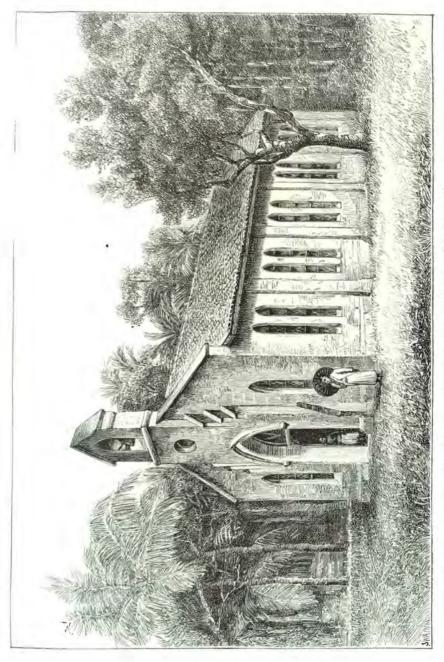
THE MISSIONARY HETALD, MARCH 1, 1892.



THE MISSIONARY HERALD

OF THE

Baptist Missionary Society.

THE YEAR OF THE CENTENARY.

IT is with much gratitude we acknowledge the following additional contributions to the Fund now being raised in commemoration of the Centenary:—

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	£	8.	d.	•	£	3.	d.
Appleton, Mr. William	400	0	0	Barbour, Mr. John	10	0	0
A Scotch Friend, per Rev.				Lewis, Rev. Thos., and			
F. H. Robarts, B.A	250	0	0	Mrs., Congo	20	0	0
Barry, Mr. J. T., and Mrs.,				Darby, Rev. R. D., and			
Cardiff	100	0	0	Mrs., Congo	15	0	0
A Friend, Preston, per				Scrivener, Rev. A. E.,			
Rev. W. H. Harris	100	0	0	Congo	10	0	0
Joshua xiii. 1	75	0	. 0	Whitehead, Rev. J., Congo	10	0	0
Ames, Mr. E. G., and Mrs.,				Smaller donations	25	14	6
Frome	50	0	0	Hackney, Mare Street—			
A Friend, China	50	0	0	Bowser, Miss Rose M	10	0	0
Larkworthy, Mrs., a Special				Smaller sums	20	16	6
Thank-offering	50	0	0	German Mission Churches	15	0	0
In Memory of the Rev. C.				Accrington (Second List)—			
M. Birrell	50	0	0	Briggs, Mr. and Mrs.,			
Goodman, Mr. R	25	0	0	Bury	50 0	0	0
Powell, Mr. John, Benson	20	0	0	Entwistle, Mr. Ald., J.P.	100	0	0
Elliott, Mr. Samuel,				Williams, Rev. C., and			
Penzance	20	0	0	Mrs	5 0	0	0
Landels, Rev. W. K., and				Entwistle, Mr. and Mrs.			
Mrs., Turin	20	0	0 .	Joseph	20	0	0
Birrell, Mr. Henry G	10	0	0	Eltoft, Mr	10	0	0
Hodges, Mr. A. S., Poole,				Rushworth, Mr	10	0	0
for New Missionaries	10	0	0	Smaller sums	18	10	0
Walker, Mrs	10	0	0	Clayton-le-Moors—			
Hill, Rev. W., and Mrs	10	0	0	Kenyon, Mr. O. S	25	0	0
Bruce, Mr. Alex. L., Edin-				Smaller sums	3	0	0
burgh	10	0	0	Blackburn	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.		£		d.
Burnley—	ı	۵.	u.	Salisbury—	-		u,
Hudson, Mr	25	0	0	Short, Rev. G., B.A., and			
Oswaldtwistle-				Mrs. (previously ac-			
Duckworth, Mrs. M	25	0	0	knowledged)	50	0	0
Ramsbottom—				Watson, Mr. and Mrs.	30	0	0
Maden, Mr. J. H	50	0	0.	Pye-Smith, Mr. E	25	0	0
Smaller sums	24	10	0	Atkins, Mr. S. R	20	0	0
Sabden—				Moore, Mr. Jas	20	0	0
Foster, Miss	25	0	0	Woodrow, Mr. and Mrs.			
Foster, Miss C	15	0	0	С. J.	20	0	O
Ecroyd, Mrs	10	0	0	Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs.	15	0	0
Waterfoot—				Main, Mr., senr	10	0	0
Trickett, Mr	100	0	0	Woodrow, Mrs., senr	10	0	0
East Lancashire—				Smaller sums	66	0	0
Small sums	25	0	0	Stalham—			
Bournemouth—				Worts, Mr. T	20	0	0
Doggett, Mr. T. W	20	0	0	Smaller sums	16	3	0
Dunfermline	70	12	2	Stirling	54	18	6
Edinburgh—Dublin Street-	_	•		Aitkin, Mr. J. G., for			
Rose, The late Mr	200	0	0	Chinese New Testa-			
Rose, Mr. Hugh	200	0	0	ments	10	0	0
Rose, Mr. A. A	200	0	0	Torquay—			
A Friend	100	0	0	Edwards, Rev. Evan	20	0	0
Gibb, Mr. W. O	100	0	0	Do., In Memoriam	10	0	0
Gill, Mr	100	0	0	Kimber, Mr. J. W	20	0	0
Landels, Rev. Dr., and				Hayward, Rev. G. A., M.A.	15	O	0
Mrs	100	0	0	Couch, Mr. W. P	10	0	0
Lockhart, Mr	50	0	0	Gamble, Mrs	10	0	0
Black, Mr. J. M	25	0	0	Bailey, Mr. W., and			
Chisholm, Mr. A	25	0	0	Family	10	0	0
Fowler, Misses	25	0	0	Turner, Mr. and Mrs.			
A Friend	20	0	0	Т. Р	10	0	0
Anonymous	20	0	0	Smaller sums	78	8	5
Anderson, Mr. Charles	15	0	0	Watford (Second List)—			
Baitine, Miss Jane	10	0	0	Stuart, Rev. J	30	0	0
Crombie, Mr	10	0	0	Smith, Mr. W. L	3 0	0	0
Curr, Mr. H. D	10	0	0	Edmunds, Mr	25	0	0
Gray, Mrs	10	0	0	George, Mr. W	25	0	0
Smaller sums	71	0	0	Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A.			
Lowestoft	18	0	0	King	25	0	0
Melkeham	12	7	6	Bailey, Mr. Thos	20	0	0
Nantyglo-Hermon Ch	57	3	0	Smith, Mrs. W. L	15	0	0
Newton Abbott—				Smith, Misses and Mr	12	12	0
Ness, Mrs	20	0	0	Smith, Mr. Herbert	12	0	0
Poole—				Betts, Mrs	10	0	0
Hobbs, Mr	20	0	0	Capell, Mr. G	10	0	0
Smaller sums	12		2	Chater, Mr. Eb	10	0	0
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	£	8.	d.		£	9.	d.
Watford (continued)—				Great Yarmouth (continued)	—		
Mrs. Rowse	10	0	0	Arnold, Mrs	10	0	0
Walker, Mr. and Mrs.				Saul, Mr. T	10	0	0
Watson	10	0	0	Saul, Mr. T. J	10	0	0
Walker, Mr. A	10	0	0	Smaller sums	1	11	6
Smaller sums	49	2	0	Smaller sums from various			
Great Yarmouth-				places	125	2	9
Arnold, Mr. F	10	0	0				

It is also with peculiar pleasure we report the receipt of the following donations from the Congo. We question whether a more powerful appeal could be made to Christians in this land than this simple record of the generosity of these converts in dark Africa. We shall be very much surprised if many hearts are not touched by so remarkable a testimony to the power of the Gospel over a people who have but recently come to know of that Saviour who for our sakes became poor that we through His poverty might become rich. Shall these Congo converts be moved to such self-denying liberality and British Christians withhold their gifts?

