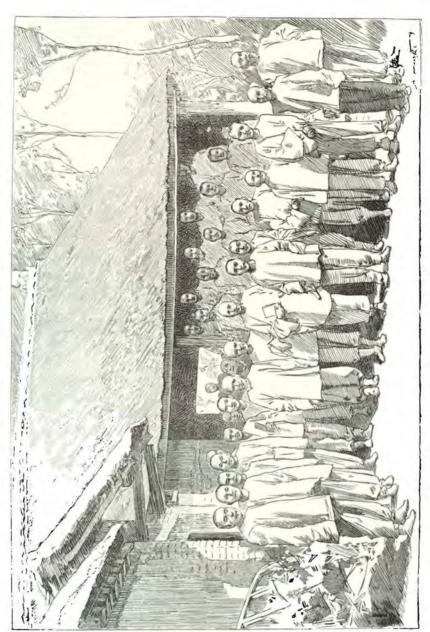
THE MISSIONARY HERALD, DECEMBER 1, 1892.



Wang-Mu-chiang-chuang.— Candidates about to be baptized.—(From a Photograph,)

## THE MISSIONARY HERALD

OF THE

## Baptist Missionary Society.

## THE YEAR OF THE CENTENARY.

HEN it was proposed to commemorate the Centenary by raising a Thanksgiving Fund of £100,000, it is not unlikely many supporters of the Society were appalled by the magnitude of the proposal. We invite the friends of the Mission to unite in devout and joyful praise to God for the generous response with which the appeals for contributions have been met. And we feel especially glad to regard the interest shown as indicating the warm place the work of the Society has in the sympathy of the churches.

But whilst we rejoice in the accomplishment of this particular part of the Centenary celebration, our readers are aware, through the aunouncements made last month, that we are being encouraged to keep open the Thanksgiving Fund until the close of the present financial year—viz., to the 31st of March next—for the purpose, if possible, of exceeding the £100,000 by a sum sufficient to discharge the debt liabilities of the last two years, and to meet the deficiency that will accrue on the current account. It is hoped, therefore, the Fund may grow to

## £125,000.

If this increased sum be obtained, the whole of the £100,000 will be devoted intact to the extension of the Society's operations.

It will be well, not simply because the statement will be interesting in itself, but because it will be useful in furnishing good reason for hoping the enlarged amount now solicited may be secured if we give some detailed information respecting the contributions already received.

Our modes of appeal have been three-fold-contributions being sought

by means of the crown cards issued especially to the young people, by local meetings, and by the 2nd of October Sunday collection.

We are thankful to report that up to the 10th of last month as many as 1,656 churches, exclusive of branch stations, in one or other of these methods—many in all three—bave sent remittances. Compared with the number of churches reported in the Handbook, the disparity may appear great; but knowledge of the churches—many of which do not unite with us in missionary or other efforts—will modify that disparity very considerably. Most of the churches contributing to the Society—there are, however, several important exceptions—are connected with County Associations. The churches in Associations number rather more than two thousand. Probably the most useful comparison will be between the churches contributing annually to the Society and those contributing to the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund. Of the former, there are 1,842, and of these contributing churches, 1,467 have remitted to the Fund; so that 375 had not responded at the time this calculation was made.

An analysis of the accounts shows that

- 1,530 have contributed by means of cards;
  - 650 have forwarded donations from local meetings;
  - 425 have united in the 2nd of October Collection.

It should be here stated that a number of the churches sent all their contributions through the cards in connection with the Young People's Effort.

In the following schedule the contributions are tabulated according to counties. The first column of figures shows the number of annual contributing churches, some of which may not appear in this year's report, contributions not having been received until after closing of accounts; the second column gives the number sending to the Centenary Fund:—

#### ENGLAND.

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Bedfordshire	• • •	•••	25	20	Essex	•••		34		
Derkshire			16	15	Gloucestershire	•••		39		
Buckinghamsbire	в		28	21	Hampshire	• • •		47	•••	37
Cambridgeshire			27	21	Herefordshire	•••	•••	11	•••	9
			17	13	Hertfordshire		•••	24	•••	. 21
Cornwall			10	9	Huntingdonshir	e	•••	11	•••	5
Cumberland			4	4	Kent			<b>5</b> 8	•••	45
Derbyshire			25	11	Lancashire			126	•••	104
Devonshire	•••		37	30	Leicestershire	•••	•••	44	•••	32
Dorsetshire			10	9	Lincolnshire	•••		17	•••	14
Durham	•••		22	18	London and its V	icinity	•••	136	•••	103

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Norfolk		30	26	Suffolk		18	11
Northamptonshire		42	33	Surrey		35	31
Northumberland		9	9	Sussex	•••	16	13
Nottinghamshire		28	21	Warwickshire	•••	40	34
Oxfordshire		13	13	Westmoreland	•••	1	1
Rutland		1	1	Wiltsbire		28	24
Shropshire		13	8	Worcestershire	•••	17	15
Somerset		73	6 <b>3</b>	Yorkshire		121	98
Staffordshire	•••	20	18				
		No	RTH	WALES.			
Angelsea		30	17	Flint		11	4
Carnarvon		26	17	Merioneth		11	9
Denbigh	• • • •	22	17	Montgomery	•••	10	10
		Sc	UTH	WALES.			
Brecknockshire		15	12	Monmouthshire		86	68
Cardiganshire	•••	12	10	Pembrokeshire			37
Carmarthenshire	•••	51	35	Radnorshire		21	17
Glamorganshire	•••	128					
	•••						
		8	Зсоті	AND.			
Aberdeenshire		6	5	Lanarkshire		14	14
Argyllshire		$2 \dots$	2	Morayshire		4	4
Ayrshire		3	3	Perthshire		4	4
Banffshire		1	0	Renfrewshire		5	5
Buteshire		1	1	Roxburghshire		3	2
Caithness shire		3	3	Selkirkshire		3	2
Clackmannanshire	•••	1	1	Stirlingshire		2	2
Dumbartonshire	•••	3	3	Orkney Isles		2	$^{2}$
Edinburghshire	•••	7	6	Shetland Isles		1	1
Fifeshire	•••	7	6	Western Isles		$2 \dots$	2
Forfarehire	•••	6	6				
IRELAND		15	11	CHANNEL ISLANDS		3	3

In making our further appeal, we trust that not a few of the churches which have remitted by means of cards only will be able to send some additional assistance, either by collection or by donations; and we would especially plead with those churches which have

#### NOT YET CONTRIBUTED

in any form to do so, if possible, before the Fund is finally closed. We should regret any of our churches being omitted from co-operation in a movement so interesting and unique as this Centenary Celebration. With a view to secure the practical sympathy of all, we propose to put ourselves at once in communication with the churches not at present appearing in

our Centenary books, and we should be thankful for any donation, however small, which may be remitted.

Since our last acknowledgments, we have received the following additional payments and promises on behalf of the Centenary Fund, making the total up to date

