

CITY CHAPEL, TSING CHIU FU.—(From a Photograph.)

The Congo Mission.

THE following letter from Mr. Robert D. Darby, who left England in company with Mr. Bentley in September last, will be read with interest:—

“Ngombe or Wathan,

“Oct. 30th, 1886.

“DEAR MR. BAYNES,—After a very nice journey from Tunduwa we arrived safely at the above place, where we were very kindly welcomed by the Messrs. Comber. Mr. Silvey, who has been at this station for some time, we met at Ewombo, *en route* for San Salvador. We were glad to find our brethren here very well in health.

“Our journey from Tunduwa to this place took us a little over eleven days. We all enjoyed very good health. The weather was very good, with the exception of two days, when we had a little rain. One cannot help but notice, as town after town is passed, what a great need there is for more labourers. Our brethren have urged this time after time. So often has it been urged, indeed, that we sometimes think the churches at home do not fully realise our need.

“The darkness of Africa has often been spoken of. Travellers have written of the misery and degradation of its inhabitants. Missionaries have written letter after letter trying to impress this fact fully upon the minds of our churches. Is Africa as dark and benighted now as it was ten years ago? Are the servants of the Lord here receiving no cause for joy in the appearing of signs that their labours are not being spent in vain? Africa is not so dark as it was ten years ago. From Tunduwa to Ngombe we have seen example after example that the work of the Lord is progressing not only at our own stations, but even in a much greater

degree at the stations of our American Baptist Missionary Union brethren. We anticipate a glorious future for Africa. We see and hear of people giving up their idols and casting away their fetiches. Chiefs who a few years ago tried to prevent our men from passing through their towns, are now begging that white men will go to their towns and teach them. But we cannot send men. Firstly, because we have only sufficient men to equip our own stations. Secondly, the funds of our Society are not in such a state as to admit of our occupying new places as yet. Is this to continue? Will not our brethren at home rise as one man, and determine that Africa shall be freed from her darkness and superstition? Has the Great Sacrifice become so insignificant in the eyes of Christians at home that they will not sacrifice a little of their substance to help on this great work? Or is it indifference to the claims of Africa that is the reason why so little is done to help us? This cannot be so. Surely every man or woman, whose heart is filled with the love of Christ, will exert himself or herself to the utmost to bring about the glad time when all shall know Him.

“Continue, my dear Sir, I earnestly beseech you to urge upon the churches at home, as you have always done, the great need there is for more and immediate help.

“I am in splendid health, and look forward to long years of work for the Master in this gloomy yet rapidly brightening land.

“ROBERT D. DARBY.

“A. H. Baynes, Esq.”

The Congo Mission "Quilt."

THE "Quilt" having been completed within the short space of three months from its first inception, many friends will be glad to have some particulars respecting its progress.

It was initiated by a letter which appeared in the *HERALD* for September, and the suggestion was at once so warmly responded to by a wide circle of friends, that, by the end of the month, nearly 1,900 squares had been subscribed for. The demand was stimulated by kindly notices in several religious papers, but still more by the prayerful spirit in which many friends sought to extend it, and that the effort had the Divine favour and blessing became more evident day by day. During October, the squares which had been occupying many busy fingers, and kindling a prayerful sympathy with Mission work in many hearts, were being received by almost every post, accompanied often by letters which were most cheering to those who had gladly undertaken the labour and cost involved. The first week in November had been fixed for the return of all the squares; but day by day fresh applications came in, and it became difficult to see how or when a conclusion could be reached. A very beautiful piece of work, representing the steamship *Peace* at anchor in Stanley Pool and being unloaded, forming a white centre occupying the space of thirty-six squares, had been received from a friend at Aberdeen. On this, too, were worked the initials—in memoriam—of the ten missionaries who fell at their posts in the three sad years from 1882 to 1885. Other friends at Gloucester also combined to send a smaller block of nine squares, containing the full names of these brethren, together with those of Mr. and Mrs. Salter and Mrs. Wright-Hay. Many friends wrought their hearts with their initials on their squares in short sentences of loving sympathy, notably one from the Treasurer, on which were the words, "Greet the Brethren." The arrangement of the squares was a matter of some concern, but it soon appeared desirable to range all those which had been received from the Committee, and the Secretaries and officials at the Mission House, around the "In Memoriam" centre; and, as far as possible, the churches which had joined in the work in groups. A sentence or two from some of the numerous letters received will indicate the deep and—it is hoped—permanent interest which this simple effort has evoked. One writes, "The people have enjoyed it; many of the young men have worked their own." Another, "We all sincerely hope the 'Quilt' will cheer our lonely missionaries by conveying to them our heartfelt sympathies." Another, "I do pray that a blessing may rest on each one that has taken an interest in the work, and that their love for God and His work may grow stronger each succeeding year."