CONGO CENTENARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

By the last Congo mail we received the following deeply interesting communication.

The Rev. Thos. Lewis, writing from San Salvador, December 31st, 1891, says:--

"Nlekai is sending you by this mail the contributions of the San Salvador native Congo Christian church towards the Centenary Fund, the full list of which will show you how the money has been gathered. The matter was taken up entirely by the members themselves. On Christmas Day we had a thanksgiving service, when they most earnestly thanked God for sending Christian missionaries to the Congo.

"A special and most touching prayer was offered by one of the brethren, asking God's blessing on their gifts, and we are sure such a prayer cannot be offered in vain."

The following is an exact copy of the letter written by the deacons of the native Congo church at San Salvador, enclosing an order for

£33 14s. 3d.

"San Salvador Station, B.M.S., "Congo River, S.W. Africa, " December 30th, 1891.

"DEAR SIR,—As a church here we feel very thankful that the Gospel has come to our country. Since it came to us it has done us much good and made us very happy, so we thought we would like very much to give something to help you to send out more missionaries to take the light of the Gospel to those that are in benighted lands like ours. Therefore we heartily made a collection, and collected a sum of £33 14s. 3d.

"Kivitidi and I send it, on behalf of the church. Do accept it as our thankoffering to your Centenary Fund of the Baptist Missionary Society.

"We are, on behalf of the Church,

The following is a list of the contributors, and of their contributions, sent with the foregoing letter from the native church:—

No. Men 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Name. Matoko Kalandenda Kivitidi Nlekai Ndonzwau Elembe Vita Diakenga	Description of Goods paid. Native Value. Dollars.	£ s. 3 4 1 12 1 0 0 16 0 12 0 12 0 12	d. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
9	Mpondo	1 piece white drill 3	0 12	o
10	Senulembwa		0 12	0
11	Mauwele	1 flannel shirt 2½	0 10	0
12	Diongwa	1 piece handkerchiefs 2	0 8	0
13	Matata	1 ,, ,, 2	0 8	0
14	Suvusu	150 strings beads 1½	0 6	0
15	\mathbf{Elembe}	Fowls $1\frac{1}{2}$	0 6	0
16	Mpombolo	1 piece prints 1	0 4	0
17	Dika	1 ,, red baft 1	0 4	0
18	Mingedi	1 ,, ,, 1	0 4	0
19	Etalanga	1 piece scarves 1	0 4	0
Wome	n.			
20	Nembamba	1 keg gunpowder 6	1 4	0
21	Wavatidi	2 pieces red baft 6	1 4	0,
22	Mpuna	1 piece red baft, 200 beads 6	1 4	0
23	Lau	1 basket ground nuts and two fowls 4½	0 18	0
24	Fotelwa	1 piece Oxford check 4	0 16	0.
2 5	Ponta	1 ,, ,, 4	0 16	0
26	Umba	1 piece prints 4	0 16	0
27	Mianza	1 ,, trade cloth 4	0 16 0 18	0
28	Mansanga	90 large ferret bells $\frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{2}$		0
29	Nengudi	3 báskets ground nuts 3	0 12 0 12	0
30	Mbaujikisa	300 strings beads	0 12	0
31	Nkidiaka	I piece red bait	0 12	0
32	Mansonso	1 " " 3	0 12	G

Wom	en.			£		d.
33	Menga 10 yards red baft		21	ິດ	s. 10	a.
34	Ntadila 10 ,, ,,		21	0	10	0
3 5	Soloka 1 basket nuts, 200 beads		3	0	12	0
36	Luvuma 150 beads, 1 piece cloth		$2\frac{1}{2}$	0	10	0
37	Nkiamindele 1 piece blue baft		2	0	8	0
38	Ntinua Nximba 1 ,, scarf		2	0	8	0
3 9	Tonba 2 baskets nuts	•••	2	0	8	0
40	Dima Fowls		1 ½	0	6	0
41	Mona 1 piece red baft		1	0	4	0
42	Mbwaku 1 ,, ,,	•••	1	0	4	0
43	Mbwanji 1 ,, ,,	• •••	1	0	4	0
44	Kinsukulu 100 strings beads		1	0	4	0
45	Mayeto 100 ,, ,,	• • • •	1	0	4	0
46	Mr. and Mrs.					
	Phillips Cash	•••	10	2	0	0
47	Mr. and Mrs.					
	Lewis Cash	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	10	2	0	0
	Small sums Various	• • • •	$3\frac{3}{2}$	0	15	3
	Dollars		1671			
	Centenary card collected by Niekai (No. 44,194)			0	5	0
				£33	14	3

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM WATHEN STATION.

The Rev. W. H. Bentley writes from Wathen (Ngombe) Station :-

"Nlemvo is writing to you with this to forward to you the donations of our young people here to the Young People's Centennial Fund. When your letter came I mentioned the matter to Nlemvo, and he took it up heartily, and talked it over with the boys. He headed the list with 13s. 4d., and asked the others to follow; his wife and the girls also added their share, and now you see the outcome. Beside mentioning it to Nlemvo we have said nothing to any of them and have exercised no pressure. It is very gratifying to us to see what they have done. I believe that it will give you pleasure too."

The letter from Nlemvo is as follows:—

"My DEAR MR. BAYNES,—We heard that next year is the hundred years' birthday of the B.M.S., and that people are putting money together for the B.M.S., so we all, boys and girls, put this little money together and send it to you for the birthday of the B.M.S., to let you know that we thank God very much for all that He has done for us through the B.M.S., and we hope that God will give you power to do His work and send missionaries out to all people and tell them about Him.

"I must tell you a little about our work. You know that at Ngombe we cannot get any people to preach to, except the schoolboys and girls, and also to the workpeople; so we sometimes go into the towns and preach to the people about the love of Jesus Christ; and sometimes when the people come together,

some will listen good to the teacher and take all in his heart, and some will listen and find a fault with God—that is, they say, Why does God let us die if He loves us, and if God loves us, why does He let Satan tempt us? But we tell them all we can to make them believe that God loves us, and that He wishes us to turn our hearts to Him.

"I hope that our friends will not forget to pray to God for this work in Congo, because we know that God is doing His work among the people here, and I am glad to say that some people are wishing to be God's people, and give themselves to Him now. We all send you our compliments.—Yours respectfully,

"To A. H. Baynes, Esq."

"MANTANTU, DUNDULU, NLEMVO.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LUKOLELA.

The Rev. A. E. Scrivener writes from Lukolela, on the Upper Congo River:—

"DEAR MR. BAYNES,—Your letter respecting the Centenary of the Society reached us a few weeks ago. We determined to bring the matter before our schoolboys, the following list of contributions being the result:—

Lobungibwengo 1 fathom white bastworth	15 brass rods.
Mompolenge 2 arrows, 1 spear,	8 ,
Mokolobilengwa 1 marimba,	10 ,,
Oboikuna 1 mat,	4 11
Eyunga 1 fathom glazed prints "	20 "
Ngaiminone 4 pieces grass cloth ,,	8 "
Bungwalanga 1 piece ,, ,,	2 "
Boketu 2 pieces ,, and } ,	3 "
Ngei 4 brass rods	4 ,,
Bayinangusi Piece of cloth "	15 ,,
Lotumba (Jack), " " " " "	15 ,,
I made Warmen di (Common matient Accordina)	104
Lusala Kavundi (Congo native teacher)	£2.