## £105,625 5s. 6d.

## DONATIONS.

Peto, The late Dowager				Stoke Newington, Devon-		
Lady, by Mr. Morton				shire Square—		
K. Peto	250	0	0	Proceeds of Sale of Work		
A Friend to Missions	51	7	0	(on account) 90	0	0
A Friend, per Rev. J. B.				Upper Tooting—		
Myers	50	0	ö	Winsford, Mr. and Mrs.		
Tenth	20	0	0	(a Thankoffering) 25	0	0
Wimbledonian	20	0	0	West Norwood, Chats- worth Road	E	4
In loving memory of Bessie		·	•		5	4
Haycraft, from Robert				Abergavenny, Bethany—		
Ranyard	19	0	c	Young, Rev. S. R. and Mrs 10	0	0
	13	2	6		0	0
A Friend	10	0	0			4
Barrett, Mr. Thomas, In					12	-
Memory of his Wife	10	0	0	Birkenhead Welsh Church—		
Clark, Mr. Henry, Framp-				Jones, Mr. W. G., for Diben Station. Brittany 10	^	0
ton Mansell	10	0	0		0	0
Clark, Miss S., ditto	10	0	0	Jones, Miss M. J., for ditto 10 Birmingham (Fourth List)—	U	U
Gordon, Rev. S. C., Congo	10	0.	0		19	7
Leigh, Miss, Cuttack	10	0	0	Smaller sums 116	3	1
Smaller sums	58	6	6	Bourton-on-the-Water 12	7	6
Collections at Autumnal	00	٠	Ü	Bradford, Trinity Chapel-		
Centenary Gatherings at				Moulson, Mr. W 10	0	0
Exeter Hall	270	4	4	Watson, Misses W. & E. 10	0	0
Ditto at Ladies' Meeting	210	*	*		17	6
(paid to Zenana Mission)	40	5	2	Brighton, Holland Road-		
Brondesbury—	-20	Ü	-	Congreve, Mr. G. T 25	0	0
Micklem, Mr. and Mrs.	<b>3</b> 0	0	0	Davies, Rev. David 20	0	0
Highgate Road (additional)		10	8	Horton-Stevens, Mr. J. 10	0	0
Hounslow		15	0	Smaller sums 57	1	10
Peckham Park Road—			ŭ	Brighton, Queen's Square 11	16	4
Potter, Mr. H.	10	0	0	Bristol (additional)-		
Potter, Mrs. H	10	ō	0	Two Friends of the		
Smaller sums	44	3	6	Society, for erection of		
Peckham, Rye Lane-		-	-	the Gotch - Robinson		
Clark, Mr. C. G	10	10	0	College, Ch'ing Chou Fu 2000	0	0
Smaller sums		15	6	Widgery, Mr. W. H 50	_	0
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Morton, Mr. Albert	10	0	0	Derby, Trinity Chapel—			
Porter, Mr. T. M	10	0	0	_	10	0	0
Burnley, Enon Chapel	10	5	2	Norton, Mrs., Shilton,			
Calne (additional)—					10	0	0
Self-Denial Society	24	17	6	Smaller sums	24	9	6
Proceeds of Lecture	9	12	6	Derby, Osmaston Road,			
Cardiff, Bethany (additional)	_			(additional)—			
Jones, Mr. Rees	100	0	0	Harrison, Mr. J. P. and			
Jones, Mr. David	50	0	0	Mrs	25	0	0
Edwards, Mr. J. T	20	0	0	Smaller sums	18	2	0
Jotham, Mr. F. W	20	0	0	Edinburgh, Dublin Street			
Evans, David and M	15	0	0	(additional)—			
Ambrose, Mr. D. R	10	0	0	Pond, Mr.	10	10	0
Barry, Mr. J. T., jun.	10	0	0	Smaller sums	2	0	Ü
Barry, Edwin and E	10	0	0	Edinburgh, Bristo Place	_	•	
Evans, Mr. Richard	10	0	0	(additional)—			
Collections	11	1	6	McFarlane, Mr. D. and			
Smaller sums			10	family	25	0	0
Cardiff, Tredegarville (ad-	02	10	•	Smaller sums	21	7	0
ditional)—				Fishguard			
Cory, Mr. J., J.P	15	0	0			16	0
			0	Frome, Sheppards Barton	18	15	10
Garland, Mr. J	10			Glasgow, John Knox St.	٠.		
Griffiths, Mr. T. L	10		0	(additional)	24	18	(i
Smaller sums	75	3	0	Huddersfield, New North			
Cardiff, Tabernacle-		_	_	Road (First List)			
Davies, Mr. Robt	25		0	Crowther, Mrs. A	20	0	0
Smaller sums	52	5	0	Cook, Mr. J	20	0	()
Cardigan, Mount Zion				A. R	10	0	υ
Church—				Kettering (additional)—			
In Memoriam, Mr. and				Loake, Mr. John	25	0	0
Mrs. Benjn. Evans	10	0	0	Kirkintilloch	13	16	6
James, Mr. and Mrs	10	0	0	Leeds (additional)—			
Smaller sums	11	. 8	6	Waddington, Mr. J. C.	10	0	0
Chipperfield—				Leicester and Loughborough			
Broughton, Mr. R	10	0	0	(additional)—			
Cardiganshire, South, and				A Friend, Victoria Road	25	0	0
Pembrokeshire, North	_			Do. Do.	10	10	0
United Meetings at St.				Smaller sums		19	
Dogmells	28	3 1	9	Liverpool (Fifth List)—			•
Clipstone	13			Pembroke Chapel, on			
Crickhowell		13		account	100	0	0
Deal—	-21	. 10	•	Everton Village (addl.)		_	
	16	10	0			19	
Dobson, Rev. N	10	10	·		25		
Derby, St. Mary's Gate—	E /			Smith, Dr. R. Gordon	20	) (	0
Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jas.	50			Hope, Mr. J., and Simp-			
Hill, Miss Emily A	10		_	son, Mrs.	15		
A Friend, E. S	10			Toxteth Tabernacle(Coll.)			_
Smaller sums	7	8 11	6	Windsor St. Welsh Ch.	1-	1 (	0

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Sharon Hall	10	0	0	Shipley, Rosse Street			
Cook, Mr. Bernard	10	0	0	(Second List) —			
Cole, Mrs	10	0	0	Fyfe, Mr. John R	10	10	0
Stansfield, Dr	10	0	0	Smaller sums	8	10	0
Smaller sums	78	6	0	Southport, Hoghton St			
Lockwood—				On behalf of Mrs. Margt.			
Whiteley, Mr. Joshua	20	0	0	H. Bury, in com-			
Whiteley, Miss	10	0	0	pletion of gift	250	0	0
Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Joshua	15	0	0	Sheffield, Glossop Road			
Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Thos.	10	0	0	(additional)—			
Smaller sums	40	10	6	Murrowood, Mr. & Mrs.	10	10	0
Manchester (additional)-				Sheffield, Portmahon	25		6
Inglish, Mr	10	0	0	Sutton in Craven-			
Smaller sums	13		6	Horsfall, Mr. J. C	250	0	0
Minehead	16		0	Wilson, Mr. F. J.	20	0	0
Neath, Orchard Place—			-	Collection and smaller	- "	·	
Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.				sums	35	11	5
В. Н.	21	0	0	Swindon	17	6	0
Smaller sums	9	6	0	Swansea, Mount Pleasant—	•	·	٠
Northampton (First List)—	Ť		•	Davies, Mr. William	25	0	0
Brown, Rev. J. T. and				Owen, Rev. James	20	0	0
Mrs	50	0	0	A Lover of Missions	20	0	0
Rose, Mr. and Mrs. J	50	0	0	Watkins, Mr. Howell	20	0	0
Newport, Commercial	•••	·	•	Cook, Mr. Geo. E		10	0
Street (additional)—				Cook, Mr. P	10	0	0
Moses, Mr. John	20	0	0	Roberts, Mr. Edward	10	0	υ
Smaller sums		12	0	Tutton, Mr. Alderman	10	0	0
	12	12	v	Yorath, Mr. T	10		0
Orpington—	20	0	0	Smaller sums	76		0
Jones, Mr	20	_	0	Todmorden, Roomfield Ch.		0	Ū
Vinson, Mr	20	v	U				
Vinson, Mr. and Mrs.	10	0	0	Pilling, Mrs. (Thank- offering)	20	0	0
W., jun	10		0	Smaller sums	3	_	Õ
Smaller sums	10	0	U	Waterbarn-			
Oxford—	٠,	0	c	Aldridge, Rev. S. R. and		_	
New Road	14		6	Mrs	10	0	0
Paignton	13	2	6	Watford (additional)—			
Paulton, One who re-				Young People's Associa-			
members the Jubilee (acknowledged in error				tion	13 10		6 0
under Bristol last month)				Betts, Mrs. (second don.)			
Penarth—				Wincanton	10	18	10
Plassey Street	11	13	2	Worstead— Learner, Mr. and Mrs.	10	. 0	0
Plymouth (additional)—				Smaller sums	23		6
Groser, Mr. A		10	_	Jersey, St. Helier, Vaux-			
Smaller sums				hall Ch	24	7	3
Pontrhydyrun	10		_	Trinidad, San Fernando	12		0
Queensbury, near Bradford St. Andrews—	1(	10	. 0	Do., Fourth Company	5	2	0
Mitchell, Misses	10	0	0	Smaller sums from various			_
Smaller sums	23	3 15	0	places	93	3 5	3