Amongst the workers are clergymen, Wesleyans, Congregationalists, Missionaries from India and China—one from the latter is worked in Chinese characters—students at our colleges, mill and factory hands, colliers, miners, a dressmaker's workroom, and many scholars from Sunday-schools, whole classes in some cases uniting to take a single square.

It measures 10 ft. 5 in. by 11 ft. 5 in., and consists of fifty rows of squares by fifty-four rows, three of which have been added since it has been photographed. It is lined throughout with Turkey red, finished with a border of the same, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.

The key which will be sent with it is formed of ruled squares on a reduced scale, each square bearing the name of the contributor in full, the name of the chapel or town to which they belong is in most cases added. The whole is enclosed in a very handsome tin japanned case, which has been specially provided by a friend.

A total sum of £150 has been forwarded to the Mission as the result of the effort. During its exhibition at Camden Road 636 persons saw it, and much interest was shown, which will yield a further sum. A photographic lantern slide is being prepared, which, if successful, will be placed at the disposal of the Mission Committee for use in lectures on the Congo Mission.

The work has been a labour of love from beginning to end, and the desire is earnestly expressed that every one who has assisted in this work will, in the future, by earnest prayer and effort, maintain and increase the fresh interest that has been aroused.

The Mission needs it, since year by year its supporters are gathered home. Oh, that many amongst the young, whose names are on the "Quilt," may consecrate their lives to the Master's work, "with goodwill doing service as unto the Lord."

Photographs may still be obtained.

Walthamstow Hall.

THE Home and School for Missionaries' Daughters continues its good work with great and increasing success. The high position taken by pupils in competitive examinations, and the happy tone of feeling among the children, testify to its great value both as a home and a school. The arrangements of the new house at Sevenoaks have been found thoroughly satisfactory, but one want remains to be supplied, and the need of it is very urgently felt. Hitherto there has been no laundry, but a cottage for the purpose has been rented, at £25 a year, and some time ago a piece of land was secured, for which also £25 is yearly paid. As soon, therefore, as the land can be paid for, and the building put up, £50 will be saved in annual expenditure. It is found impossible to meet this outlay from the general subscriptions, which are, indeed, still inadequate to the annual expenses; and, other means failing, it has now been decided again to put to the test the kindness of friends by holding a Bazaar in furtherance of this object, in the spring of next year. The committee very gratefully remember the great kindness shown some years ago when a similar effort was made, and they do not think they will now be suffered to appeal in vain. They will be most thankful to any ladies who will become centres for contributions, or undertake to provide stalls. Working parties, meeting weekly or monthly, have been found very successful. Besides ladies' work—in which useful and well-made articles are always prized—much valuable assistance was before rendered by manufacturers and others who most kindly sent contributions of books, pictures, china, curiosities, linen, &c. Such help is again earnestly sought, and will be very gratefully received by Mrs. Pye-Smith, St. Katherine's, Sevenoaks, and Miss Unwin, Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, either of whom will give any desired information, or they may be sent to their care, to the London Mission House, Blomfield Street, London, or the Baptist Mission House, Fournival Street, Holborn.

Carey Relics at Serampore.

BY THE REV. T. R. EDWARDS.

