

the river from the city, and under the protection of the gunboats. There would probably be loss of mission property in the city, however, and the work of the brethren among the villages would most likely be interrupted for a time. Though the insurgents have not molested the missionaries, yet their conduct has been such as to lead them, as well as other foreigners, to regard the overthrow of the Taiping rebellion as a thing greatly to be desired.

For a number of years a new translation of the Bible into the Chinese language has been in progress. This great work has been the principal occupation of Dr. Culbertson, at Shanghai, and by the illness, removal or death of the other missionaries who were associated with him in making this translation, he was left to complete it alone,—the lamented death of Dr. Bridgeman, his chief colleague, in November last, placing the latter part of the Old Testament in Dr. Culbertson's sole charge. It is with very great satisfaction he now reports that the translation is ready for the press. His letter came to hand too late for publication this month.—He, as well as Mr. Farnham, had been attacked with varioloid, but they had both recovered.

INDIA.—We have received letters from Lahor, May 3d; Kapurthala, May 1st; Lodiana, April 30th; Ambala, May 17th; Mynpurie, May 17th; Futtehpore, May 15th. Mr. Forman speaks with thankfulness of the service rendered to the missionary work by the native Christian assistants at Lahor—five teachers, two Scripture readers, and one colporteur. Mr. Woodside, at Kapurthala, says: "Our work progresses as usual without any marked variety of circumstances, either of an encouraging or a discouraging nature." Mr. Thackwell gives a good account of the girl's school at Lodiana, and speaks highly of efforts made by one of the missionary ladies amongst the native women in that city. Dr. Janvier mentions the opening of a school for girls of low caste in a village near Ambala, under Mrs. Janvier's care. Mr. Brodhead refers with much interest to the missionary tour of Mr. Scott and himself, of which an account is given in the former part of this

number of our magazine; he found his hands full of work on returning to his station at Mynpurie. Mr. Johnson mentions the baptism of three children committed to the care of the missionaries at Futtehpore—two of whom, a brother and sister, "were picked up on the road, their father and mother having died upon a pilgrimage, and left them desolate."

AFRICA.—Our letters from Corisco are dated to the 22d of April; and from Monrovia, to the 26th of that month. Mr. Mackey reports the members of the mission as all enjoying usual health. Two young men were baptized, and four other applicants for baptism were deferred. Much sickness had occurred among the natives, and some shocking "exhibitions of heathenism in connection with the sick and the dead." Mr. Mackey adds: "Two persons have been put to death within the last month for witchcraft, within hearing of our church bell at Evangasimba." Mr. James, of Monrovia, says:—"Our missionary work is about as usual. At Mr. Miller's station, he reports a good work of grace in progress. One or two of the new Congoes are subjects of it."

SOUTH AMERICA.—Letters have come to hand from Mr. Blackford, Rio de Janeiro, to June 7th; from Mr. Schneider, in the Southern part of Brazil, to May 8th; and from Messrs. McLaren and Wallace, at Bogota, New Granada, to the 17th of May. Mr. Blackford expected to admit to the church, at the next communion, two or three persons; there was an increased attendance on the service in Portuguese. He mentions the arrival of two missionaries to the Germans from the Basle Missionary Society. Mr. Schneider gives further accounts of the German settlers, of the same tenor as those formerly described. In New Granada no special change is reported in the work of the mission.

The Right Spirit.

WHEN a husband may leave his wife and children for a season, and for what reasons, or when they may leave him, are questions which no one can properly answer but those