

students from the Hospital and the Theological class are studying English, an almost indispensable branch for those who are to be progressive, well-furnished clergymen or physicians.

The Presbyterian Academy has begun its second year. The superintendent is Rev. Mr. Yang, one of the best scholars in the Ningpo Presbytery. There are some 30 pupils in the school. One of the medical students, Wu Kwei-sang, comes from Rev. Dr. Farnham's school in Shanghai. While there he learned enough English to enable him to teach it. He has a class of 20 boys in the school, whom he is introducing to the "red-haired language."

A location for a Sanatorium easy of access, has been found. It is at Ta-li-shan (大利山) about 15 miles from the city. The altitude of the hill is such as to secure pure air and coolness two essentials for the

dwellers in this malarial plain. Dr. Lord of the Baptist Mission has begun a simple summer residence; the Presbyterian Mission has a lot and hopes to build before the summer, and we hear that the Customs Officials are looking that way if nothing more.

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CANTON.—Mr. J. Thorne who has been acting as Colporter of the American Bible Society at this port has been obliged to give up his work owing to ill health. He has left for the United States via Europe.

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BANGKOK.—The sad news has reached us of the death of Mrs. Dean, wife of the veteran Dr. Dean of the American Baptist Mission here. She was at Boston preparing to sail for Bangkok, when she was taken ill and died. Mrs. Dean first came to Siam as a Missionary in 1839. She was 64 years old at the time of her death.

Notices of Recent Publications.

Aids to the Understanding of the Bible in the Chinese Written Language.

THIS work has been recently issued from the press in two editions. The smaller-paged book has 650 pages, counting each folded leaf as two pages. The work consists of a series of nineteen articles, by eight different authors, on various subjects, and is published "by the London Religious Tract Society in one volume, or in a form suitable to accompany any edition of the Chinese Scriptures and in the same case. (Tao)" The scope of the work is indicated by the titles here given. (1) A General Introduction to the Old and New Testaments. (2) Introductions to the Five Books of Moses. (3-5) Introductions to the remaining Books of the Old Testament. (5) The Interval between the Old and New Testaments, with Jewish Sects and Orders. (6) Introductions to the Books of the New Testament. (7) Harmony of the Gospels. (8) Notices of places in the Bible also found mentioned in the Books of the Han Dynasty, B.C. 206 to A.D. 220. (9) Jewish weights, measures and money. (10) The Jewish Calendar and Feasts. (11) Comparative Chronological Tables of the Old and New Testaments with synchronous events in China, Japan, Corea, Annam, Siam, etc. (12) Plants and Animals Mentioned in the Bible. (13) Ethnology of the Jews with other nations. (15) Miracles of the Old Testament. (16) Parables of the Old Testament. (17)

Christian met and to destroy their dwellings. The officials have succeeded in quieting the people and at last accounts were trying to find the leaders. It is believed that the *literati*, that honorable appellation of the back-bone of opposition to everything progressive or un-Chinese, are to blame for the disturbance. Peaceful relations with France will not be assisted by this brutal attack upon a Frenchman.

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CHIFOO.—In reference to the evangelistic tours of members of the American Presbyterian Mission mentioned in the last *Recorder* the following has been learned. Rev. J. L. Nevius D.D. started on his tour over his regular route last December and returned the latter part of April. He traveled about 1000 miles on a wheel-barrow of his own invention, drawn by a powerful mule. On five successive days at the close of the trip he traveled 200 miles, an average of 40 miles *per diem*, which may be called very good wheel-barrow time, and shows that traveling in Shantung may be expedited if one wishes. But the missionary results of the trip are the important ones. On this extended tour Dr. Nevius, aside from confirming the faith of those who have heretofore accepted of Christianity, had the satisfaction of baptizing *two hundred eight* (208) adults. When it is remembered that in the whole area traversed there are not more than ten Chinese who receive any pay for their labors, and that the whole policy is not to employ but to leave the native Christians in the lot in which they were found by the Gospel, it seems as though there must be much work done voluntarily by the converts. This is the fact and Dr. Nevius attributes much of the rapid spread of the Gospel in this region, to the exertions of the natives.

Rev. Hunter Corbett's tour also extended to about 1000 miles. He traveled in the "Shantung schooner"

commonly called a *shan-tz*, and by pony. During his absence he received 112 to church membership. Both of these brethren report that they hope to receive nearly equally large numbers in the autumn when they visit their stations again.

Rev. J. A. Leyenberger took a "schooner" and traversed another route, laying out a new district for his own labors. He was absent 36 days, and in that time traveled about 600 miles. He reports no converts. He is beginning a series of itinerations among the villages, such as have proved so successful with his colleagues. But first the sowing then the reaping.

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JAPAN.—Rev. A. C. Shaw, wife and two children and Miss Hoar have left Tokio on furlough. They belong to the S. P. G. Mission. Rev. W. F. H. Gowett, who, while not a member of the above Society, yet has been in charge of Mr. Wright's work, has resigned. In April Miss Gouddy (on her return) and Misses Hooper and Daughachay joined the A. B. C. F. M. Society at Yokohama. Miss A. M. Drummond came out to the Cumberland Presbyterian Mission in May.

Mr. J. Batchelder has joined the English Church Mission at Hakodati. We are indebted to Mr. Geo. Elmer of the American Bible Society for the above items from Japan.

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BANGKOK.—The Rev. C. D. McLaren of the American Presbyterian Mission, arrived at Bangkok November 21st 1882, and died March 14th 1883. He was a man of rare promise who began his work for the Siamese and the European community, with great zeal and prospects of success. He leaves here a young widow and the entire community to mourn his untimely end.

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SINCE our last number we have received a copy of the card of the Anti-opium Prayer Union which we reproduce.