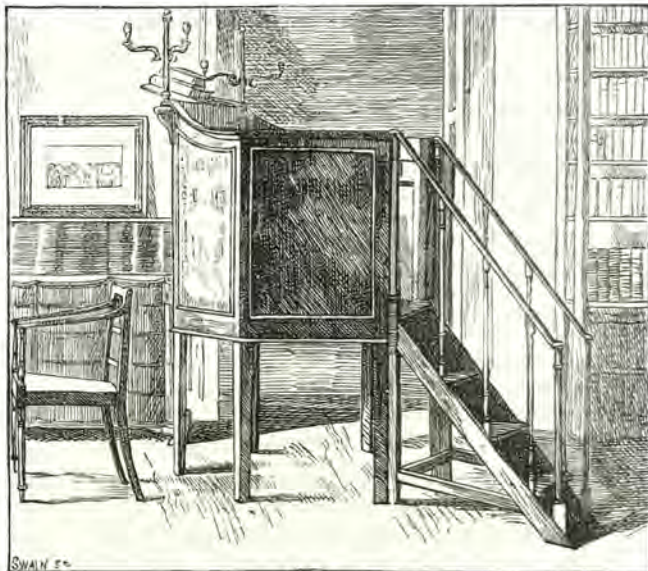
IN addition to the graves of Carey, Marshman, and Ward, at Serampore, there are many other interesting relics which are preserved in the College Library. They are scrutinised with great interest by all the visitors to the place. Amongst them are the chairs of the three great men, of which the illustration below will give some idea. The two chairs to the right of the picture are, first, Dr. Carey's, and behind it Mr. Ward's. The first chair of the two to the left is Dr. Marshman's, and the one behind it is Mrs. Marshman's. These are the chairs. They remain, but their owners



are gone. What would we not give to see them filled once again! But that is impossible. While the empty chairs sadden us, they make us think about the beautiful lives of the good men who occupied them—of their faith and hope and self-sacrifice. If those chairs had tongues, what volumes they could tell us. Perhaps that chair of Dr. Carey saw its master plodding away week after week and month after month at the great work of translating the Scriptures into languages in which the great things of God had never been written. And Dr. Marshman's chair could perhaps unfold a tale of fourteen long weary years spent at acquiring and translating the Bible into the Chinese language. What an amount of labour and weariness, of discouragement and hope, these chairs witnessed! But it is in vain that we ask of them their wonderful histories. They speak only by their silent

emptiness. But how eloquent is their emptiness! It calls upon us to take up and carry on the work of those who once filled them. It tells us of the occupiers gone home to glory, where they enjoy their reward, and where we, too, shall soon join them if we imitate their noble examples.

Upon the table is another interesting relic. It is a square brass plate leaning against the glass case on the table. This is the maker's name taken from off the first steam-engine that was ever imported into India. When we reflect how wonderfully steam has developed the resources of the country, we feel proud to remember that the first steam-engine introduced into India was imported by the Serampore missionaries. It was taken out to work in connection with the paper manufactory and printing establish-



ment at Serampore under the charge of Mr. Ward. Being the first steam-engine, it was a great attraction to the natives, who came from all parts to see the iron-horse at work.

The case against which the brass plate is leaning was made for the charter given by the King of Denmark to the college; but the charter, being so precious a document, is now kept securely in a safe. According to this charter, Dr. Carey had not only the right to build a college, but had also the power to confer degrees upon all successful students educated there. This power has never been exercised, but the right still exists. The charter is beautifully written with illuminated letters.

The above illustration represents another relic, preserved in the library, of Dr. Carey's time. It is the *pulpit* in which the three worthies preached

in the Serampore Baptist Chapel. It goes by the name of Dr. Carey's pulpit. It is a very simple and old-fashioned structure, and is in a good state of preservation. Upon the desk are two of Dr. Carey's works—on the top his Bengali Testament, and underneath his Sanscrit dictionary, of which work there is only one other copy, and that is preserved in the British Museum.

Serampore College.

T. R. EDWARDS.

New Year's Missionary Hymn.

RISE, mighty God! for sin is strong,
And weary nations, burdened long
By nature's guilt and Satan's thrall,
Aloud to Thee for mercy call.

All-pitying Son, whose blood was shed,
Whose heel hath bruised the Serpent's head,
Undo the deadly coil, we pray,
That crushes helpless souls to-day.

Spirit of pure, eternal love,
Speed Thee in pity from above,
See bleeding nations fainting lie,
Hear suppliant wounds for healing cry.

Africa opens her gates at length,
Go in, oh Christ! in kingly strength;
Stretch answering hands to Ethiop's plea,
And bid her stretch her hands to Thee.

China throws off the age-long spell
Of pagan faiths, and bids us tell
Of Him who seeks to bind the race
In one, in holy love's embrace.

