

CHINESE MISSION.—Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Missionaries at Penang, write in terms expressive of the great encouragement, which by the blessing of God attends their benevolent exertions. “We feel unfeigned gratitude every day, that it hath pleased Him to place us where we are. The work is indeed momentous.—Here are several thousand Chinese entirely intrusted to our care, and here we may labour incessantly among them, quite obscured from public view. This is what we have often desired, and frequently prayed for.

“Our prospects of usefulness are very encouraging; and the Chinese do not regard us with jealousy or suspicion, but, in some instances, manifest gratitude for our attention to them. We have found by experience, that in the school the British system is far better adapted for the instruction of the children of heathen, than the Chinese system, which we were obliged to adopt. We had acquired the Fuh-keen colloquial dialect; in the attainment of which we derived incalculable advantage from our previous study of the Chinese language while in England, and we feel more and more cause for thankfulness to God, that he was pleased to grant to us this privilege. When our dear friends in England remember us, they may think of us as happy in our work. We never felt so much real contentment in England, as we realize every day in India. We consider this as another instance of our Saviour’s testimony to our being in the path of duty.”

BIBLE IN INDIA.—It is with great pleasure, that we have to inform you, that the Sacred Scriptures are more than ever sought after by the Chinese: a spirit of inquiry seems to prevail among them, which is every day increasing. Mr. Tomlin, who is now with us, has lately distributed numerous portions of the Sacred Scriptures in Rhio, in Singapore, and among the junks, which are in Singapore Harbour. Mr. Tomlin informs us, that he, and his colleague, Mr. Gutzlaff, a Dutch Missionary at Rhio, were every where cordially received, and that there appears a greater desire than ever for the books among the Chinese. They visited no less than 26 junks, six of which were direct to China, and in all of them their visit proved acceptable, and the books were eagerly sought after.—Many of them will by their means go direct to China; and may, by the blessing of God, be made very useful in convincing the people of the truth as it is in Jesus. There were about 3000 Chinese emigrants at Singapore when they went round that town; and all of them were well supplied, before they left it, for the various islands around us. One of us can bear his personal testimony to the cordial manner in which the books were received last year, both in Singapore, and in Rhio, as well as in the junks: and we are happy to state, that Mr. Tomlin found many portions of the Sacred Scriptures formerly distributed by him went round this year, which bore evident marks of having been read. May God grant His blessing to His own word!

Mr. Tomlin and Mr. Gutzlaff purpose going to Siam in the autumn, for the purpose of distributing the Sacred Scriptures among the Chinese, who are very numerous in that country.

We have distributed, during the past year, upwards of 300 New Testaments, and about 60 Bibles, in Malay; together with 30 New Testaments, 12 Bibles, and a number of Psalters, in Arabic. A few copies in Portuguese and Dutch have also been distributed.

INTERESTING ACCOUNT FROM THE LETTER OF A CLERGYMAN AT AMBOYNA.—Towards the latter end of last month, an Arab merchant came to my house, for the purpose of selling some goods, and of exchanging his copper money into silver. “Friend,” said I, “it is out of my power to assist you in this way, because I do not possess a sufficient sum of money: nevertheless, I have got something which is of far greater value even than silver, provided you are able to read.” This, he assured me, he could do. I then opened the first part of the Old Testament, and began to read slowly and distinctly to him; but the style appeared too lofty for him to understand, until I explained it in the way of familiar conversation. After conversing with him some time on the excellence of the Sacred Scriptures, I pointed out to him the first promise of God, concern-