## COLLECTIONS ON CENTENARY SUNDAY.

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LONDON AND MIDDLESEX.	LANCASHIRE.	NORTH WALES.
Alperton 2 17 2	Briercliffe, Hill-lane	CARNARYONSHIRE.
Alperton	and Haggate 18 15 0 Burnley, Angle-street 14 8 7 Do. Brierfield 8 6 9	Bethesda, Tabernacle 0 11 2
Bermondsey, Haddon Hall 5 5 0	Burnley, Angle-street 14 8 7	Do Rethel 0 5 2
Highgate-road 24 1 6	Manchester, Ashton	Carnaryon 1 7 6
Putney, Werter-road 2 15 6 Stoke Newlington,	and Stalvbridge 3 12 7	
Stoke Newlington,	Middleton 1 2 0 St. Anne's-on-Sea 2 10 6	20 TT T 1 T 1 T 1 T 1 T 1 T 1 T 1 T 1 T 1
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Vernon-square Chapel 31 17 3	T	BRECONSHIRE.
Westbourne-grove 21 15 10	Leicestershire.	Maesyberllan 1 2 5
Westminster, Romney-	Hinckley 5 16 2 Leicester, Belvoir-st 22 6 10	
Woodberry Down 18 14 2	Melton Mowbray 6 9 0	CARMARTHENSHIRE.
Woodberry Down 10 14 2	metcon mowbiay	Bethel Plasbett 1 17 0
BERKSHIRE.	Norfolk.	Bwichnewydd       2       5       0         Ffynonhenry       1       16       6         Llanelly, Moriah       8       1       1         Llandilo, Ebenezer       2       10       3
		Ffynonhenry 1 16 6
Reading, Wycliffe Chapel 12 6 0	Fakenham	Liandilo Ebenezer 2 10 3
Do., Carey Chapel 4 5 0 Sandhurst 0 9 6	Worstead 5 5 4	Liwynhendy, Zoar 11 4 0 Sittim, Fellogwm 3 4 0
Sandhurst 0 9 6	Worstead 5 5 4 Yarmouth, Tabernacle 1 1 6	Sittim, Felingwm 3 4 0
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Cambridgeshire.	Northamptonshire.	CARDIGANSHIRE.
Swavesey 0 18 0	Harpole 1 3 0	Pontrhydfendigaid 3 0 0
Swavesey 0 16 0	Kislingbury 2 8 6	
_	Kislingbury       2 8 6         Long Buckby       2 16 6         Towcester       2 14 3	GLAMORGANSHIRE.
CUMBERLAND.	10wcester 2 14 3	
Maryport 6 6 0	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.	Salem
-		Maesteg, Bethania 1 6 7
DERBYSHIRE.	Newark 11 0 4 Retford 1 3 6	Pentre Zion Ch 0 19 0
Derby, St. Mary's Gate 16 0 6		
Do., Trinity Ch 8 9 0	Oxfordshire,	Pontillw, Carmel 1 3 0 Treharris, Bathel 2 4 6
Duffield 1 3 10	Leafeld 1 0	Treharris, Bothel 2 4 6
Duffield	Oxford, New-road 7 6 0	
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DURHAM.	Suropshire,	Bassaleg, Bethel 2 15 2
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street 2 13 0	Somersetshing.	PEMBROKESHIRE.
	Bath, Manvers-street 16 10 8	1
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Great Sampford 1 11 0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Harmony 1 8 6
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Manor Fark (molecy) 0 16 4	Brierley Hill 5 8 7	Narberth Bethesda 2 14 0 Neyland 1 19 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		
	Suffolk,	RADNORSHIRE.
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Ashley 0 10 0 Southampton, Carlton 2 19 0		SCOTLAND.
Bouthampson, Catron 2 15 0	South Norwood 8 5 4	Broughty Ferry 2 17 6
ISLE OF WIGHT.	Winwiggaring	Dundee, Rattray-street 10 4 0
	WARWICKSHIRE.	Glasgow, John Knox-
Colwell 3 0 0	Birmingham, Guildford-	stroet
	street 0 17 0 Do. Hamstead-road 11 15 3	St. Andrews 1 12 0
Hertfordshire.	Umberslade 7 4 0	<del></del> -
Berkhamsted 3 0 0		CHANNEL ISLANDS.
Hitchin, Salem Chapel 10 0 0 Kings Langley 0 18 7	WILTSHIRE.	Jersey,
Markvate Street 1 9 8	Devizes 4 11 0	
Tring, New Mill 4 0 0 Do., High-street 3 11 0		St. Heller, Vauxhall Ch. 4 17 9
Do., High-street 3 11 0	Yorksiine.	
Watford (additional) 1 4 3	LIUUKWOUU / / 6	
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Huntingdon, Trinity	Todmorden, Welling-	List. — Bournemouth, Lansdowne Chapel, should be £408, 9d., not £3 8s.; Cardiff,
Chapel 15 1 0	Milnsbridge 3 2 9 Todmorden, Welling- ton-road 2 16 9	Tredegarville, should be
	l .	£4 9s. 6d., not £39 9s. 6d.
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"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing."

#### THE CENTENARY PRAYER UNION.

We have received communications from several friends suggesting the formation of a Prayer Union in connection with our Society. Steps are now being taken to form such a union, full particulars of which will appear in the next number of the Hebald.

A leaflet containing hints as to starting Local Unions will be sent on application from the Mission House. Cards of membership and a Missionary Prayer Calendar are in course of preparation. We anticipate a large number of the friends of the Mission will be ready to unite in this fellowship of prayer.

#### THE CENTENARY MEMORIAL VOLUME.

The second edition of this volume is now ready, and can be obtained by application to the Mission House. Price, 2s. net; to subscribers, 1s. 6d.; postage or carriage extra. Postage of single copy,  $4\frac{1}{2}d.$ ; two copies,  $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ ; three copies, 9d. Larger parcels by rail at cheaper rates.

With a view to the further circulation of this important work, a free copy will be sent to pastors of churches applying for it, in the hope that the volume will be introduced and commended by them to their congregations.

#### THE WELSH CENTENARY MEMORIAL VOLUME

can also be obtained at the Mission House, or of the Rev. H. C. WILLIAMS, Corwen, North Wales. Price, 1s.; per post, 1s. 2d.

#### THE NEW MAP OF CENTRAL AFRICA.

A further supply of this excellent map has been procured. Every school should possess a copy. It has been executed by the well-known map publishers, Messrs. Phillips & Son, of Fleet Street. It is 5 ft. 6 in. by 7 ft. 6 in. in size, and shows not only the stations of our own, but of other missions.

It is published in two forms—mounted and varnished, with rollers, suitable for hanging on walls, price 15s.; printed on linen, adapted for use at meetings, 13s.; carriage extra.

#### THE CENTENARY SERVICE OF SONG,

Entitled "DAYBBEAK ON HEATHEN DARKNESS."

A specimen copy, post-free, 4d., at the Mission House, or of the Rev. J. Burnham, Brentford, Middlesex. Fifty or more copies at half-price.

# Sacramental Collection for Widows and Orphans' Fund

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1893.

THE appeal on behalf of this important Fund has been prepared, and will be issued early during the current month, so as to be in the hands of pastors in good time to permit of the needful announcements.

Very earnestly do we desire to call special attention to the needs of this Fund in view of the increasingly numerous claims of the widow and the fatherless. Amid the glad associations of the New Year we plead for a place for the widow and the fatherless.

Our brethren on the field are greatly cheered by knowing that, in addition to the affectionate sympathy of personal friends, they are specially remembered at such a season throughout the churches.

They call for our tenderest sympathy; they claim our constant prayers; and as the messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ, they demand our cheerful and generous support.

We earnestly appeal to our friends to give a liberal response to this most pressing cry.

The first Sunday in the new year will be New Year's Day. Will our readers join in a Special Thankoffering at the Lord's Table on that day?

## The New Year's (1893) Prayer-Meeting.

N Monday morning, January 2nd, 1893, we hope to meet at eleven o'clock in the Library of the Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn, for special prayer in connection with mission work all over the world.

Many will doubtless recall with thankful joy hallowed memorics of similar occasions in years gone by, and will join in earnest supplication that the approaching gathering may be rich in blessing and memorable in result.

Further particulars will be published in the various denominational and other religious papers nearer the date of meeting.

# Christmas & New Year's Cards for the Native Preachers and Evangelists' Fund.

THE Christmas Cards are now being sent out, and we desire to call the special notice of our young friends to this most interesting and important Fund.

The native preachers enable the missionaries to form new stations, to take long journeys into the country where they live, to visit fairs, markets, and heathen festivals, to which great multitudes come to pay honour to their false gods. To these people our native brethren declare the Gospel, and distribute amongst them tracts and copies of the Scriptures.

The Society sustains a very large number of preachers in India, Ceylon, China, Japan, the West Indies, West and Central Africa, and Europe, connected with more than four hundred stations.

The sum raised last year for this purpose amounted to only £707, more than £100 less than the amount contributed the previous year. We are anxious to raise this Fund to ONE THOUSAND POUNDS. Let our young friends do what they can, and this sum will be secured without difficulty.

We shall be thankful to supply friends with cards who may desire to assist in this good work; applications should be sent to Alfred Henry Baynes, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, E.C.

## Who will go?

WE desire very earnestly to call the special attention of our younger pastors and college students to the following letter from the Rev. G. H. Rouse, LL.B., of Calcutta:—

"Dear Mr. Baynes,—Will you allow me, through you, on the eve of my return to India, to appeal to our college students and younger ministers to come out and help us in our mission work there? I do not ignore the needs and claims of China and Africa, which are as pressing as those of India, but I plead that the needs and claims of India and Ceylon also should not be forgotten.