And India quits her sacred streams
To muse on tender gospel themes,
And clasp the cross where crimson flows
The healing stream for all earth's woes.

But, God of Love, Thy word is bound,
For few to tell it forth are found,
And millions die for lack of food
Whom Thou wouldst save, if but *we* would.

Rise, mighty God! impel us forth,
From east to west, from south to north,
Cut short the age-long reign of sin,
And let the kingly Christ come in.

R. WRIGHT HAY.

Mission Work in China.

THE Rev. W. A. Wills, writing from Tsing Chu Fu, Shantung, gives the following account of the past years work :—

“MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—On this, the first anniversary of my connection with the Baptist Missionary Society, I have recalled many of the events of the past year. I cannot send a report of much direct mission work, but will give you a little account of what has been done.

“The first three months I had the privilege of pleading the needs of China, and the hearty way the churches received me, and the kind sympathy of many for those who labour in the mission-field, and the earnest prayers offered, have often stimulated and helped me since returning to this land. It is a source of comfort and strength to know that our hands are really uplifted by the prayers of Christians at home. In that day when sowers and reapers will rejoice together will the glorious results of these prayers be revealed.

“Looking back to January 13th, 1886, the day we sailed from Tilbury, leaving friends and kindred behind, still causes heart sorrow; it was even harder than the first farewell in 1876, for we knew from experience what such separation meant, and what life and work in China involved; still we cheerfully, gladly, joyfully go in obedience to our Master's call, rejoicing that He has counted us worthy to carry the glad tidings of salvation to these heathen. He never has, and never will, leave or forsake us.

“After a safe passage across the ocean we landed in Shanghai on March 3rd, and were warmly welcomed back by our English and Chinese friends. We spent a week with them, and then sailed for Chefoo to join Dr. and Mrs. Watson at our Mission-house there.

“After the needful preparations were made for our overland journey, we came on to Tsing Chou Fu, arriving on April 18th. We were very glad to find our journeying at an end, for a time, and to settle down with our Mission brethren here.

“My time is fully occupied with the study of the Northern Mandarin, it differs very much from the dialect we used in the south. In a few more days I pass my first examination in the same.

“On September 18th I took my first trip alone, having previously visited some of the country stations with Mr. Medhurst. I have been out each week since, and hope to continue this work regularly. Our plan is to start on Saturday afternoon. We travel on barrows (descriptions of which you have seen), we carry our bed and provisions on this and put up at an inn near the chapel. We stay at the inn because we do not wish to make our visits in any way a burden to the church members. They are poor, and can ill afford to show hospitality either to ourselves or barrow-men.

“The work is entirely self-supporting, and we teach them not to expect pecuniary help from the missionary. I take with me my medicine chest; before and after the services see the sick. In this way many are drawn in from outside to hear the Gospel. While prescribing for their bodies, we tell them of the ‘Great Physician’ for their souls. We give them tracts also, and believe the word preached, together with the silent messenger, will do effectual work; and we can rejoice in the glorious fact that God's word shall not return unto Him void,

but it shall accomplish that whereunto He sent it.

"We are getting accustomed to the climate of the north. During the summer our youngest child had dysentery; I was laid aside a week by inflammation caused through resting on a damp stone. We are now safely through the summer and enjoying the cooler weather and preparing for the cold of winter.

"My former experience in South China in the character of the Chinese, their mode of thought, religion, &c.,

enables me to commence work amongst them much earlier than I could otherwise have done. Sometimes we have felt weary and downcast by reason of the difficulties of the way. We have found in all 'His grace sufficient;' and at the close of our first year would erect our Ebenezer, and say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' With thankfulness for the past, and with joyful, trustful, prayerful anticipation of the future, we go forward in His strength.

"W. A. WILLS.

"A. H. Beynes, Esq."

Decease of the Rev. Francis Tucker, B.A.

AT the last meeting of the Committee the following resolution was adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the official minutes of the Mission:—

"Resolved:—That this Committee cannot place on their minutes a record of the death of their beloved friend, the Rev. Francis Tucker, B.A., without thanking God for his noble and devoted life. His attachment to the Gospel, his sympathetic loving spirit, the work he was enabled to do at Union Chapel, Manchester, and at Camden Road, London, his labours among our churches generally as an earnest and acceptable preacher, and as a wise and tender friend, will long be remembered."

