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Our cause among the colored people is still more encouraging. Some two or three have been received by letter, and on yesterday (July 7) I baptized six who had been previously received or professed of faith. These baptisms will suggest the state of things among the colored people of this place.

Sectarian jealousy has hitherto worked insidiously against our church; and they made capital of certain incidents in its past history. But with the blessing of God, we will rise above the evil surmising and disputings of men of corrupt minds. I desire not to be sanguine in my own calculations, nor to excite too strong expectations in the minds of others; but I fancy that I, at least, can catch glimpses of approaching day—though it may be distant and slow in its rising. May the Lord send his blessed spirit on these long thirsty and barren hills.

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Shiloh, is in Sevier, White county. It has been recently organized. It numbers 22 members, and several others are expected to join them soon. The church have succeeded in obtaining the pastoral labors of Rev. John Goods, once a month. This is an important location—the country seat of White county, and in the vicinity of some very valuable Sulphur Springs—a place that must ultimately attract considerable attention.

I have an appointment to assist in the organization of another church in Jackson county, on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in August.—The location is fixed in an excellent neighborhood, and the people are generally well disposed towards our cause.

In my travels, I have occasionally met with those who are denominational *anties*—that is anti-missionaries—but I have found, without exception, that on being kindly and fully informed of our objects and plans of operations, they have abandoned their prejudices and have fallen into our ranks.

We are arranging to organize a new Association this fall, in a region of country where nothing of the sort has heretofore existed. In fact, in all respects, we are laying the foundation for permanent and extensive usefulness in all our churches, by uniting their energies and stirring them up to vigorous efforts in the cause of missions, and though but little may be expected at present, in the way of contributions, yet in after years we hope to make our influence felt for good.

During the quarter, I have visited 8 churches, preached 42 sermons and delivered 5 exhortations, baptized 3, ordained 1 deacon and traveled 433 miles.

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2. He has never under any special teaching or instruction, being merely an unobtrusive hearer.

3. He manifested, when he came to die, the very results we have been, under God, laboring to produce, viz: the abandonment of idols, faith in the Lord Jesus, and a hope of heaven through Christ. Our missionary brethren here of the other missions, have been much interested in this case—one of them remarking, "who knows but his soul has been truly saved?" The people of his village remember the dying words of their neighbor, and sincerely do we pray that some good may result from them. We believe that good will result. And we feel more than ever encouraged to give ourselves to preaching and teaching the simple pointed truths of the gospel among this people, which may prove in the end the power of God unto salvation to many whose dying testimony we may never hear of. But the very idea of being instrumental in saving an immortal soul from eternal death, is a matter for standing encouragement and perseverance, in the midst of all the difficulties which beset us in this great land of idols and sin and estrangement from the true God. The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, and if our brethren at home will earnestly pray for us, and cease not to uphold our hands by sending us men and means, our labor will not, cannot, be in vain in the Lord. Thousands literally, now attend upon our ministry every week, and we will not believe that no good will be done among the listening multitudes who remain seated so orderly and give such close attention to our discourses. Gross indeed are the passions of this people, and truly hard are their hearts, but no passion too gross for the Holy Spirit to purify, no heart too hard for him to change, and we shall endeavor faithfully to proclaim that word which is the Spirit's two-edged sword. Brethren, remember your few and feeble fellow-laborers far away in China.—Commission.

DR. JUDSON.

This veteran in the missionary cause has lately experienced a serious decline of health. By the most recent advices we learn that he had gone to the Isle of Bourbon. It is feared that he will not recover. Every lover of missions every where, will join in praying God to spare his useful life. His name and character are dear to all who love Christ. He may, with peculiar emphasis and propriety, adopt the language of the devoted apostle, "For me to live is Christ," and add with not less truth, "to die is gain." Mrs. Judson refers in a most affecting way to Dr. J.'s feelings in the prospect of death. She says: "For a long time before he was ill, Mr. J. seemed daily to grow more spiritual and childlike, so much so, that even some of the natives remarked the change in his preaching—he was all tenderness and tears. Since his illness he has been singularly resigned. 'How sweet to lie, entirely helpless, in the hands of God!' he would often remark. He seemed to have a deep sense of the love of Christ, and sometimes several times a day would break out with the exclamation, 'Oh, the love of Christ, the love of Christ! It is proportion to this' was his love for all who love the work of Christ."