One hundred and four brass rods are worth five shillings, so our boys will deserve a Centenary medal, which please send, so that I may hang it in our school. The wages of the boys respectively do not exceed twenty rods per month, and their greedy owners in the towns manage to secure nearly the whole. You will, therefore, see that the gifts, though small from an English standpoint, really represent a considerable sum here."

We have also received from our missionaries on the Congo for our Centenary Fund, £136.

At the date of going to press the Centenary Fund stands at

£54,750 ls. 2d.

During the last month we have been forwarding specimen copies of our Special Centenary Collecting Books to our missionary representatives in the churches. We trust our friends will not hesitate to use these books, though, in some cases, the amount contemplated—viz.,

the original collection taken at the formation of the Society—may be felt too large a sum to obtain.

The Special Centenary Service of Song, "Daybreak on Heathen Darkness," of which we gave particulars last month, can be obtained at 4d. per copy, or in quantities of fifty and upwards at half-price (postage extra at the rate of 10½d. per fifty), of the publishers, Rev. John Burnham, Brentford; Sunday School Union, 56, Old Bailey; West London Sunday School Union, 133, Edgwarz Road, W.; and Messrs. Weeks & Co., 16, Hanover Street, Regent Street, W. Hymns only, 3s. per hundred; by post, 3s. 4½d.

MEDALS.

A wish has been expressed that Centenary medals should be struck in superior metals for those friends of the Society who might like to possess them. We have consequently ascertained that one in cepper-bronze could be supplied at a cost of two shillings and sixpence; in silver, ten shillings; and in gold, 22 carat, eight pounds. These, however, will only be procured for those who specially instruct us to order them, and requests should be sent at once to the Mission House.

REPRINT OF CAREY'S PAMPHLET.

A second edition of this famous pamphlet has just been issued at the small cost of eightpence, which can be obtained from the publishers, Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, Paternoster Row, or at the Mission House.

Will our readers take particular notice of the dates on which, according to previous announcement, the great

PUBLIC CENTENARY MEETINGS

are to be held, viz. :---

On MAY 31st, 1892, at NOTTINGHAM, On JUNE 1st, at LEICESTER, On JUNE 2nd and 3rd, at KETTERING,

these three places being historically memorable in the formation of the

Society.

On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd,

that being the actual date of its origin, it is recommended Special Centenary Sermons should be preached and Special Centenary Offerings taken in every Baptist Chapel in this land and in our Colonial Dependencies.

On OCTOBER 4th and 5th

important Meetings in continuation of the Centenary Celebration will take place in

THE METROPOLIS.

Details of the arrangements in connection with all these Commemorative Services will be published in due course.

THE CLOSE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

WE desire to call the special attention of all our friends, and particularly of treasurers and secretaries of Missionary Auxiliaries, to the approaching close of our Financial Year on the 31st of the current month. We shall be thankful if remittances can be forwarded in by that date.

We urgently need all the help our friends can send. The cash receipts on General Account up to the 31st January show a falling off, as compared with the receipts of last year to the same date, of

£889 Os. Od.,

while the expenditure for the year current is larger than it was last year. Remittances should be sent to Alfred Henry Baynes, and all cheques, drafts, post-office orders, and postal orders made payable to his order and crossed Barclay & Co., and sent to the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, E.C.

The Centenary Special Prayer Meeting.

ILL the friends of missions kindly note that throughout this, the Centenary Year, it has been decided to hold a Special Meeting for Prayer in the Library of the Mission House, every Thursday morning, from eleven to twelve o'clock? Friends from the provinces will be heartly welcomed to take part, and ministers will greatly oblige by announcing the meetings from their pulpits. It is intended that the meetings shall partake of a general as well as of a special character, and it is with nuch pleasure we announce that representatives from the various missionary societies have expressed their readiness to unite in prayer for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The following gentlemen have kindly promised to preside on the undermentioned Thursdays:—

March 3.—Rev. J. T. Wigner, of Brockley Road Chapel.

- " 10.—General Noble, of the Church Missionary Society.
- " 17.—Donald Matheson, Esq., of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.
- " 24.—B. Broomhall, Esq., of the China Inland Mission.
- " 31.—Rev. James Baillie, of Bloomsbury Chapel.

April 7.—Rev. John Sharp, M.A., Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

- , 14.—Rev. J. B. Myers, Association Secretary.
- " 21.—Rev. T. Barrass, of Peterborough.

On Sunday, November 15th, at Calcutta, Mrs. Leslie, widow of the late Rev. Andrew Leslie, for many years missionary at Monghyr, and afterwards pastor of the Circular Road Church, Calcutta, entered into rest after a long life of patient and self-sacrificing service for Christ. The Rev. George Kerry, writing of her decease, says:—"Thus is broken one more of the few remaining links which connects the present generation of missionaries with the past."

Baptist Missionary Society.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, 1892.

HURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 21st.-Introductory Prayer MEETING, MISSION HOUSE, Furnival Street, Holborn. The Rev. THOMAS BARRASS, of Peterborough, will preside and deliver an address. Service to commence at half-past ten o'clock.

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 24th.—Annual Services in the various chapels of the metropolis.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 25th.—BIBLE TRANSLATION SOCIETY. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Library of the Mission House. Chairman: W. Willis, Esq., Q.C. Speakers: E. B. Under-HILL, Esq., LL,D.; Revs. W. G. Armstrong, of Burmah, and H. A. LAPHAM, of Ceylon.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 26th .- ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING, Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn. Chair to be taken at half-past ten o'clock by J. B. MEAD, Esq., of Brockley, New Cross.

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 26th.—PUBLIC MISSIONARY SOIRÉE, in the Cannon Street Hotel. Alfred Thomas, Esq., M.P., East Glamorgan, to preside. Addresses will be delivered by the Revs. J. S. WHITEWRIGHT, of China; W. J. PRICE, of INDIA; and W. H. BENTLEY, of the Congo. Tea and Coffee from half-past five to seven o'clock. Tickets for Soirée, one shilling each, to be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn. Note.—As a large attendance is anticipated, early application for tickets is requested.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 27th.—THE ZENANA MISSION IN INDIA.—ANNUAL MISSIONARY BREAKFAST, in the LARGE HALL, CANNON STREET HOTEL, at a quarter to nine o'clock. Chairman: W. R. RICKETT, Esq., Treasurer Baptist Missionary Society. Speakers: Miss Rose Greenfield, of Ludhiani; and Arthur Briggs, Esq., J.P., of Rawdon (recently returned from India). Tickets, 2s. 6d. cach, to be had of the Secretaries, or at the Mission House.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 27th, -ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON. Preacher: The Rev. RIGHARD GLOVER, D.D., of Bristol, in Bloomsbury Chapel. Service at twelve o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 27th - SPECIAL MISSIONARY SERMON TO YOUNG MEN, in the CITY TEMPLE. Preacher: The Rev. ABTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D. Service to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 28th .- ANNUAL MEETING in EXETER

HALL. Chair to be taken at six o'clock by the Right Hon. Lord REAY, late Governor of Bombay. Speakers: The Revs. J. LAWSON FORFEITT, F.R.G.S., of the Congo; C. SYLVESTER HORNE, M.A., Kensington; and A. G. JONES, of China. Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 29th.—MISSIONARY BREAKFAST CONFERENCE, in the Lower Hall, Exeter Hall. Chairman: W. R. Rickett, Esq. Introductory paper by the Rev. Walter Hackney, M.A., of Birmingham. Pastors, deacons, and all officers of missionary associations, Congregational. Sunday-school, and Juvenile, are invited to be present. Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29th.—THE YOUNG PROPLE'S MISSIONARY MEETING, for Sunday-school teachers, senior scholars, and young people, in EXETER HALL. Chair to be taken at seven o'clock by WALTER MICKLEM, Esq., M.A. Speakers: The Revs. J. A. CLARK, of the Congo; HERBERT J. THOMAS, of India; and DAVID DAVIES, of Brighton. Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn.

