

the former support of these schools by the Board must be renewed. If longer withheld there is serious risk of losing the Government grant in aid, which now defrays a large part of their expenses. For want of seven hundred and fifty dollars, therefore, to maintain these schools in their present efficient state, there is danger of their being greatly weakened, if not altogether given up; thereby over six hundred Heathen and Mohammedan youths, in two important cities, would be deprived of Christian instruction. We trust this sad result will be prevented.

JAPAN.—Dr. Hepburn writes, under date of July 25th: "All are in our usual good health. The summer is more than half over, and as yet we have had but little hot weather." Referring to important political movements on foot involving the probability of a conflict with the English, who for some time have been collecting troops and ships, Dr. Hepburn writes: "We look on with great interest, knowing that the unseen hand of God directs these movements. He will make the wrath of God to praise him. There is one thing certain; until God breaks down these gates that are so strongly barred against us, the gospel cannot be preached to this people. We stand ready to take advantage of the first opening."

CHINA.—Our letters are dated Canton, August 9th; Chefoo, August 9th; Tungchow, July 20th; Shanghai, August 4th. Mr. Condit, of Canton, writes: As a mission we have many things to encourage us in our work. The hard, fallow ground of Canton seems beginning to break. May the showers of God's grace mellow it down, make the seed take root, and bring forth a rich harvest soon." Dr. and Mrs. McCartee returned to Chefoo from Ningpo on the 9th of July, and are occupying rooms in a Chinese warehouse, "which we find much more comfortable than could have been anticipated, and we feel thankful that we have been so well provided for by our Heavenly Father." Their trip was profitable in mind and body: "We feel refreshed and invigorated, and the pleasure evinced by the people here at our speedy return is particularly gratifying to us." From Tungchow we learn that Mrs. Mateer

has been dangerously ill with dysentery. Dr. McCartee, having visited her, reports at a later date: "By the blessing of God she improved so much that I was able to return to my family, after an absence of three days."

SOUTH AMERICA.—Letters have been received from Rev. A. G. Simonton, dated Rio de Janeiro, September 7th, and from Rev. T. F. Wallace, dated Bogota, September 12th. Mr. Simonton, referring to late advices from Sao Paulo, says: "Bro. Blackford gives most interesting news from a Padre, of whom I think you have already heard as near the kingdom. He now declares himself ready to leave all to follow Christ. I am waiting with great interest for further news from him. I hope he is a chosen one, and that he has a work to do in Brazil." The work at Rio de Janeiro continues without change. All the services are well attended and fixed attention is given to the truth. The young man who last connected himself with the church is employed as a colporteur at the charge of the Bible Society, and gives promise of great usefulness. Mr. Simonton adds: "I hope the wish expressed in one of my letters, that a couple of young men be sent to join us, will be acted upon favourably. A work here should be done at once—the preparation of commentaries and other works for our converts, and for the thinking classes of community. I wish to give a good part of my time to this work, but cannot while left here alone," etc.

Mr. Wallace, in consequence of the feeble health of his wife, was about to leave the city for a few weeks, accepting the proffered hospitalities of Judge Burton, at his residence in the country. A severe drouth greatly affected the health of Bogota, and also the expenses of living. Mr. Wallace was quietly prosecuting his work and preparing to preach in the Spanish language to the natives, as soon as the way is open.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—Mrs. Mattoon, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Odell, who sailed from Bangkok for this country, on the 3d of July, as before noticed, touched at Singapore on the 9th of August, having been delayed in their voyage by the monsoon and a northward current in the China Sea. Mrs. Mattoon's

**AFRICA.**—Letters have been received from Corisco, dated August 19th. Mr. Nassau reports the baptism and reception, as communicants, of three persons at Corisco, July 3d. Two of them were young men connected with the Alongo school. Two other applicants were deferred, and three others, women, had been for some time inquirers. Mr. Paul was on a visit to the main land stations. The ladies of the Mission continued to enjoy good health, notwithstanding their having too much work to do. The relations of the missionaries and the Roman priest continued to be friendly and pleasant. One of the native licentiate preachers was much restricted in his labors by ill health. The other had given some solicitude to his missionary friends, by not opposing as fully as was expected the native customs at the death of his father; but they did not doubt his sincerity in his Christian profession.

**SOUTH AMERICA.**—Letters have reached us from Bogota, October 8th; Rio de Janeiro, September 23d; and from Sao Paulo, September 14th. Mr. Blackford expected to begin a school at Sao Paulo, Brazil, as soon as a suitable teacher could be obtained. It would be on a charitable basis, and would add much to the influence of the missionary. Some aid had been promised there, and more would gladly be accepted from the Board, if its treasury should permit. In New Granada, the Romanist bishop has yielded to the authority of the laws by taking the oath, but not gracefully. Mr. Wallace says, "On the first of this month, September, the Archbishop returned to this city, and had delivered to him the keys of the cathedral. He had been banished because he would not submit to the Liberal Government. I think he was sent away about the time we came here. He has finally taken the oath and come back." Mr. Wallace goes on to speak of his reception as not a flattering one.

**INDIA.**—Letters have come to hand from Rawal Pindi, Murree, August 29th; Lahor, August 30th; Dehra, August 30th. A school for native Christian girls, Dr. Forman mentions, has been commenced at Lahor. It is small in its number of scholars, but gives

promise of doing much good. A plea for a new school building for the girls' school at Dehra, will be found in another column. The object is one which deserves attention.

**SIAM.**—A letter from Bangkok, of September 1st, speaks of the missionary work as going forward in the usual way.

**CHINA.**—Letters have been received from Canton, September 9th; Ningpo, Aug. 28th; Shanghai, Sept. 3d; and from Peking, July 19th. Mr. Dodd reports the baptism and admission, as communicants, of three persons at Yuyiao, Ningpo Mission, on the 7th of August. Eight or ten others applied for baptism, but were deferred. Some persecution of the church members by their Heathen countrymen was beginning to show itself, which had not shaken their steadfastness. Dr. Martin speaks of a promising pupil in his school at Peking, as having applied for admission to the church. New schools would be opened in some of the neighbouring villages between Canton and Fatshan, as soon as pecuniary means were provided. Dr. Happer thinks that with \$500, day schools could be commenced in six or eight of these villages, and conducted for a year—greatly furthering the usefulness of the mission.

**JAPAN.**—Our latest letter from Yokohama is dated September 3d. An expedition of naval and military force had left Yokohama, despatched by England, France, Holland, and the United States, to secure the opening of the inland sea to foreign commerce. Some fighting was expected, as the native prince, who had prohibited navigation by his batteries, was prepared for this visit. The missionaries were going on as usual, "studying, teaching, and doctoring." Dr. Hepburn says, "I have about thirty patients now, daily. Mr. Thompson, besides his studies, teaches an hour daily in the Academy, which the other missionaries here and we have started. We are trying to prepare for future work, when the way is open, or to make the way easier for them who are to come after us. We all enjoy good health."

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—Mr. and Mrs.