In 1839 he went out to India with Dr. Wenger, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Morgan, in connection with an appeal made by the Rev. W. H. Pearce for sending out ten additional Missionaries to that country. For a short time he was pastor of the English Church at Circular Road, in Calcutta. He soon won the affection and confidence of his people, and there seemed before him a long course of useful service. His health, however, failed, and he was obliged to return to England. The one alleviation of that great sorrow, next to the conviction that it came from God, was the sympathy and kindness of the people, who sent to the Society a contribution that met all the expense of his journey to Calcutta and of his return. In course of time the purpose of this dispensation became apparent. He not only succeeded in forming new and prosperous churches in Manchester and London. His knowledge of the needs of India, and his interest in Mission work there, gave a tenderness and a power to his appeals on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Society which largely increased the contributions of the churches over which he presided, and of other churches he influenced. It may even be affirmed that, like Samuel Pearce, of Birmingham, a man of like spirit, he did as much in England for India as he could have done if he had been able to remain in that country; and had, besides, all the blessedness of honoured and useful pastorates at home.

To his children and friends the Committee tender their affectionate sympathy. The God of all comfort, strengthen and sustain them!

News from Agra.

MR. McINTOSH writes from Agra:—

“Our Conference in Calcutta is just over. We had a very happy time together, and were much cheered with the encouraging reports of the work in different stations. God’s work is going on in India, though slowly, yet surely; there seems to be quite a religious stir among the people. As education is advancing the mind is expanding, and the people seem to be quite dissatisfied with their old creed. New reformers are rising up and founding new sects. Some attempt a compromise between Hinduism and Christianity, while others are seeking to overthrow Christianity. The members of the Aryan Samaj, the followers of the Pundit Dyanund Sansivati, late of Banares, have done their best to hinder our work. They make it their meat and drink to misrepresent Christianity to the people. Recently they have published two books, which are now in circulation among the people, the object of which is to undermine Christianity. One is entitled ‘Isu Pariksha,’ or ‘Jesus Tested,’ and has a most hideous representation of Christ on the Cross on the title-page. The other is the translation of an American work, called ‘Self Contradictions of the Bible.’ I am inclined to think that even these books will not only defeat their object, but further the true interests of the Gospel. They are full of ‘precious grain.’ Truths we glory in are to be found in them, and God can make even the wrath of man to praise Him. At the commencement of the year we had the Mohammedans preaching on one side of us, and the Aryan Samaj on the other. They thought they would in this way stop us from preaching; but their zeal gradually grew cold, and

we now have the field entirely to ourselves. During the year we have had some very interesting cases of conversion, which have greatly encouraged us. Two of these have suffered great persecution—one, a Mohammedan, more especially. Had the protection of the court not been sought by the latter, his life would have been taken long ago. He has stood the fire bravely, however, and promises well for the future.

“I have been greatly impressed with Muttra. I have been there several times, and have lived in the remains of the old Mission Chapel there. The people seemed to listen so eagerly to our message on every occasion. During my last visit there was a large mela held there. Towards evening there was a great display of fireworks, which brought the mela to a close. As the people would not stand to hear what we had to say, I proposed to my native brother that we should go with the crowd and converse with them on their way home. This we agreed to do, and, speaking for myself, I quite enjoyed it. We had quite a large number of people listening to what we had to say. I have never felt so happy in the work as I did on this occasion. One young man came with us a long way, and seemed quite anxious to hear what we had to say about the way of salvation. Though he was a villager, yet his questions were such as to convince us he was really in earnest seeking to know God. He is in a most hopeful state of mind, and I think not ‘far from the Kingdom.’

“R. M. McINTOSH.

“Agra, N.W.P.”

Floods in Shansi.