Hindu Monastery at Poree, Orissa.

THE monastery represented in the engraving is situated near the Gundecha Temple, or Juggernath's Garden House. It is a good deal frequented by pilgrims passing to worship, and feed the many large turtle kept in a spacious tank quite near, which turtle, the Brahmins in charge say, "brought on their backs, from a long distance, all the stones of which the great temple is built." The monastery contains a number of small thatched buildings, most of which are the shrines of idols, the largest being dedicated to the Kalunkee, or tenth incarnation of Vishnu, who is to close the age of darkness and introduce that of truth and righteousness. The Mohunt, or Abbot, standing in front, who is well known to the Cuttack missionaries, is of the Brahminical caste, and founder of the monastery. He professes to have no faith in idolatry, though, as a means of livelihood, countenances it. He is a shrewd, intelligent man, and has a hobby for collecting Christian books, which he carefully preserves and has read to him frequently by one of his disciples. He has a large amount of Christian knowledge, and is familiar with portions of the Apocalypse, and prides himself on understanding its symbols and prophetic teaching better than the missionaries, whom he once compared to "donkeys carrying on their backs sandal-wood, but knowing nothing of its agreeable scent." He maintains that the vision of Rev. xix. 11, 12, 15, refers to the tenth incarnation of Vishnu. Strange to say that this incarnation is described as a man with long arms, mounted on a white horse, holding in his hand a two-edged sword. Of all the Hindu incarnations, this is the only one whose object in coming into the world is described as a noble and useful one. It is the opinion of some that the writer of the Kolinkee Shastra had either seen the 19th chapter of Revelation or had heard of its contents from others.

A special interest attaches to the abbot of this monastery from the fact



THE ABBOT OF GUNDECHA .- (From a Photograph.)

that he placed Christian books in the hands of two of his disciples (intelligent young men, well read in the Shastras), with the request that they would carefully read them—never for a moment imagining that this would prove the first step in the way of their obtaining a saving knowledge of Christ. One of these, a Brahmin by caste, "Balla Krishna Ruth," has been for some time a devoted and efficient preacher of the Gospel to his countrymen; the other, "Bancha Nidhi Mahapatra," of the writer caste, has rendered valuable service as superintendent of the Cuttack Book-room and colporteur. The history of these two young men illustrates how, in India, God is carrying on His work in the most unlikely places, and by agencies unknown to the Church.

"Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord."

A T the last meeting of the Committee, the officers reported the lamented decease of the following devoted and generous friends of the Mission:—

Lady Peto, Mrs. James Benham, Mr. Hugh Rose, and the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon,

and the Secretary was requested to convey to the bereaved families, in the name of the Committee, a very heartfelt and respectful expression of deep sympathy, and an assurance of the earnest prayers of the Committee on behalf of the sorrowing relatives for Divine comfort and support in this season of sore grief and loss.

With regard to the decease of the

Rev. C. H. SPUBGEON,

the following Memorial Minute was moved by the Rev. T. Graham Tarn, of Cambridge, seconded by the Rev. W. Landels, D.D., of Edinburgh, and adopted unanimously:—

Resolved: "That we, the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society, have heard with feelings of profound sorrow and regret of the death of our esteemed and beloved brother, the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, and desire to tender our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Spurgeon and the members of the bereaved family, and also to the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church, in the irreparable loss which they have sustained. We give glory to God for the extraordinary gifts with which our brother was endowed, for the grace which led him to employ those gifts with such rare devotion in the service of God and man, and for the unspeakable blessing which rested upon his labours. In common with the whole of Christendom, we gratefully acknowledge the vastness of the gift which God bestowed upon the Universal Church through his life and work.

His incorruptible integrity and his unswerving fidelity to his conceptions of truth and duty, his force of character and resoluteness of will, his burning indignation against evil and his passion for souls, his childlike simplicity and unaffected humility, his wealth of love and ardour of zeal, his broad human sympathy and openhanded generosity, united in a splendid completeness of character which commanded our admiration and won our love. We contemplate with gladness the influence of his unparalleled career as a minister of the Gospel, preaching with undiminished popularity and success for more than thirty years to the largest congregation ever continuously gathered into any house of prayer, and preaching by means of the Press to a vastly larger audience scattered over the whole world—thus conveying to multitudes the message of salvation. and comfort, and undying hope. Conspicuous for fidelity to the fundamental truths of the Gospel, for robustness of style, and for intensity of spiritual power, his ministry has been one of the greatest religious forces of the century, and the Church of Christ is largely indebted to him for strong impulses in the direction of spirituality and aggressive enterprise, and for the noble manner in which he embodied the spirit of the Gospel in philanthropic care for the widow and the orphan.

"In particular, we desire to record our gratitude for the services so generously rendered to this Society. For many years he was an honoured member of this Committee, and, despite the pressing claims of his own work, he frequently rendered valuable help to the Society by his powerful advocacy of its claims in the pulpit and on the platform; while amongst its workers in heathen lands is a goodly band of men who received their training in the l'astors' College.

"All Christian institutions which received his support are appreciably the poorer through his departure, and we fervently pray that a double portion of his spirit may rest upon us, that the memory of his life may be an abiding inspiration to the rising manhood of the Church; and that, amid the losses occasioned by death, God may raise up men of ample equipment and quenchless enthusiasm to carry forward His work, and fulfil the sublime purposes of His grace and love."

Gonawala Chapel, Ceylon.

(See Frontispiece.)

ONAWALA is one of our largest stations in Ceylon, and is about eight miles from Colombo, in the same direction as Keldniya. It was commenced in the time of Mr. Daniel. The old chapel having become too small, that shown in the picture was built and paid for without any assistance from the Society, and opened in December, 1872. It is commodious and pleasantly shaded by cocoa-nut palms. The bell hanging in the turret over the front gable was the gift of our good friend, Mr. Stiff, of Lambeth.

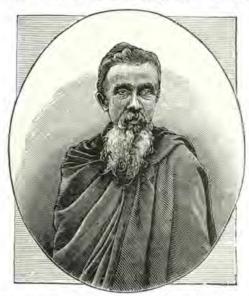
It is confidently expected that the church will shortly become entirely self-supporting, conjointly with another a few miles away.

A True Disciple.

THE Rev. Herbert Anderson, of Calcutta, reports: "In November I baptized a Mohammedan convert, (by name Abdur Rahim, and in the fire of constant persecution he is proving himself a true disciple of his Lord. He followed us one day, after listening to the preaching in the square, and his honest face made me feel drawn to him immediately. For six months he came and received instruction, and, upon his desiring baptism, we felt he was thoroughly fitted to receive that ordinance. He has been the trusted servant of a Mohammedan master. On the evening of the Sunday on which he came to be baptized, his master inquired, on his return, where he had been, and, upon hearing, he was beaten and cast out of his house. On the next day he came to me, and while he was recounting the facts who should appear at my door but the master himself. It seems he is an employer of some hundred or more coolies, and Abdur has been his bookkeeper, keeping all the accounts of loans and payments to these men. Upon his not turning up to work as usual on the Monday, his master became alarmed, knowing that the coolies might be able to cheat him at the end of the month out of a good many rupees, unless the account books were explained to him. He had therefore been scouring Calcutta, and after four hours' search he was directed to Intally, where the baptism took place, and from thereon to my house. I told Abdur that he should return and do what his master wanted, and he was quite ready to do it, though he knew it meant going among men who would certainly swear at him, and might ill-treat him. He came to me the next day to say his master had asked him to stop on to the end of the month, that he might get someone to get into his work in the meantime, and he had promised he would, although it meant constant petty persecution. His rice is given him to eat apart in one corner, because the others cannot eat Christian's swine flesh. He had been coming to church on Sundays. and has in consequence lost 42 annas (sixpence) from his wages. Neither will his master let him read his Bible, of which he has bought a copy (12 annas). Thus Abdur is showing clearly that it is from conviction he has become a Christian, and his actions are speaking well for the sincerity of his change of faith."