"Last year at Manchester, and this year in Exeter Hall, I referred to the vast size and population of India, its special claims upon us as being a part of our own British Empire, the perfect freedom we have to preach and converts have to become Christians, the very small number of labourers, the large population left entirely to us as Baptists to evangelise, and the fact that our mission staff is in India no stronger than it was ten years ago, and in Ceylon much weaker. Our Centenary meetings are over; much enthusiasm was manifested at them; the £100,000 fund has been practically raised, and we hope to add to it; but where are the men? Is all the enthusiasm to end in money and talk? One main object of the Fund is to supply outfit and two years' maintenance for a hundred extra men—what will be the good of it if we do not get the men?

"What sort of men do we want? I should say that, as a rule, a man who is a successful pastor at home would be a successful missionary in India. For either work we need a firm grip of the Gospel, a loving heart, strong faith, intelligence, preaching power, ruling power, consecration to the work, supreme desire to serve and glorify God. For a man who desires to work in India some other qualifications are necessary. His physical constitution must be suited to a tropical life. Of course, in the case of

every applicant a medical certificate must be obtained, but no one should think of mission work who has not a good physical constitution. Ability to bear much fatigue is not so necessary in India as in some countries; but a man must not be physically weak. A strong voice, suited for open-air preaching, which forms so important a part of mission work in India, is a great desideratum, though there are departments of work in which this is not so important. A missionary must be able to learn to speak a foreign language. Most men have this ability, but there are some who seem as if they never could do such a thing. A well-trained mind, of course, is essential, and a sympathetic spirit and good temper are also needed. The missionary should be broad enough to see all that is good in other nations and other religions, but narrow enough to resolve to 'know nothing but Christ and Him crucified.'

"Most of the qualifications I have enumerated are possessed by every successful pastor, and there must be hundreds of our elder students and younger pastors who possess the gifts needed to make them efficient missionaries. Will they not give themselves to the work? When Christ says to His servants, as His parting command, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature,' will they not gladly respond, 'Here am I, send me'? What should they look for? Anyone who thinks of following his Lord in mission work anywhere must expect the old answer:

"'If I find Him, if I follow,
What His guerdon here?
Many a sorrow, many a labour,
Many a tear.'

"The physical trials of mission work in India are less than in most countries, and may be pretty much summed up in the weakening effect of the climate, and the probable separation for some years from wife, or children, or both. But the chief trials of mission work in India are those of the mind and heart. The climate tends to produce depression; it is painful to have to deal with people among whom there often is so much that is underhand; it is very depressing to go on preaching for years in bazaars, markets, fairs, villages, homes, and yet to gather in little or no apparent fruit. It is specially painful to see the imperfections of spirit and character which we often meet with in the Christian community.

"Probably all missionaries are much disappointed in the first few years; the reality is so different from the picture which had been formed in the mind. But, as years pass on, the disappointment lessens, and we often find that the oldest missionaries are the most hopeful; they can better appreciate the difficulties of the work, and can see the great progress which has

been made since they first went out. As far as I can judge from present appearances, those who hereafter enter upon the work will have less of disappointment, especially in the matter of gathering fruit, than we who went out a generation ago. I have no doubt that there will be a marvellous ingathering in the next thirty years; people will come over in large numbers to the profession of Christianity, and many of them will become Christ's in heart and life.

"With all one's trials and disappointments, the missionary has the joy of knowing that he has heeded his Master's call, and has gone where he has been sent. He feels it a privilege and honour to serve in the front rank of the army, to hold up the banner where there is no one else to hold it, to honour Christ where all around dishonour Him, to be where he is so much needed, and where nobody else will do his work if he does not do it. At home there is a grand reserve, out of which gaps will be filled; if a hundred ministers went out to the mission-field, there are five times as many ministers without charge or students to take their place, and tens of thousands of Christian men from whom the colleges can be refilled. But in the mission-field we have no reserve, as far as European workers are concerned, and a very limited one if we look at the native Church. Look at Ceylon, where our brother, Mr. Waldock, is left absolutely alone, with his constitution weakened by thirty years of labour in a tropical climate. In India we have a population eight times that of Great Britain, far more ignorant, and, therefore, needing far more teaching; we have not a tenth of the workers, even if we include the native helpers; and we have little or no reserve to fill up gaps. Can there be any doubt in which field, the home or the foreign, a man is most needed, and may put out his talent to the best advantage? Suppose a new island were suddenly discovered among the Hebrides, with 20,000 inhabitants, all utterly ignorant of God, and with not a man to speak of Him, and a minister were to ask himself, 'Where can I best work for God? As pastor in this town of 5,000, where there are hundreds of true Christians, and two or three other ministers besides myself, or out in that island?' Who can doubt the right answer; especially when we add that, if he leaves his present post, somebody else will take it; but, if he does not go to that island, nobody else will go? But this is just the case with the heathen-if, instead of 20,000, we say 700,000,000. I put this number, because, if we suppose the present missionaries in the field can minister to one hundred millions-which they cannot-there would still remain over seven hundred million unappropriated heathen, who have never once heard of Christ, and never will unless more men go out to preach to them.

"One of the most efficient of home-workers, Mr. Archibald Brown, said lately: 'It is impossible to shut one's eyes to the fact that, if the masses of East London are not saved by the Gospel, at least they are sodden with it. Up and down the streets, five and six deep, go God's workers, treading one upon another, and still offering the Gospel to those who have rejected it times without number. I would not have it less so; but I would that there were more ready to say, "Let me go to fresh soil and break that up; let me go to those who, at least, are not Gospel-hardened; let me go and tell it out where its gladsome notes have never yet been heard."

"There is no lack of volunteers when men are needed to engage in some military expedition, involving special hardship or danger, for the honour of our country; shall not the soldiers of Christ be as ready to 'endure hardness' for His sake, and count it a privilege to go to the front for Him, 'rejoicing that they are counted worthy to suffer' hardship, weakness, or even death for Him? When the South Sea Christians were appealed to for workers in cannibal New Guinea, so many offered themselves that a selection had to be made; and when some sought to dissuade them by pointing out the dangers they were exposing themselves to, they replied. 'Yes; but are there men to be saved there? If so, we will go.' Shall we British Christians, with centuries of Christian life behind us, be put to shame by these sons of heathers in the Pacific Isles? When John Maynard was dying, so early in life, and was asked, 'Maynard, are you sorry you came to the Congo?' he replied, 'Oh! no; very thankful. My work is soon done, isn't it? There are many more of our men who will soon come.' And they did come; we are cheered by the readiness of young men to take the place of those who died on the Congo; but do not let the needs of the work be forgotten when God graciously spares the workers in the field. Let the motto of this new century of missions be, 'Go forward.' . Who will come to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty' foes we have to encounter in India, Africa, China? Whilst appealing to men to go out, may I close by reminding the churches of our Lord's special exhortation: "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth labourers into His harvest"? The churches have contributed the £100,000 for the purpose, amongst other things, of sending out and supporting for two years a hundred additional men; let them now make special prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send the men.

"G. H. ROUSE.

### Good News from China.

(See Frontispiece.)

THE Rev. R. C. Fo syth, of Tsing-Chu-Fu, Shantung, North China, sends the following cheering tidings:—

"Ch'ing-Chou Fu, July 11th, 1892.

"DEAR MR. BATNES,—Enclosed are two photographs which may prove interesting to readers of the Missionary Herald.

"The smaller one represents the outside of the baptistery of Wang-Mu-Chiang-Chuang, the village where Deacon Wang resides. The baptistery is built in his compound. Deacon Wang himself and his wife



EXTERIOR OF BAPTISTERY AT WANG-MU-CHIANG-CHUANG.—(From a Photograph.) are shown in the photograph inside the building, and his two daughters outside.

"The baptistery is connected with the chapel in Deacon Wang's house, and, like the chapel, has been built at Deacon Wang's expense, and is used for the baptism of candidates belonging to that district.

"The larger photograph shows the same building with a number of candidates who are about to be baptized, and who are standing in front. The photograph was taken on June 24th last, by Mrs. Watson, just before

the candidates were baptized. There were eighteen men and five women baptized on that occasion.

"This baptismal service is only one of a number that have taken place in that district, and we expect, before this year closes, to receive about 120 in this way into the membership of the church in the Ch'ing-Chou-Fu district alone.