THE Rev. Arthur Sowerby, of Tai Yuen Fu, writes by the last mail:—

"DEAR MR. BAYNES,—During the summer we have had some heavy rains and extensive floods in Shansi, a brief account of which may be interesting to readers of the HERALD. The rain commenced on Saturday, July 24th, and continued almost without intermission till the following Tuesday morning, when it terminated after a violent thunderstorm. To the west of Tai Yuen Fu, and between two and three miles' distance, runs the Fen river. This year the officials seem to have been very negligent in repairing its banks; and, in consequence of this and the heavy rains, on Monday, July 28th, a portion of the bank gave way at about one o'clock in the morning, and almost the whole volume of water in the river came sweeping down upon the city. On Tuesday morning we heard that a serious flood had taken place, and, on the rain ceasing, Mr. Dixon and I went out to see what had happened. Together we went along the city wall to the great south gate, and there a very sad sight presented itself. The water had burst open both the gates in the western wall and the great south gate, and about one-third of the city was under water. Fortunately the western portion of Tai Yuen Fu is but sparsely inhabited; still a great deal of damage had been done, and not a few lives lost. A strong stream of water was still running in at the south gate, and in the most low-lying portion of the city the water came up nearly to the roofs of the houses.

"Outside the city the sight was sadder still. Along the great south road there are several houses, and about a mile distant from the city

gate a mud wall and an irrigating ditch had banked up the waters, so that on these houses the waters rose very high, at the same time surrounding them by an expansive sheet of water that made it impossible for the people to get to the dry land. It was very sad to see numbers of the people crouched on the roofs, not only exposed to the rain, and in want of food, but still in great peril. Many houses had already fallen, and any more rain would inevitably bring down others. Indeed, one house did fall on Tuesday afternoon, and five people were drowned.

"By means of two small rafts a few people were being slowly rescued, and although our first thought was to do what we could to help the distressed, it did not seem very easy to find a way. After consultation with our friends in the Inland Mission and our native assistants, there seemed to be but little we could do other than to take some food for the people as they were landed. Accordingly, that afternoon, Mr. Dixon and myself, accompanied by Mr. Orr Ewing, and with a few native helpers, went down to the place where they were landing the people. This was just opposite a temple, and here the half-drowned folks found shelter. We were glad to find the Mandarins had arrived, and, with a number of soldiers, were hard at work making rafts, and bringing the people to shore. As supplies of food had been brought here, we went to another spot about a mile lower down the bank, where some had managed to get ashore, and they were very thankful for the bread we gave them. We also sent some

bread across on a small raft to the people on the houses opposite, who, for want of rafts or boat, could not be rescued that night. The next day we went to the same spot with bread and medicine, and found that several people had been brought to shore. Some of them were aged, others sick, all of them sitting in their wet clothes in a deplorable condition. One man was sobbing bitterly; for his son was drowned. Another man had had no food from Sunday evening, and was in doubt whether his wife and three little ones were saved. These people were all poor, and their little ones had been destroyed by the flood. How they were to get a sustenance in the future they did not know, and old women went on their knees and begged for work.

"After doing what little we could for them, we next thought of the villages that we knew must be wrecked, lying to the south and south-east of Tai Yuen. During the rest of the week, then, we did what we could to help the villagers, and they needed it. The officials were only helping the people in the city and its suburbs, and were doing nothing for these villagers. Some four or five villages were wholly wrecked, and nearly all the gathered-in wheat was destroyed.

"Some of the villages were in the centre of the stream, and were only reached with difficulty; but by Monday, August 2nd, the waters had subsided sufficiently to enable the people to cross the flood, and Mr. Dixon—sometimes carried on a chair, sometimes wading—made a tour of inspection to the various homes. He found a great deal of distress, and among many of the people real need for food.

"Our friends in the Inland Mission

very generously joining with us, and helping liberally, we soon had enough funds in hand to distribute food for a fortnight. Accordingly, we had lists made out by the elders of the villages of those most needy, and for the time mentioned met the people at one of the temples, and gave them a daily supply of millet, so helping to feed about one thousand two hundred people. Fortunately grain is cheap, and we only spent one farthing per head per day.

"We should have been worse than cruel if we had been contented with only rendering temporal help to these poor distressed people. The winter is before them; their sufferings and anxiety will be very great; the help we can give to any, or the assistance they will get from the Mandarins, will be very trifling. It has been a joy as well as a duty to tell them of our Father in heaven, who clothes the flowers and feeds the birds, and to try and win them to put their trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. On Sundays, when we did not distribute grain, we invited people to hear the Gospel, and had large audiences—old men, decrepit and infirm, drank in every word; boys stopped their play, and listened intently; and women, at the edge of the crowd, strained their ears to hear. Mr. Turner, who preached to them last Sunday, asked them at the close whether they understood him. 'Yes,' they replied; 'we understood well.' And I think, from the close attention with which they listened, and their constant replies to questions, and assent to many points, that they really did understand. May God give them the understanding heart!