Baboo Nilumber Mookerjea.

THIS brother has worked for nearly thirty years in our Mission; and is one of the humblest, most persevering, and best of native evangelists. He is now descending the hill of life, but he is as cheerful and patient and hopeful as ever. His whole face lights up with delight when he meets one, whether it be in his cottage or by the wayside. Of the ten children God has given him one is an assistant missionary of real ability, and two are wives of evangelists. His wife is a capital worker in connection with the Zenana Mission, being quite an able teacher and



BABOO NILUMBER MOOKERJEA .- (From a Photograph.)

disputant among the heathen villagers. For many years past this devoted brother has been supported by the contributions of the Sunday-school at Denmark Place Chapel, Camberwell.

Our brother was born in Jessore, but he has not lived there for more than thirty years. And this is one of those facts that make it so difficult to gauge the results of work in any given district, for our brother has never been reckoned among the fruit gathered there. Thus native Christians are constantly migrating to different parts of India and doing service for the Master. Nilumber Baboo's son, now labouring in Dacca, was educated here in Barisal, and trained as a preacher in Serampore. Such facts could be multiplied, but they would not affect the attitude of those who are determined to find fault.

Barisal, East Bengal.

ROBERT SPURGEON.

The Congo Mission.

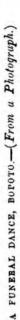
A FUNERAL DANCE AT BOPOTO, ON THE UPPER CONGO RIVER.

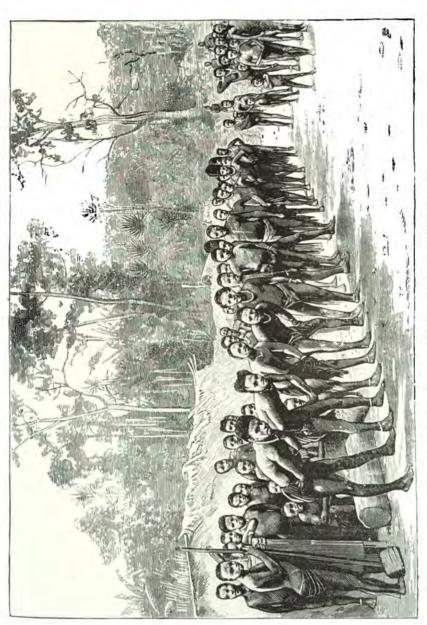
THE Rev. F. R. Oram writes:—"This engraving is from a photograph taken at Bopoto of a funeral dance, showing a fairly representative group of Bopoto people. One of the tall dance-drums stands at the extreme left of the picture. When several drums are beaten simultaneously and the people sing at the top of their voices, the noise is deafening. Dancing is the chief amusement of the Congo people, and a funeral is always considered to be a very fit occasion for a big dance and plenty of palm wine. It is indeed a strange and sad sight."

The Orissa Missionary Conference.

THE Annual Conference of the Orissa Mission was held this year in Cuttack, commencing on Sunday, November 8th. Sessions were held throughout the following ten days, except Sunday. The sittings had been anticipated by many with lively interest, inasmuch as they were to inaugurate a new era in the history of the Mission, established now for seventy years. In other words, we were to meet for the first time as the Orissa Conference of the Great Baptist Mission which celebrates its Centenary next year. For English "General" and "Particular" Baptists as such survive no longer but dropping the "G" on the one hand and the "P" on the other hand, determined henceforth to be known only as Baptists; thus creating a union in the consummation of which their Foreign Missions have taken the lead. And so at an early sitting the following resolution anent the late amalgamation was carried unanimously: "We record with satisfaction the recently completed fusion of the two Baptist Missionary Societies, and pray that the United Society may receive the divine blessing in largely increased activity and usefulness in all its different fields of labour; and in respect to Orissa, we earnestly appeal for an early and large reinforcement of our European staff. We urge this the more warmly as Baptists are up to the present the only Missionaries at work in the Province, and there are important centres of population that still remain unoccupied."

The public services connected with the Conference commenced, as we have said, on Sunday morning, November 8th, when Mr. Lacey, of Berhampore, preached the opening sermon, in Oriya, from the words—"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God" (Romans i. 1). In the afternoon of the same day Babu Kopileswara Das preached the second sermon, in Oriya, from John x. 16: "And other sheep, I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd"—beautiful words helpfully interpreted. In the evening Mr. Vaughan, of Sambalpur, became responsible for a sermon in English





THE MISSIONARY HERALD, MARCH 1, 1882. and, at short notice, I believe, spoke to us to good purpose from the words—"Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins," taken together with Luke xxiv. 21, "But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." Large congregations assembled at all these services, notably in the afternoon, when perhaps a larger congregation of native Christians was assembled than could be gathered in any town in Bengal.

The business sittings commenced on the following Tuesday morning with the arrival of Mr. Kerry from Calcutta, and were all held in the Mission College. But it was at the subsequent public meetings that the enthusiasm of the greater number was aroused, and at many of these a singular and often precious consciousness of the Saviour's presence was realised. With one exception, the whole of these meetings were held in the spacious Mission Chapel.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Lacey presided at the Conference Prayer Meeting, and gave an address on "Holiness," which, it was pointed out, was not an unlovely or sickly form of goodness, but likeness to Christ, and to be achieved not less truly in stout performance than in meditation and prayer; but to be perfected withal, by the grace of Christ and in the fear of God (2 Cor. vii. 1). The address was preceded and followed by brief and fervent prayers.

The Annual Missionary Meeting, usually one of the best, was held on Thursday. Mr. Kerry, the esteemed Indian Secretary and Treasurer of the Mission, occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Babu Niladri Naik on "How can we enlist the sympathy and support of the young in our Missionary work?" by Mr. Vaughan on "The part native Christian women can take in helping us in our Missionary work"; and by Babu Shem Sahu on "The amalgamation of the two Missionary societies and the celebration of the forthcoming Centenary." Great good should result from this splendid meeting.

On Friday evening the Annual Temperance Meeting was held, and, as twenty-seven persons remained at the close to sign the pledge, it might be considered a distinct success. J. R. Swinden, Esq., foremost in the support of every Christian enterprise in the district, took the chair, and an Oriya, a Bengali and an Englishman advocated the claims of a cause that wins fresh adherents every year.

But no mission is abreast of the times without its "forward movement," and in Cuttack this was represented in a great revival meeting, on Saturday night. Mr. Vaughan presided. The addresses resolved themselves into earnest appeals to such as were nominal Christians, and were made respectively by Babus Bala Krishna Rath, Joseph Fullerton, of the American Baptist Mission, and Doli Patra.

The Sunday succeeding also was a season of hallowed fellowship, witnessing our united Communion service; which was followed in the evening by the Annual Conference Sermon in English, preached this year by Mr. Kerry, of Calcutta, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth," formed the text which inspired a sermon, the memory of which will be cherished in the minds of many for a long time to come.

And, then, on Tuesday evening, the 17th of November, the Conference was fitly brought to a close by a united prayer and praise meeting, at which hymns were sung and prayers were offered in Oriya, Telugu, and English.