"Among those shown in the photograph is Wu-Ngan-Pang, my assistant in the office here. He has been connected with the Mission in various ways for many years, and has held out against all religious influences until recently; so that, now that he has taken this decided stand for Christ, many of us are greatly rejoiced and encouraged.

"Several of those represented in the photograph are soldiers, from the Manchu garrison stationed near us here, and are members of Brother Medhurst's class. The work amongst the soldiers is most encouraging; there seems to be a deep and genuine work of grace going on amongst these men, which calls for our deepest sympathy and most earnest prayers on their behalf.

"The day of these baptisms was further signalised by a most remarkable storm. During the forenoon, which was intensely hot and sultry, ominous clouds began to gather, which in the afternoon burst into the most appalling thunderstorm I have ever witnessed. The rain descended in torrents; the wind, mingled with the crashes of the thunder, seemed to shake even the houses to their foundations. In the midst of this, hailstones fell in such quantities as to cover the ground several inches deep in some places, and in size some were as large as eggs and almost as heavy; in fact so heavy that we heard of several men who were killed by them. The immense fall of rain caused torrents and floods, which washed down mudhouses, trees, &c., in a very short time.

"Our interest and anxiety at the time were increased by the fact that Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Watson, and my wife, who had been to witness the baptismal service, had got caught in the storm, and owing to its violence were compelled to take shelter and remain out all night in anything but comfortable quarters. Several of those who had been baptized, besides the native pastor and others, were also caught in the storm, and in some cases were in extreme peril of their lives.

"However, all got back next day, not much the worse for their adventures, and we were able to thank God anew for His never-failing mercy to wards us.

" Yours faithfully,

#### The Zenana Mission.

The College, Regent's Park, November 14th, 1892.

Y DEAR MR. BAYNES,—At the request of the Treasurer and Committee of our Association, I write to ask that, with your usual kindness, you will allow us a small space in the *Herald* of next month, as we are anxious to bring before the notice of our friends and subscribers a letter just received from one of our most constant and liberal supporters as speedily as possible, in order to procure their sympathy and help.

Mr. Blackwell, of Northampton, besides sending his usual gift of £100, has sent, also, what he calls a "Centennial gift, of £100, for the establishment of a Zenana Medical and Evangelistic Mission Centre in the Hill District." He says, further: "It is so frequently found needful that missionaries in India should repair to the hills to recruit their exhausted energies, that it seems desirable that some effort should be made (D.v.) in this direction."

We fully agree with this generous friend as to the desirability of such a home, and think it is only right that we should give our friends throughout the country an early opportunity of sharing in the pleasant duty of providing it.

As a centre of mission and medical work amongst the numerous villages in the hills, and as a sanatorium open at all times to our busy, and often weary, abourers—providing, as it will do, not only invigorating air and climate, but pleasant and useful work—we must believe that the plan will commend itself, and will prove a source of great profit and rich blessing.

To erect a building for the purpose, we fear, will bring an expense we shall scarcely be able to undertake, but it may be possible, perhaps, to rent, or purchase, a house already built. In either case, the cost must be a gift entirely distinct from our general funds, which are already seriously overburdened. But after the first outlay, beyond that of maintaining those to whom the conduct of the home and the mission work is entrusted, we believe it should become pretty much self-supporting. Our lady missionaries, who will use it when anxious to obtain rest and change, would pay a certain sum for board and lodging, and would take their turn in helping the Christian work going on; and we should be glad to find that missionaries of other societies would sometimes avail themselves of its advantages, and seek a temporary home there when it was not filled by our own missionaries.

This plan is adopted, we understand, in a similar home attached to another society. And we must believe that the interchange of varied experiences and thoughts thus promoted will be found not only pleasant and refreshing, but profitable and helpful in the great work to which all have so earnestly consecrated themselves.

With sincere thanks and kind regards, in the name of the Treasurer and Committee, believe me to be,

Yours sincerely,

AMELIA ANGUS,

Hon. Secretary.

A. H. Baynes, Esq.

## A Pilgrimage to Mecca.

MRS. ELLISON, of Rungpore, North Bengal, sends us the following interesting letter:—

"Doomka is the name of a Mohammedan woman, the daughter of a small shopkeeper in Rungpore; her parents both died some years ago, leaving her a small fortune. Doomka had for a long time been wanting to do some work of merit that would be pleasing to God, and ensure her an entrance into heaven. So, after consulting her friends, she at last decided to go with her husband on a pilgrimage to Mecca, the birth-



DOOMEA, A PILGRIM TO MECCA.—(From a Photograph.)

place of Mahomet, believing that each step towards the Holy City had the power of blotting out a sin.

"The sort of dress she wore on the journey was a long white garment, reaching down to the feet, made to draw round the neck, with two little round holes cut in for the eyes, so that no one could see her, while she could see everybody.

"Poor Doomka spent many weary days and nights travelling on this long journey, and when she arrived at Mecca had many hardships to endure, but she stayed several months observing all the rites and ceremonies laid down by Mahomet in the Koran. When at last she set her face homewards, she had little money left for the return journey. Arriving in Rungpore, she was destitute and in bad health. She came asking for medicine and a little help. I afterwards went to see her, and found her tying a few bamboos together to kneel on while she prayed. I had a long conversation with her, and tried to show her how by believing in Jesus her sins could be pardoned. I sang to her the hymn,

"'What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

It was also my privilege to tell her of Christ, who said, 'Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Will not the readers of the Missionary Hebald pray that this weary one may find rest?

"H. E.

" Rungpore, North Bengal."

## Cheering News from Shansi.

THE Rev. Herbert Dixon writes as follows from Hsin Chou, Shansi,

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,-I am sorry that I was not able to keep my promise of writing you by last mail; but just before mail-day my wife was taken suddenly ill with a severe attack of cholera. This disease is not common on this high plateau, but our previous long drought has lately been followed by almost tropical rains, and dysentery and cholera have both made their appearance, while scarlet fever and measles, together with typhus and diphtheria (which were raging during the drought) have disappeared. I am glad to report my wife fairly well again, but much pulled down in strength.

#### " PERSECUTIONS.

"Our work here has progressed quietly, without any great visible addition to our numbers, though we have some such; but there are many more who are willing to listen to what we

have to say, and not a few who confess that it is the truth, but say they dare not face the persecution that open profession entails. One advantage is, however, gained to us; whereas before these men were opponents, they now become friendly, and in not a few cases they have spoken up for the TRUTH when it has been assailed in their hearing. As to the persecution they fear, it varies according to the position held by them. A shop assistant fears dismissal; a principal fears his manager or partners; a manager fears both his principals and assistants; while all fear the torrents of ridicule and abuse that are poured on them all along the street from the open shop fronts. If friends recall all the filthiest language they have ever heard, they cannot imagine more than a tenth of the filthiness that this heathen tongue commands, and they use their resources without st nt. Fortunately I have had

no time to learn these expressions thoroughly, and thus escape much that is doubtless intended for me, but what I do catch gives me some idea of what our inquirers have to endure.

"In the midst of so much shrinking it is pleasant to be able to report faithfulness on the part of some from whom less was expected.

#### "AN INSTRUCTIVE INCIDENT.

"Li Tien K'uei had been a good-for-Gambling and rascality nothing. generally had been his delight; no respectable man would have anything to say to him. But God had kept him from the curse of opium, so that when he heard the truth it was more easy for him to turn from his idleness and find honest employ. His first attempt was at inn-keeping in the city of Hsin Chou; but it did not pay, for, instead of exciting men to go to law, he took to playing peacemaker, and, as suitors became reconciled, guests became scarce. He then took to food selling-a sort of open-air café-and made so good a thing of it that the owner of a food shop in his native town (C'hi Ta'un) invited him to undertake the management of his place. I was sorry he accepted the post, as it cut him off from attending services.

"This year he has become part owner of the shop, and is also manager, so that he has abolished idolatry in connection with the place, and repudiated all liability to contribute to idolatrous festivals.

"But he was not let off so lightly. The heads of the temple bided their time, and during one of the annual theatres in honour of the idols they went with a crowd at their heels and demanded the usual contribution. This he firmly declined. So they seized him by the neck and queue and dragged him into the midst of the assembled

spectators, who were gathered from miles around, and there again demanded at least twenty cash in 'honour of the holy gods.' He replied that they were not true gods, and not one eash could be give. They then knocked him about, threw him down, and treated him shamefully.

"During the afternoon the collector of customs (who is an outsider appointed by the district official) officiously interfered, and calling at the shop, demanded why he failed to 'honour the gods.' He replied that they were false gods, and immediately received a box on the ear.

"The persecutors now took courage and ordered him to close his shop, saying that they would have no heretics in that town. And finally the man came into the city and reported the matter to me.