"It may be worth mentioning that about four years ago Mr. Richard surveyed the flooded district, and told

the officials that the surface of the river was only a foot lower than the base of the city wall at its south-west corner. I was sorry also to hear that the county magistrate had been so foolish as to beat the river, in

defiance of the 'River God,' for daring to overflow and invade the country under his magisterial rule.

"ARTHUR SOWERBY.

"To A. H. Baynes, Esq."

The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver.

WITH very grateful thanks the Committee acknowledge the receipt of a recent bottle and pair of earrings from "A Servant" attending Back Street Chapel, Trowbridge. A silver bracelet from "A Devoted Worker," per Rev. T. J. Stockley. "One who cannot give money, but who finds real pleasure in giving her bracelet to the Mission." Two rings from "A Friend" in Birmingham for the Congo Mission. A silver chain from "A Governess at Wandsworth," who wishes "the way was clear, so that she might give herself to the work." A silver pencilcase from "A Sunday-school Scholar," who "reads the MISSIONARY HERALD with intense delight, and intends herself to become a missionary." To the unknown lady mentioned by the Rev. George Wainwright, of Manchester, in the following letter:—

"The strenuous effort we are making to purchase our Coupland Street Baptist Church rendered it impossible to do more for the Missionary Society than have two collections. These realised £9, which sum has been forwarded to the local treasurer, Mr. Thomas Spencer.

"At the close of the evening service I appealed earnestly for consecration on behalf of the Mission, asking for *lives*, for *money*, or for *jewels*, that God might use in His work.

"On Friday last a lady brought me a valuable package of jewellery sent off this day by Parcel Post, and £3 in cash, which she had just received for an article sold by her before she knew the joy of giving everything to Christ.

"You can hardly understand the pleasure with which I received and now forward this valuable expression of true consecration. Yet my joy is very far short of that which the dear widow lady has in parting with so many once precious things for the service of a Master still more precious to her. I *could not* thank her for the gift, but only for the privilege of being able to share her joy. Her only regret is that she cannot give *herself* to the work as well."

To "A Servant Girl," at Gosport, for nine shillings, per Mrs. Mumby, of Spring Gardens, the proceeds of sale of her work for the Congo Mission. "A Gardener," for an old coin for the Congo Mission.

The cordial thanks of the Committee are also specially given to "T. H." in memoriam, per the Rev. Fredrick Trestrail, D.D., of Bristol, for the generous and most timely gift of £1,000 for the general funds of the Society; and also for the following most welcome and liberal contributions: Mr. Geo. Ed. Foster, Cambridge, £350; "A Friend," per Rev. E. Medley, B.A., for evangelist at Borne, £25; Mr. R. B. Dawbarn, Wisbech, £20; and the Rev. Isaac Allen, M.A., £12.

The Committee also feel deeply grateful to Mrs. Coxeter, of "Bathurst," Highgate Road, for the generous gift of £150 for the Congo Fire Fund, being proceeds of a drawing-room sale held at her residence.

Acknowledgments.

THE Committee gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following welcome and useful gifts:—A packet of astronomical slides for Rev. D. Jones, Agra, from Mr. J. T. Barry, Tredegarville; a parcel of garments for Mrs. Wall, Rome, from Mrs. M. Kelly, Upper Tooting; a parcel of Christmas cards and scrap-books for Rev. D. Wilshere, Nassau, Bahamas, from Miss Walduok, of Bloomsbury; a parcel of garments for Rev. T. J. Comber, Congo Mission, from Mrs. Hunt, Bournemouth; a parcel of "jumpers" and tunics for Rev. Michael Richard, Congo Mission, from Mrs. T. C. Bailey, Upton; fifty jackets and one hundred frocks, from the Ladies' Missionary Working Party, and fifty jackets from Miss A. Coxeter's Bible-class, Highgate-road Chapel, for the Congo Mission; twenty-five volumes of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's sermons for Training Institution, Delhi, under the care of the Rev. R. F. Guyton, from Mrs. Kemp, Rochdale; and for linoleum, for covering the deck of the steamship *Peace*, from Mr. Thomas Whitley, of Enfield. Mrs. Wall, of Rome, writes:—"Will you please convey our warmest thanks to the following ladies who have so kindly assisted us with articles, both fancy and useful, for our coming sale; also for the Christmas treat for our very poor:—Mrs. Steanes, Mrs. F. Beecham, Mrs. Underhill, Miss Barcham, Mrs. Osborn, Miss Grist, Mrs. Southwell, Miss Southwell's Bible-class, The Walford Working Party (by Mrs. Best), and the Mothers' Meeting (Highbury Vale)."