ROBT. L. LACEY.

A Barisal Students' Association.

WE are pleased to insert the following cheering letter from the Rev.

"Mission House, Earisal.

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,-For many years Barisal has been noted for one of the best Government schools in Bengal. and has attracted students from all the districts round. Some ten years ago. as the school accommodation was insufficient, the Government asked the gentlemen of Barisal to supply the A Hindu gentleman, named Aswini Kumar Datta, gave up his practice as a pleader and started a school, which has gradually grown into a second-grade college, and is called the Braja Mohan Institution. Some four years ago a Brahmo gentleman started another school, which he rapidly developed into a first-class college. It is called the Ram Chunder College. These two rival colleges accept very small fees, and from promising students often take no fee at all; consequently many young men are attracted to Barisal.

"Since my return to India I have seen a good deal of these students, and a warm attachment has sprung up between us. Perhaps an account of what I am doing for them will not be un-A few months ago the interesting. 'Barisal Students' Association' was formed. At its first meeting, Babu Aswini Kumar Datta was elected preeident, and Mr. Carey and I being present were elected members. The association holds its sessions once a fortnight. I have taken an active part in all the meetings, and have given two lectures. Last month two principal teachers from each of the three schools-the president, the secretary, and I—were elected as a special 'Purity Committee.' In our committee meeting indubitable evidence was given of the great need for purity-work. And at the last meeting I gave an address on 'Purity' to about four hundred students.

"The Bengali nation is just now lamenting the death of their two distinguished fellow-countrymen, Iswar Chunder Bidyasagar and Dr. Rajendra Lal Mitra. When the sad news reached Barisal a public meeting was called, and being asked to address it, I urged the students to copy Bidyasagar in his noble efforts for social reformation and the re-marriage of widows.

"A HINDU PREACHER.

"Last week a celebrated Hindu preacher was in Barisal, so I went to hear him. I had never before attended a lecture in the 'Hall for the Preservation of the Hindu Religion,' and I felt strange, as I sat cross-legged on the floor in the midst of so many Hindu gentlemen, facing the lecturer -a weird figure, who leant his bare chest against the reading desk, and often raised his long, gaunt, unclothed arms over his head, and whose pig-tail, sacred thread, and necklace of big seeds were the only articles of clothing to be seen, except when he raised his sheet to wipe the perspiration from his The lecturer's contention was that Hindus are believers in one God, who is possessed of numberless and unlimited powers, of which powers no man can think of any two at exactly the same point of time, and, therefore, in order to grasp God with heart and mind, it is necessary to make images to represent the various powers of God and to worship them in turn,

answered the lecturer in a letter to the vernacular paper, and have also published the letter in the form of a tract. In it I show that we ought to worship, not the powers of God, but the God who wields the powers; and while admitting the lecturer's statements, I press the second commandment of the Decalogue upon my readers.

"Besides these fugitive efforts, we are daily pressing the sale of Christian literature, and have sold some hundreds of rupees' worth to students. Mr. Carey is carrying on a very successful Sunday-school for students, and I have a Bible-class every Saturday. In the Preaching Hall there is also a service for students every Sunday evening.

"It is very interesting to notice that a schoolboy seldom reads an essay without referring to Jesus; and the highest praise they know how to bestow on one is to say 'he leads a truly Christ-like life.' Professions of love for Jesus are in every mouth. The time would fail me if I attempted to tell you of immoral entertainments which have been discountenanced by these students, and of licentious exhibitions stopped by them in their own homes, and of persecution endured in their efforts to enlighten the minds of their mothers and young wives.

"'First the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear,' is what the Master leads us to expect. With all the readers of the Herald we also desire to hasten the harvest, and we ask them to help us hasten it by their prayers.

"I am, yours affectionately,
"A. Jewson.
"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

Zenana Mission.

THE COLLEGE, REGENT'S PARK, February, 1892.

Y DEAR MR. BAYNES,—As you kindly inserted in the HERALD three months ago an earnest letter from Miss Tritton about our needs and anxieties, will you allow me to tell you some of its results, for which we have great reason to "thank God" and "take courage"?

Not only has it led to the starting of two or three prayer-meetings in London and elsewhere, but we have received two donations of £50 each from friends whose hearts were moved by reading it; and one of our most constant and liberal supporters has promised a donation of £500 before our financial year closes, expressing a hope that others may be induced to do likewise, and feeling anxious that the efforts for the Centenary Fund shall not diminish the receipts and work of our Association.

And so, with full trust in God to provide for and bless His own work, and confidence in the real interest and generosity of our friends, we must labour on, thankful for the privilege of doing so, and neither faint-hearted nor weary even in anxiety or difficulty.

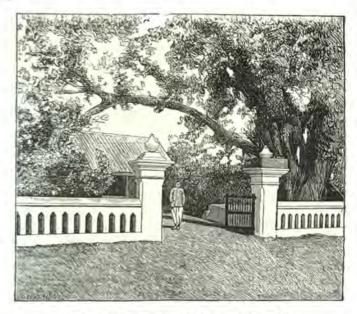
I feel sure the kind and earnest sympathy you have always given us may be my excuse for troubling you with this.

Yours very sincerely,

AMELIA ANGUS, Hon. Secretary.

The Christian Book-Room, Cuttack, Orissa.

RUILT on the site of the first Mission Chapel, this is a neat, substantial building, forty feet long by twenty wide, with a verandah in front. It stands in the centre of a large compound, laid out in shrubs and trees. On the north side is a spacious tank, surrounded by cocoa-nut trees. This tank is often visited by alligators. A Christian widow, when in the act of dipping 'in her water-vessel, had her arm wrenched off by one. Happily she was rescued by men who were passing.



BOOK-ROOM, CUTTACK .- (From a l'hotograph.)

It was completed and opened with an appropriate service on November 25th, 1878. Dr. Buckley presided, and gave some historical information regarding the spot, once the site of a heathen temple dedicated to the impure worship of Sebo, and afterwards of the Mission Chapel, the oldest Protestant place of worship in Orissa, where, for nearly half a century, the Gospel was faithfully proclaimed in Oriya and in English. It was stated that the newly erected building would not only be used as a depôt for the sale of Christian books in English, Oriva, Bengali, and other languages, but also as a reading-room and centre for preaching the Gospel. Prayer

was offered on this interesting occasion in five different languages-viz., Oriya, Hindustani, Tamil, Telugu, and English. The book-room is most favourably situated for the special service it is designed to render. Its position, by the side of a great thoroughfare, between and near the two principal bazaars of the town, with its trees' cool shade and abundant supply of water, renders it an attractive object to the many who pass that way; while the platform of masonry round the stem of the wide-spreading banyan-tree (seen to the right of the entrance) furnishes a cool retreat to the weary traveller, and a convenient place for conversation with, and preaching the Gospel to, those who assemble. The book-room is open from 7 to 10 a.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. daily, Sundays excepted.

The figure visible in the gateway is that of the assistant in charge at the time when the photograph was taken. His name is "Bancha Nidhi Mahapatro." He is one of the two disciples of the Abbot of the Puri Monastery, who obtained his first knowledge of Christianity from books given to him by the Abbot (whose portrait appears in this issue of the HERALD), with the request that they should be carefully read. In the last report of the Orissa Mission, it is stated that the book-room continues to be a useful agency, disseminating good and healthy literature among the people. The sales during the past year amounted to 728 rupees. Cheap publications of the Christian Vernacular Education Society, Madras, have been introduced. The publications of the Religious Tract Society are still highly appreciated, and many of their cheap reprints have been sold.

The Bible Translation Society.