"I asked an evangelist to go across and see the heads of the place and urge them to bring about an understanding, promising that I would go over the day following and see them myself. But it was of no avail. The collector of customs had taken the matter up, and ridiculed my being able to interfere. He himself was away in the city on business. I had to return and lay the matter before the district official, but was delayed a day awaiting a teacher to write out the necessary formal information. Meanwhile the customs collector had seen the district official, or one of his subordinates, and had mentioned the matter to him, asking if there was any likelihood of my being able to call them to account for their He was startled almost as much as if he had put a lighted match into gunpowder. 'Any harm done? Why it means the ruin of the district official should this affair get known in the capital. Any harm done? Why it means degradation and thrashing for

you and all concerned if it comes to the official's ears through the missionary. Get the matter hushed up at any cost.'

#### "A SURPRISE.

"Scared out of his wits he hastened back to his post, and calling for the heads of the town, bade them go at once to me and beg for a settlement on my own terms, and with his own hand writing out a large card full of compliments to be conveyed to me (I suppose as a set-off to the curses he had previously bestowed on me).

"In ignorance of this change in their attitude, I was busy putting down the items for the information, for the affair had assumed a very threatening aspect. Just five li south of the town lies the village of Ming Wang Ts'un, where we have several converts, who had likewise given notice of withdrawal from paying temple dues. Hearing of the events at C'hi Te'un, and the defiant attitude assumed there, the heads of the temple stirred up the people, and they vowed that if the dues were not paid they would 'knife' the lot of our inquirers. And their theatre was to come off within two days. But while in the act of instructing the teacher what to write I was interrupted by two evangelists running in, brimming over with laughter, to inform me that our enemies were begging for terms of peace. Our mouths were indeed filled with laughter.

"Terms were soon arranged. As the insult had been public, so must the apology be. As all around had seen a man beaten for not honouring the idols, so must all around know that those who had beaten him were acting contrary to the law of the land, and had apologised for their action. The collector of customs and the head of the temple must go publicly at mid-day on a market day to the man's shop and

'apologise and knock head ' accordance with native custom. old evangelist went over to see it duly done. Ming Wang T'sun people went, too, and immediately afterwards our inquirers were duly informed that, in the light of this event, they might do as they pleased about temple dues without fear of interference. And they did do as they pleased, for out of 25,000 cash due to them the heads of temple only received 18,000, the idolators saying they would not contribute to support gods that were said to be false gods, and 'If Lu and Chao don't give neither shall I,' said many a one.

"Since then we have had much more attention paid to our teaching in that district, and several have inquired more fully about the true God.

#### "THE LABOURERS FEW.

"I am oppressed, not with the lack of inquirers after the truth-for they don't know we have it-but with the lack of workers in this wide field. see our deputation advised immediate reinforcement for this place, but that funds will not allow of anyone being sent. You can't get diamonds without spending capital on the work and workers; neither will you convert the Chinese, let alone the world, till youput your hands very much deeper into your pockets. Wake up, brethren, or the Lord will come and find much of His capital wrapped up in your napkins!

"We have been much cheered by the accounts of the Centenary meetings. Would that we could have similar meetings in every mission-field!—I am,

"My dear friend,
"Yours affectionately,

"HERBERT DIXON.

"To A. H. Baynes, Esq."

## Good News from San Salvador.

THE Rev. H. Ross Phillips, of San Salvador, writes by the last Congo mail:—

"San Salvador, Congo,

" S. W. Africa.

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES.-Since writing you last I have had some very varied experiences. Three months of the time I was away from this station at Underbill; I went there in order to prepare the 'Edwin Wade' printing outfit for transport here, as we are going to work it at this station. When I had finished I was blockaded down there, and, in consequence of a palaver on the road, which stopped any carriers from passing backwards or forwards for more than six weeks, I was what you might call a prisoner at liberty; at liberty so far as moving about at Underhill was concerned, a prisoner so far as returning to my work here. However, now the palaver is finished, and the road is again open.

"Here at San Salvador the natives seem to be living in a chronic state of palavers: no sooner is one finished than another commences, and this hunting season there have been more accidents than happened all the rest of the time I have been out here.

"Two of these I shall tell you about later on, but these palavers and accidents, &c., indirectly interfere with our work. The attendance at our services and schools is much more spasmodic. Of course, to certain people these things make no difference; palaver or no palaver, they are always in their places. But with the general congregation it is not so, and the slightest palaver is a reason for irregular attendance.

#### " BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

"The beginning of this month we had a very interesting day's services at

Mbanza Mputu, one of our sub-stations. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis went over two or three days previously, and on the day of the services, I went over, accompanied by most of the members of the church here.

"It was the occasion of the baptism of the chief of the town and four others. The town was quite en fête. All the women stayed at home from their farms; indeed, they made quite a feast for the visitors from here. A pig and fowls were killed, besides the large quantity of luku (cassawa pudding) that was needed. But to return to the services. Shortly after our arrival we started for the place selected for the baptismal service. about ten minutes' walk from the town, and situated at the bottom of a narrow gorge, through which, in the rainy season, a stream of water runs, but now, in the dry season, there are only pools of water here and there. The banks of the water-course were covered with tropical vegetation. The pool chosen was at the foot of what would be a waterfall in the wet season. It was a most charming little spot, and a most picturesque scene-the pool in the centre; the banks rising rather abruptly on each side, covered with the people who had assembled; and the trees towering far above us, as they do in tropical climates, with the birds chirping in their branches, and the myriads of insects busily humming. It was really glorious when we commenced singing; our voices echoed and re-echoed through the ravine and up the hillsides, until the whole place seemed vocal with the praises of the Great Creator of all these beautiful works. And while nature was so full of

praise, we, also, were more abundantly thankful, not merely for creative beauties, but rather for the new creations which we beheld—hearts renewed in Christ Jesus, and lives changed from the cruelties of heathen darkness to the gentleness of those who are truly servants of God.

"And well might these thoughts pass through our minds, for some of those who were to be baptized had been of the cruellest of the cruel in bygone days, before they heard the Gospel of peace and goodwill.

"Mr. Lewis conducted the baptismal service, and I presided at the Lord's Supper, which we observed later on in the day.

"Both services were marked by a deep feeling, which is rather unusual out here. Of course, curiosity and wonder were predominant with many, but, underneath all this, we could see that there was a feeling that the services were not mere subjects for curiosity. Earnestly do we pray, and I am sure you, also, will join in the petition, that we may have many more such blessed experiences.

#### " KIMPESI.

"You will be glad, too, to know that a more intelligent interest in our work is manifest in many of the towns visited by our church members. Mr. Lewis and I visit them periodically, and thus keep a general supervision over the work. In one of these towns -Kimpesi, a very large town-the work is especially hopeful; the people are building a little school-chapel for themselves in which to hold their services, and they want us to send them a school teacher for two or three days a week. We hope to be able to do this when they bave finished building. It was in this town that one of the accidents I referred to at the beginning of this letter happened. A messenger came over for me two or three weeks ago, saving that a man had been accidentally shot by his own son while out hunting, and would I go over and attend to him. I went, and found one bullet had entered the right cheek and another the left arm. When I arrived I found inflammation very strong, and as I could not find any trace of the bullet by probing, I simply dressed the wounds and waited for the inflammation to subside; a few days after I was able to make a thorough examination. I could not discover any trace of the bullet in the cheek, and as the wound was commencing to heal, and there was no pain, I did not attempt to operate on the face. The one in the arm had entered about the elbow and passed right up the arm, and was lodged on the outside of the shoulder. I made a fresh incision, and extracted a piece of ironstone measuring \$\frac{1}{2} in. by \$\frac{1}{2} in.; it was about 4 in. below the surface. The man is doing very well, and in a few days I expect the wounds will be quite healed.

#### " BLAZING GRASS.

"The other accident happened to young man of this town, who accompanied Mr. Comber in most of his earlier journeys. He was out hunting a few weeks ago, and got caught in one of the bush fires. He tried to run away, but at last fell down quite exhausted, and he rolled over and over through the blazing grass. He was found with not a shred of clothing left on him, and when I saw him he was quite unrecognisable—the whole of his skin was burnt and charred. I dressed him as well as I could with oil, but, of course, it was only to relieve him; there was not the slightest chance of his recovering. He died about four hours after in the greatest agony. He knew the Gospel well, and although

he had never made any profession before, he told those who were with him that he was trusting only in Jesus for salvation. At his funeral, the following day, I said a few words to those assembled, urging them to consider the uncertainty of life, and the certainty, and, perhaps, suddenness, of death. Many seemed to feel very deeply what I said, and all were evidently full of deep emotion. Whether it will end there or no I cannot tell, but I trust and pray that such a solemn lesson will have left a lasting impression on many hearts.—I am, yours very sincerely,

"H. Ross Phillips.
"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

## Early Experiences on the Congo.

OUR new missionary, the Rev. G. D. Brown, writes :-

"Wathen Station,
"Congo Free State.