Hatred to Christ impelled infidels to do much against him in life, but in death this early planted their pillow with thorns. It seems that the love of Christ, which prompted Dr. Judson to labor and suffer as he has so long makes the approach of death not only tolerable, but pleasant. O, that we might follow him as he has Christ! May God raise up more Judsons.—Commission.

#### INTERESTING FACT.

We give below an incident related by a gentleman who went from this city to California. It is a pleasing evidence of the good which, by God's grace, our missionaries have accomplished in China. The gentleman, ill with a practicing physician in Stockton, California, thus writes home:—

"The other day a pleasing incident occurred. When I state it you will readily imagine the feelings which brought a tear to my eyes. I was attending a gentleman at one of the ho-

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g a practical illustration of his re-  
sounding forcible voice, screamed  
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of regeneration was indubious in the ex-  
treme; little that the preacher said after  
it (as made strenuous efforts) was

We might add, in this connexion—  
unconquerable lust that seems to  
our brethren regularly after sor-  
omnition. This must be satisfied  
us, either by stalking out of the  
the spring and thus lose the connec-  
tion, or have a servant to attend  
the revigorating draught, dis-  
attention of the entire audience—  
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Society, with the formation of a  
y called the American Bible Union,  
forth some little harshness, which I  
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member of the Baptist Church, and as  
us subscribers, I claim an expression  
I desire to see "the Bible fully and  
translated," and I desire to know  
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whole race of man will be on an  
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not give the meaning of Baptize, if we are cor-  
rect, and I examined the matter over seven  
years before I became a Baptist to my own  
convincing, for prior to that I thought sprinkling  
was as good as anyway. I have heard  
Infidels say, my brother, I did it myself once,  
charge upon the Christians as borrowing from  
the Egyptians, with design to steal by the  
Israelites, but change the borrow, to ask or  
say beg, and then we stir the inrush of inde-  
pendence on this matter. Another word I take,  
I may be wrong though—“warrant” if inter-  
preted truly would give less handle to the ad-  
ditionists to wrest the word of God to their  
own vile purposes. Again “pray, ‘stry them  
away’” Dent 28, 24. “Pray,” according to  
Webster, means a bird quarrel, &c. &c., then  
it means also to frighten, but we generally  
understand nothing like a fight. Enough.  
What I contend for is Baptist principles—free  
dom, no persecution. For, indeed, I am afraid  
we would persecute too, if we had the chance.  
I beg that our brethren will judge charitably.  
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beams.

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pointments, by sickness and high water, nevertheless,  
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I also supply two other stations in the county—  
one six, and the other ten miles distant. At  
both of these places we have large and attentive  
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been trained to support the ministry, or any  
benevolent institutions. I hope however, that  
the day is not far distant when they will come  
up nobly to the work of the Lord in all  
things. Our Sabbath School is still in a flour-  
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new chapel and school house, and to examine  
the pupils. While we were in the school, we  
overheard a conversation between my teacher  
and the teacher of the school, with reference to  
one of the residents of Oo Kah jik, named  
Oo Seen Chang. The school teacher said to  
the other that Oo Seen Chang had died last  
night. My teacher expressed much surprise at  
the announcement, whereupon Lok Seen Sang,  
the teacher of the school, went on to tell him  
that just before the man died, a number of the  
neighbors came in to see him, when the dying  
man declared to them that he was going to  
heaven, &c. I then being interested in the  
conversation, asked Lok Seen Sang why the  
man declared he was going to heaven. He  
told me the man had abandoned idols for some  
time, and was a believer in Jesus, and dying,  
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