United Brethren have in Greenland 4 stations and 20 missionary labourers; in Labrador 4 stations and 29 labourers; among North American Indians 4 stations and 9 labourers; in the West Indies 39 stations and 105 missionary labourers; in the Mosquito Coast 5 stations and 12 labourers; in Surinam 13 stations and 63 labourers; in South Africa 10 stations and 59 labourers; in Australia 1 station and 6 labourers; in Tibet 1 station and 6 labourers—total, 81 stations and 309 labourers. The whole number of communicants reported in the Mission Stations is 19,848, of whom over 13,000 are in the West Indies.