"August 19th, 1892.

"My DEAR Ms. BAYNES,—Now that three months have elapsed since my arrival on the Congo, I venture to write you concerning my new environments.

"Life here certainly contrasts strangely with that in England; for I scarcely find anything to be the same, except my own personal identity, while everything is so crude and primitive that it seems as though all historical landmarks had been removed, and I was now living in the earlier years of the world's progress. Probably your first inquiry is with regard to my health, and this, I rejoice to say, remains excellent. Of course, I have been initiated to Congo life with fevers, in the usual way, but they were such as to cause no anxiety, and only lasted a few hours. I think, however, they have rendered me much more susceptible to cold here, for, with the thermometer at seventy degrees in the shade, I feel it to be quite chilly. As showing how the cold is felt here at this season, I may say some of our scholars attend the morning Gospel service wrapped up in their sleeping blankets.

"When I was at Underhill, a visit to the little cemetery there awakened mixed feelings of sorrow and gladness. Seeing the graves of our departed brethren, Doke, Butcher, and others, made one almost regret that men of such faith and devotion should, so soon after their arrival, be called away; while yet we cannot but rejoice that there are those who, in God's name, and that the heathen may obtain the Gospel, are ever willing to lay down their lives. Missionary life here seems to abound in episodes and matters interesting to observe—at any rate, to anyone just out from England.

#### "TRAVELLING.

"Not the least amusing is the existing method of travelling, and the frequent noisy palavers of the carriers suggests that they are in a chronic state of explosion. Waiters, during meal-time on the road, I never lacked, for the scantily-clothed natives, in the hope of tasting 'white man's' food, were particularly attentive. Meat of any kind is much appreciated by them, and even rats are somewhat of a luxury. Their keen sense of humour makes them not unpleasant travelling companions, and it is fortunate they seldom weary of laughing, for taking advantage

of this largely ensures their good behaviour.

"Many ills, which one had anticipated meeting on the road, did not at all appear; while other ills, of which I had never thought, were present in Recently, a native chief abundance. (who was very friendly with the late Mr. Comber) called at Wathen, and invited me to come and see him. His town being some distance off, he was assured of a visit when convenient, though, in such cases, we generally have to take our own food, the native being always the most not An interesting case was one I recently heard-of a white man who invited a native chief to dinner. The meal seemed like a feast to the chief, for he was served with three or four different things. to be outdone in hospitality, however, he, in turn, entertained the white man, taking care, also, to provide several courses. But imagine the guest's surprise when the same kind of native dish was served out on each occasion! I need not say that such unlooked-for thoughtfulness quite took away his appetite after the first course. You probably know that our lower stations are necessarily 'given to hospitality,' and the occasions for exemplifying 'the good Samaritan' are not rare. Here is a case of recent occurrence.

#### "BROTHERHOOD.

"A young trader, prostrated with fever about two hours' march from here, and being a new arrival in the country, with no white people nearer than ourselves, was greatly concerned as to what he should do, for, having taken a fancy to rough travelling, his blankets were very scarce, and a hammock he did not possess. While he was suffering with the cold shivers of ntense fever, some of his carriers came here with an urgent appeal for help.

Of course, except to get the necessaries in such a case, we don't stop to consider; so I at once went to his aid. After seeing him well wrapped up in a hammock, he was taken and housed here; from whence, a few days later, with grateful feelings, he went away. For,' he said, 'not only has the mission saved my life, but, possibly, that of my aged mother, who is dependent upon me.'

"Let me add that such opportunities as these are not allowed to slip without putting forward the Gospel; and if we may count on the voluntary statements of men such as the above, all the results of our work cannot be recorded on the church-book here.

"Besides being a centre of this kind of work, Wathen is a welcome resort to all nationalities of white folk passing up and down country; and our hospitality is not a little appreciated by those who, in such a wild land, have occasion to seek it. And we are not without reason for hoping that the silent testimony of consecrated life and work here may prove to be a powerful presentation of the Gospel; for that which Stanley testifies of Mackay on the East Coast may be equally true, though unpublished, of many on the West.

"The work at our stations is decidedly varied, and those in charge have to be preachers, doctors, schoolmasters, builders, gardeners, clerks, and a dozen other things in turn.

"In addition to this, an occasional ten to fourteen days' journey for evangelistic work causes the sound of the Gospel to travel far and wide. Thus, our missionary work is carried on in diverse forms, and, we true the being done for the Lord, will produce manifold results.—With kind regards, believe me, yours faithfully,

"G. D. Brown.

" A. H. Baynes, Esq."

## God's Faithful, Forgiving, and Restoring Mercy.

#### A RECENT INCIDENT.

THE son of a Hindu of position, a magistrate, recently professed faith in Jesus and was baptized. He was immediately harassed by his relatives with a view to his being brought to remain within the pale of Hinduism, and was at length so terrified that he consented to deny his Lord, and signed a paper to say that he had been decoyed away by the missionaries, and that he had really never been baptized at all. No sooner had he done this than his armthe arm that had been used to write the falsehood-began to be paralysed, and this affliction the boy interpreted as a direct token of the Divine displeasure and a gracious intimation of the moral and penal effects that must follow did he abide by what he had done. He immediately repented of his sin, repudiated his denial of his baptism, re-affirmed his faith in Jesus, and was forthwith outcasted. Several Calcutta doctors declared the case of his paralysed arm to be hopeless, and the missionary, specially interested in the young Christian, has their letters to that effect. There were grounds, therefore, for fearing that the lad might carry through life this mark and reminder of his early fall from faith, and of his Saviour's gracious interposition to recover and restore him. But believing prayer was offered in his behalf, and God speedily and completely healed the disabled limb, thus adding another to the many tokens of the love and the power that combine to save the sinner, and the fulness of the salvation which the sinner is free by faith to claim.—R. WRIGHT HAY.

## Acknowledgments.

HE Committee desire very gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following welcome and useful gifts :- A parcel of toys from Miss Howell's Sunday-school Class, Cardiff, for the Rev. S. Thomas, Delhi, India; a parcel from Mrs. Hartley, Huddersfield, for Mrs. Day, Agra; books from Mrs. Trafford, Stoke Newington, for the Rev. J. W. Thomas, Calcutta; a parcel of toys and books from Cirencester, for Mrs. B. Evans, Monghyr; books from Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon, Norwood, for Rev. D. A. Benjamin, Ceylon; a large number of dolls and fancy articles and clothing from Bennerley Hall Sunday-school, Wandsworth Common, per Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Hutchinson, for Rev. C. and Mrs. Jordan, Calcutta; a box of dolls, &c., from Miss Vickess, of Liverpool, for Mrs. Waldock, Ceylon; a parcel from Miss How, Luton, for Rev. R. Spurgeon, Barisal; a box of toys, &c., from Ebenezer Church, Bacup, per Mrs. Law, for Zenana Work in India; cards from Miss Glover, Leicester, and a "Friend of Missions," Marsh, and a parcel of picture leaflets, &c., from Miss Wadlow, Claphom, for Mrs. Durbin, Ceylon; nine jackets and 500 quinine tabloids, from Mrs. Truman Cook, Hereford, for Mrs. Williamson, Barisal; 100 garments from the Missionary Working Society and Mother's Meeting, Sutton, per Miss Starling, for Mrs. Lewis, San Salvador Congo; a box of prizes and presents from Miss Freeman's Bible-class, Falmouth, for the Congo Mission; a parcel of clothing from friends at Wycliffe Hall, Dialey, per Mrs. Booth, for Mrs. Cameron, Wathen, Congo; parcels of books from Devonport, for the Rev. R. H. C. Graham, Underhill; scrap-books from the late Mrs. Hunt, for the Congo Mission; a bale of clothing from Miss Trusted, Ross; parcels of clothing, &c., from Mrs. Underhill, Hampstead, Mrs. Steane, Rickmansworth, Miss Dobson, Chelmsford, Mrs. Kemp, Rochdale, Miss Shearer, Edinburgh, and Miss Fennell, Balham, and a book from Mrs. Spurgeon, Norwood, for Mrs. Wall, Rome; a gun from Mr. R. Pardoe, Aberdare, for Rev. M. Duncan, North China; fancy articles from Miss Wilby, Ossett, for the China Mission; a parcel from Mr. W. S. Biggs, Leicester, for Rev. J. S. Whitewright, China; an organette from "A Friend," boxes of fancy shells, fossils, and moths, from Mrs. Starr, Wigan, and cards from Miss Wilby, Ossett, for the Centenary Fund; a parcel from Miss Beaumont, Edinburgh, and cards and booklets from "A Friend," Leeds, for the Mission.