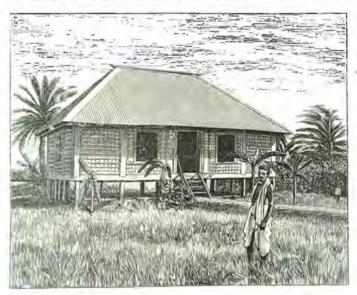
THE friends and supporters of the Bible Translation Society will please remember that the official year closes on March 31st. By or before this date it is respectfully and earnestly requested that all moneys and lists may be forwarded to the Secretary. In its importance and extent the work of the Society is increasing year by year, and yet, owing to losses by death and other causes, the income from subscriptions during the past few years has not been equal to what it was formerly. By all Christians who desire the translation and circulation of faithful versions of the Holy Scriptures, the Society is worthy of liberal support; while, to Baptists especially, it should possess the deepest interest, and from them call forth their most generous gifts. Carrying on the work of Carey, his coadjutors, and his successors, it is earnestly hoped that, during this Centenary Year, the Bible Translation Society will be gratefully remembered and bountifully assisted. By its funds our beloved brethren, Rouse and Bate, are supported as translators in India; and at its cost the various versions of the Scriptures prepared by Baptist missionaries are printed and circulated.

Communications and contributions should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. William Hill, Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, E.C.

New Chapel at Perozepur, Eastern Bengal.

THE Rev. Alfred Teichmann, writes :-

"Saturday and Sunday, September 26th and 27th, were red-letter days in the history of the Perozepur Mission. They were days of great rejoicing and thanksgiving, for at that time we opened our new chapel. It was the one thing wanted to finish our new station, and, seeing how graciously the Lord has helped us in this matter, we cannot but believe that He wants to do some work in it. As you see from the picture, the building, 30 ft. by 15 ft., is covered with corrugated iron; its walls are



MISSION CHAPEL AT PEROZEPUR.—(From a Photograph.)

double 'Dormamats,' bound together with cane and thin strips of bamboo; the boarded floor is raised 3½ ft. from the ground.

"We have sitting accommodation (i.e., benches) for ordinary occasions for one hundred people, but can easily, by a different arrangement of the forms, and by spreading mats on the floor, accommodate one hundred and fifty to one hundred and eighty persons. The whole building, with the forms, costs about six hundred and thirty rupees; which amount, through the kind help of friends at home and out here, we have been able to clear off before we opened the chapel. To rejoice with us on this occasion,

Messrs. Spurgeon, James, Bevan, Hughes, Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Carey, with Miss Moore and Miss Doran, besides several native Bengali brethren, kindly came here.

"We opened the chapel on Saturday afternoon with a prayer-meeting, at which Brother W. R. James and myself gave short addresses. Afterwards we all gathered round the Lord's Table. The same evening a large number came to look at scenes from the life of Jesus, by the magic lantern.

"On Sunday morning Mr. Spurgeon spoke to a full house about the joy before God and the angels over one repentant sinner.

"Immediately after this first service, Moulvie Tshau Ulla, from Jessore, told us in a very striking way why he had left the religion of the false prophet and become a follower of Jesus Christ. This confession rather excited his Mussulman hearers, who finally challenged him to discuss and prove what he had said from the Koran. This discussion is to come off soon. We pray that the Lord may speak for and through us on that occasion, so that those who have already doubts about their own religion may be convinced to the full, and believe in Jesus to the saving of their souls.

"On Sunday afternoon Messrs. Carey and Robinson addressed the boys and young men from the Government School, and in the evening Mr. W. R. James delivered an English lecture, to some of the more educated babus here.

"Before parting, on Monday, we had another prayer-meeting, at which many outsiders were present. We hope and pray that, after the Puja vacation, both babus and schoolboys will regularly attend our services.

"Yours very affectionately,

"ALFRED H. TEICHMANN.

"Alfred Henry Baynes, Esq."

Acknowledgments.

THE Committee desire to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the receipt of the following welcome and useful gifts:—Volumes of Good Words, from Mr. J. J. Gleave, of Manchester, for Mrs. Cameron and Rev. R. D. Darby, of the Congo Mission; parcel of magazines from Mrs. Johnstone, Southport, for Rev. G. Cameron, Congo; parcel of garments, &c., from the Misses Williams, of Monmouth, for school children under Mrs. Cameron, Wathen, Congo; a parcel of books from Millbridge for the Rev. R. H. C. Graham, Congo; a parcel from the Upton Chapel Working Meeting, Lambeth, per Miss Cox, for Mrs. Grenfell, Stanley Pool; three cases of engineers' tools, from Mr. S. A. Daniell, of Birmingham, for the s.s. Goodwill, Congo Mission; and a number of Christmas and New Year's Cards from Miss Deacon, Leicester, and Mrs. Porter, of Jarrettspass, Ireland, for Mrs. Drake, China.

Prize Distribution, Barisal.

N Saturday, 19th December, the first Annual Prize Distribution to the deserving among the seventy girls of our boarding school was held. Miss Briggs, of Rawdon, kindly gave away the prizes. Mr. Briggs spoke a few words of encouragement to those engaged in this promising work, and many of the European residents showed their interest in the institution by their presence. Flags and banners and leafy decorations made the chapel very pretty indeed. Under Mrs. Williamson's instruction the girls were able to render some very nice Bengali hymns, and an "action song," led by Miss Hayward outside on the grass, took the fancy of all. Many expressed their surprise that native girls could be drilled so well. Miss Doran had the pleasure of looking back upon a year of progress, crowned by a day of unusual interest in the work of the school.

On Sunday, 20th, Mr. Briggs, of Rawdon, gave an address to our Bengali Church, which I translated. He also addressed the Christian Sunday-school afterwards. In the afternoon he was good enough to teach the first class of our Bible-school, all the members of which know English, and are heathens. In the evening the hall was crowded to hear him lecture on Paul, and Ausini Baboo proposed a vote of hanks. That night our friends, Mr. and Miss Briggs, left for Dacca, leaving behind many pleasant memories of their visit.

Barisal.

R. Spurgeon.

The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver.

WITH warmest gratitude we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts: -Mr. E. P. Collier, of Reading, who sends £20, and writes: "This £20 is from 'a Working Man' in humble circumstances, who had saved this sum against 'a rainy day'; but without being in any way asked to give anything, brought it to our pastor, saying that the Lord would take care of him, and that he should be very much happier if he gave it to the Mission. He referred to the act of Mary on our Lord, and said he should be so happy to be able to do Again we are obliged to confess that the poor have more 'what he could.' consecration and heroism in these matters than the better-to-do, and I only trust we may have grace to follow the splendid example he has set us." A Suffolk Seamstress, for 10s., for Congo Mission Schools; Maud, West Green, for two silver bracelets, with earnest prayer "that God may abundantly bless all missionaries, who, for His sake, leave all they love to carry His Gospel to the heathen"; Anon., for two brooches, "having no money to give"; Addlestone Baptist Church for a silver bracelet placed in the collection; Mrs. Bosworth, Arnsby, near Leicester, for a small round table, which belonged to Andrew Fuller, for preservation in the Mission House; a Blind Girl, for a small silver bracelet for the Congo Mission; A Poor Woman with a Willing Heart (1 Chronicles xxix. 14), £1. The cordial thanks of the Committee are also given to the following generous friends for much-needed and most welcome assistance :- Mr. John H. Leonard, Highbury, £25; Dr. and Mrs. Slack, £30; Mr. and Mrs. Luntley, £20; Mr. J. H. Maden, £18; Mr. David Rees, £20; Mr. and Mrs. Howgate, for debt, £100; A Friend, £20; N. B., £25; Mr. C. Deayton, for chronometer for s.s. "Goodwill," £12 12s.; Mr. Thomas Whitley, £12; Mr. J. T. Stevenson, New Zealand, £11 11s.; Rev. T. and Mrs. Lewis, Congo, £10; A Friend, £10.