Recent Intelligence.

THE Rev. S. B. and Mrs. Drake left London for Shanghai in the Glen Line steamship *Glenfruin*, on Monday, December 13th. On arrival in China, they will proceed to Tsing Chu Fu, and work in association with the Shantung missionaries.

On Wednesday, December 22nd, the Rev. H. K. and Mrs. Moolenaar left London for the Congo, *via* Lisbon, in the Castle Mail packet, *Grantully Castle*. From Lisbon they will voyage to Benana by one of the Portuguese direct mail steamers, and so save the danger to health involved by calling in at fever-stricken ports on the route.

With very sincere sorrow we report the death of the Rev. Goolzar Shah, of Simla, at Calcutta, on November 23rd last, after a long season of failing health. We have received no detailed particulars up to the date of going to press. We hope to refer to the life and work of our devoted brother in our next issue. In the meanwhile, we very earnestly commend to the prayers and sympathies of our readers the sorrow-stricken widow and bereaved family.

The Rev. H. A. Lapham, of Ceylon, has relinquished the pastorate of the Cinnamon Gardens English Baptist Church in Colombo, with a view to devote himself again to purely vernacular mission work, and has been appointed by Mission Committee to the oversight of the Kandy district.

The vacancy in the pastorate of the Cinnamon Gardens Church, Ceylon, thus created, has just been filled up by the appointment of the Rev. Frank Durbin, of the Pastors' College, and for some time past pastor of the Baptist church at Cheam, in Surrey. Mr. Durbin contemplates leaving for his new sphere of labour at the close of the current month.

The Rev. S. J. Jones has resigned the pastorate of the English Baptist Church at Dinapore, N.W.P., and accepted a very cordial invitation to the pastorate of the Havelock Baptist Church, Agra, in succession to the Rev. Arthur W. Wood, now on his way to England.

Congo Fire Fund.

Donations received from 16th November to 15th December, 1886.

A Friend, per Rev. C. Masserson	1 0 0	Beckenham, Elm Road— A Friend	1 0 0	Maidenhead	0 14 0
Atkins, Mr. S.A., Skip-ton	0 10 0	Thompson, Mr. S.	0 10 0	Newbold Sunday Sch.	2 0 0
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Dickson, Mr. J. H., Edinburgh	2 0 0	Bradford, Sich Chapel, Caledonia Street School, Second Male Select Class	1 0 0	Godwin, Mr. J. P.	1 1 0
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Hudson, Mrs. and Miss, Walthamstow	1 0 0	Cheltenham, United Sunday School	3 8 11	Sutton-in-Craven	7 15 6
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Highbury Hill, Mr. S. S. Aldis	3 0 0	Pochin, Mr. Robt.	5 0 0	Honduras, Belize— Mrs. Waring's Bible Class	1 12 0
Highgate Road Chapel, Proceeds of Sale	151 3 6	Rawson, Mr. J.	5 0 0	<i>The following sums, appearing in last month's HERALD in General Contribution List, should have been acknowledged under contributions for Congo Fire Fund:—</i>	
Walthamstow, Boundary Road, Proceeds of Lecture	2 0 0	Roberts, Rev. B. Y.	1 1 0	Chester, Grosvenor Park Sunday School	4 6 10
Walworth Road Chapel	2 4 6	Roper, Mr. J.	0 10 0	Ipawich, Burlington Chapel	30 14 0
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Foster, Mr G. E., Cambridge	360 0 0
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L. E. P.	1 0 0
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Rosenbaum, Mr A. J., for Congo and China	0 15 0
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