The "Toolsee" Tree.

MRS. ELLISON, of Rungpore, Northern Bengal, sends the following letter:—

"MY DEAR FRIENDS,—In the courtyard of almost every Hindu homestead, a small shrub-like tree, called 'the toolsee,' is planted, which is considered very holy. When it dies, it is thought a religious duty to put it in the river; and, when anyone is taken to the river to die, a branch of this tree is planted near the head of the dying one. Early in the morning



THE "TOOLSEE" TREE .- (From a Photograph.)

the children are taken by their mothers and taught to kneel down before it with their heads touching the ground, and the same in the evening. From the middle of April to the end of May a small earthenware vessel is hung over it filled with water, having a small hole at the bottom, so as to let the water drop on the tree. In the evening a small lamp is placed near it, while the women come and kneel down before it, bringing flowers, fruit, rice, &c., as offerings, and, taking some of the soil from the roots of the tree, rub it on their foreheads. The woman in the photograph is a servant at the house of a Hindu family I often visit. A few days ago I went to see her mistress; but, as I was going up the steps leading to

the room where I so often find her, I was told by this woman that her mistress had been fasting all day, and was shut up in her room worshipping one of her Hindu gods, and that, much as she would like to see me, she could not leave her worship till the ceremony had been gone through. As I came away I could not help thinking that even this woman might teach us a lesson. It is this, dear friends, the great importance of sometimes getting alone with Jesus; as we do this, we shall become more like Him, and glad to do all we can that others may hear of His love.

"Rungpore, Northern Bengal."

"HANNAH ELLISON.

Testimony of Dacca Brahmos to Jesus.

TESTIMONY to Christian truth is so frequently disregarded because it is borne by those who are supposed to have by birth, training, and national tradition acquired a bias of mind in its favour, that we are thankful to be able to quote from some recent issues of "The New Light," the organ of the East Bengal New Dispensation Brahmo Somaj, edited by Babu Banga Chandra Roy, the following. We may surely ask with confidence the serious attention of our readers to what proceeds from so manifestly unprejudiced a quarter:—

"It has been revealed by the Holy Spirit that the Son of God and the Son of Man were made one in Christ Jesus in order that every son of man might be one with the Son of God and be saved. If one recognises the Son of Man as very man, why should he not recognise the Son of God as very God? We are bound to recognise His Godhead and His manhood alike. We cannot ignore either the one or the other, however mysterious the union of the two may seem to us. In order that one may be in a right state of mind to discuss the important question, 'Who is Christ Jesus?' he must first be penitent and seriously ask, 'What must I do to be saved?' Then, but not till then, he can expect to he led to believe in Christ Jesus and to be in a right attitude to discuss the question of questions and arrive at the truth. We have become fully aware of the fact that, dead as we are in sin, we are bound to believe in the Son of God if we would have eternal life.

"It is incumbent upon every believer in the New Dispensation to accept objectively not only the Holy Spirit, but likewise the Son of God, even Christ Jesus. How can we reject the Gospel of Christ and delude ourselves with the idea that we have accepted the Holy Spirit? The Gospel of Christ and the Holy Spirit are inseparably connected together.

"Men may be 'religious,' yea, 'spiritually minded,' and yet deny Christ, the Son of God. India is naturally religious, but her unwillingness to be saved keeps her from welcoming the Son of God. We, the believers in the New Dispensation, are bound to receive Christ Jesus for the sake of our mother country, that she may not play in this age the part of Israel long ago and remain satisfied with religion whilst rejecting salvation.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of Christ Jesus, the Son of the Living God, for they will have their everlasting reward, which is no other than salvation, if they continue faithful to the end."

R. WRIGHT HAY.

Recent Intelligence.

WILL friends desiring to communicate with our missionaries on the Congo River kindly note that their postal address is now

Care of the Missionary in Charge,
Baptist Mission Station,
Underhill, Matadi,
Congo Free State,

West Central Africa.

All letters should be posted not later than the 3rd of each month, and should be marked "via Antwerp," a monthly mail service being now established from that port direct to the Congo River. The postage for letters is $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and for newspapers and book-packets, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each 2 oz.

On the 18th November, at the Baptist chapel, Cuttack, by her father, Edith, eldest daughter of the Rev. J. G. Pike, was married to the Rev. T. Rutland, of Berhampore, Ganjam.

We are glad to report that the Rev. C. W. Skemp, of Bradford, has kindly accepted the post, vacated by the Rev. J. Bailey, B.A., of Sheffield, of Honorary Centenary Secretary for Yorkshire, in association with Mr. Birkenshaw.

Cheering tidings have been received from the Revs. J. G. Greenhough, M.A., and J. Bailey, B.A., of their hearty reception in America, and of their progress in the special work committed to their hands. They left New York on Thursday, the 11th of last month, for Nassau, Bahamas, by the Nassau mail steamer; and when their work there is completed, they will, in all probability, pass on to the Turks Islands, the Caicos, and San Domingo, subsequently visiting Jamaica and Trinidad.

At the last meeting of the Committee, a letter was read, addressed to the General Secretary, from Mr. J. J. Smith, of Watford (now on a visit to Florida), calling urgent attention to the great importance of united prayer, especially in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Society, and urging strongly that active efforts should be made to re-establish the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting in churches in which it has been given up. The Committee deeply sympathise with these views of their colleague, and earnestly appeal to pastors and church officers to help in this most important question. It is impossible to attach too much value to united, believing, and expectant prayer. In this connection we would again call attention to the Mission House Meeting for Prayer, every Thursday morning, from eleven to twelve o'clock, held in the Library of the Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn, and specially urge our friends living in the metropolitan district to be present as often as they can.

The Rev. J. M. Stephens, B.A., late of Hereford, writes from Eltville, on the Rhine:—"I must ask you to convey to my colleagues the fact of my retirement from their much-prized fellowship in the councils of our beloved Mission. There

is no privilege which God has graciously conferred upon me in my ministry that I account dearer than the one I have been permitted to hold for some fourteen years in association with so many 'whose praise is in all the churches.' Though separated from you in active co-operation, I cannot cease to pray and watch for God's blessing on your labours at home, and on the toils of our brethren on the field." The Committee earnestly hope that a season of rest and quiet will completely restore to health their much-esteemed colleague, and so permit him, ere long, once again to give the Mission the great advantage of his presence and counsel on the Committee.

Our readers will learn with sympathetic concern of the very feeble condition of Mrs. Kerry, of Calcutta, wife of our beloved brother, the Rev. George Kerry. Mr. Kerry writes:—"Her mind is quite calm and composed. She knows in whom she has believed, and all is well. She is resting upon the Rock." We earnestly commend our dear friend, a veritable "mother in Israel," to the sympathy and prayers of our readers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND THE CAREY CENTENARY.—We have much pleasure in calling attention to the following notice from our Young Men's Missionary Journal:—In connection with the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society by William Carey, it is suggested that all our London Baptist Sunday-schools should join together for a Centenary Celebration at the Crystal Palace, on some day during the coming summer, in place of, or in addition to, their annual excursion. We know, from the delegates who attended our last meeting, that the proposal is likely to be taken up in their various schools with warm approval, but we should be glad to hear the views of others, and especially of superintendents, and therefore invite all such officers to write on the subject, without delay, to the Secretary Y.M.M.A., at the Mission House, Furnival Street.

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