## Recent Intelligence.

Walthamstow Hall.-For some time past the Committee of Walthamstow Hall have felt the importance of providing an infirmary, or sanatorium, for the use of the children at Walthamstow Hall, and thus to relieve the anxiety of those on whom the weight of responsibility rests. We have, indeed, in past years, been mercifully shielded from serious illness, but the subject has again been strongly impressed upon us by a recent epidemic of measles, which, though in most cases light, emphasises our conviction that we ought no longer to delay the necessary arrangements on our part, while we shall still wait on Him who has already so graciously led and cared for us, and acknowledge that, "unless the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it." If this plan can be carried out it will afford us accommodation for six more children, an increase much needed in consequence of the large number of applications for admission. We cannot, however, venture on such an outlay unless friends rally round us, and we do urge the matter very earnestly on their kind consideration. Our friend, the Treasurer, has very kindly promised £100 to start the fund, and we hope that many others will cheer us by similar practical sympathy. Mrs. Pye-Smith, St. Katherine's, Sevenoaks, will gladly give any desired information.

Reinforcement.—The Committee have accepted for mission work in India Mr. J. J. Hasler, B.A., of Andover. Mr. Hasler will take a short course of special study prior to entering upon his work, and his departure for the East will probably not take place until the early autumn of next year.

Arrivals from the Congo.-We are thankful to report the safe arrival in England of the Rev. John Whitehead, of Lukolela, and Mrs. Harrison, wife of the Rev. F. G. Harrison, who has charge of the mission steamer Peace. Mr. Whitehead has been in a most critical condition. Writing from Lukolela the Rev. A. E. Scrivener reports:-"The return of Mr. Whitehead to England is rendered absolutely necessary in consequence of three most grave and severe In June small-pox broke out on the station, and Mr. Whitehead fell a victim, suffering severely. His splendid health up to that time enabled him to combat the disease, and he was rapidly recovering and beginning to take exercise, when alarming symptoms of blood poisoning showed them-Again our brother's life was in great danger, and I at one time thought his death inevitable, but again he was spared; again he recovered, and was resuming his duties on the station, when sciatica attacked him, and he has been confined to his bed for nearly a month with very excruciating pain. I have written to Mr. Harrison, and have just received word that he will come up with the Peace and fetch Mr. Whitehead, so that he can convey him to Banana with Mrs. Harrison, who is also homeward bound. This breakdown in Mr. Whitehead's health is very unexpected, and is entirely due to the small-pox. He enjoyed exceptionally good health prior to the outbreak of that disease. I trust he will reach home safely, and be enabled to return speedily to his work here. In the study of the language Mr. Whitehead has shown marked ability, and besides talking fluently and correctly, probably knows more about the construction of the language than any other missionary among the Bobangi. A number of hymns and a very excellent school-book (copies of which I send herewith) are amongst many useful things he has accomplished. My own health, I am glad to say, continues very good. The small-pox is now, thank God, a thing of the past, and we are once again enabled to push on with our work."

Departure of Missionaries.—The Revs. Gordon Wilkins, designated to Cuttack, Orissa, and E. Palgrave Davy, designated to Agra, N.W.P., left for Calcutta last month in the P. & O. steamer Bengal; the Rev. R. Martin Julian, Mrs. Julian and family, for Calcutta, in the P. & O. steamer Khedive. Mr. Julian goes out to take charge of the Circular Road Church, Calcutta. The Revs. G. H. Rouse, LL.B., and T. R. Edwards are also returning to India by the P. & O. steamer Thames early in the current month.

The Rev. George Grenfell.—Good tidings have been received from Mr. Grenfell. Writing under date of "Pange Nbele, 5.50° S. lat., 16.20° E. long, September 6th," he reports:—"Since I last wrote we have made seven marches eastward; everything is tranquil. By the end of the month, if all goes well, we shall have three boats on the Kwango, and shall make use of them for the next 200 miles of our journey. I sincerely hope we may be able to commence the work of frontier delimitation in November. Yet in Africa so many things are possible, and the unexpected so often happens, that I cannot do more than hope, delimitation work once commenced, three or four months of hard work should complete the undertaking."

Back Numbers of the "Missionary Herald."—The Rev. S. Pearce Carey, M.A., of Wolverhampton, writes:—"Dear Mr. Baynes,—Will you allow me to express my sincere thanks to the very many friends who have responded to my recent appeal in the Herald for back numbers of the Herald for my brother in Barisal? Out of the sixty-seven numbers I appealed for there are now only five still lacking—viz., 1851 (June), 1864 (September, October, and December), and 1866 (June). If there are any of your readers who could help me to these five, I should be indeed exceedingly obliged. One fact is, perhaps, worth special record. I have received endless copies of the November, 1882, Herald, which contained a specially fine engraving of the Congo steamer Peace. Clearly, in very many homes, that Herald has been a special treasure. This has been pleasantly significant to me of the deep and abiding interest that was taken in that forward enterprise."

Brittany Mission.—We have received the following testimony relative to the work of the Society in Brittany from one who has been resident in Morlaix for some months past:—"I cannot speak too highly of Mr. Jenkins' work in this land, his labours in the country amongst the Bretons being especially successful. I believe that, if the Committee sent some more labourers into this field, there would soon be a rich reward, for priestcraft is losing its hold upon the people, and they are becoming indifferent to religious matters. One is saddened by the manifest ignorance of the truth as it is in Jesus, and by the utter disregard of the Sabbath. I have, however, been pleased to notice how attentively those who

attend the meetings listen to the Gospel story of Christ's great love. There are some attached to this Mission who, convinced of the errors of Romanism, have, at great cost, become Protestants. I have had the joy of witnessing the baptism of two women and three men, one of the former being, I should think, between sixty and seventy years old. The service, conducted in the open air, was very impressive, and I believe that the public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ made by those brethren and sisters have set others thinking upon the question of baptism. On all sides there are evident signs that Mr. Jenkins has not laboured in vain, for he is greatly respected in the town, and has the love and affection of the people."

Fossils, Shells, and Moths.—A kind friend writes:—"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES—I send you to day three boxes of fancy shells, fossils, moths, &c., the result of many years' collecting by a gentleman from various parts of the world. In consequence of difficulties he had to part with almost everything. I bought these from him, being very fond of this sort of thing, but, as you are still wanting money, it struck me you might make more of them than my keeping them. I am told they are worth from £10 to £15. You make whatever you can of them and devote it to the Centenary Fund." These cases are now on view at the Mission House, and we should be thankful to secure a purchaser.

## The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver.

TE gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts:—One pound from "An Old Sunday Scholar, who, in 1820, heard Eustace Carey preach at the old Baptist chapel in Newbury"; a gold ring, placed in the collection-box at missionary meeting in Manchester, per Thomas Spencer, Esq., treasurer of the Manchester Auxiliary; two silver and one gold rings from Mr. J. H. Edwards, Cadoxton, Cardiff; a gold eyeglass, per Rev. James Cave, of Wokingham, placed in the collecting-box at Wokingham by Miss Newnham; a gold eye-glass and small ring from "A. H.," Cheltenham, for the Congo Mission; small gold ring from Falmouth; several articles of jewellery from "A Friend," Edinburgh, by Miss Landels; a box of trinkets from "F.," Edinburgh, for the Congo Mission; two small silver bracelets from "S. M. W."; pair of gold earrings from a little Bengali girl of Barisal, Bengal, by the Rev. Robert Spurgeon; a few trinkets from "E. F. B.," for the Congo Mission; two old silver watches from "Two Friends," Poole, Dorset, by J. P. Godwin, Esq.; £1 from a "Working Man," Reading, per E. P. Collier, Esq., who writes: "This £1 is from a working man who gave £20 last year towards the same fund. When our Centenary Mission meeting was held in the spring he gave another £1, and when the sermons were preached, the first Sunday in October, he gave this £1, making £22 in all, from a hardworking man in very humble circumstances."

The cordial thanks of the Committee are also given for the under-mentioned most welcome and timely donations:—"A Leeds Friend," £5; Mr. James Paterson, £5; Mr. Edward Rawlings, £100; "The Reyner Trust Fund," £100; Mr. W. Duncan Knight, £20; Mr. and Mrs. Crossley, Hebden Bridge, £10.

## Contribution from Bolobo, Upper Congo.

THE REV. R. V. GLENNIE writes:—"DEAR ME. BAYNES,—Before I left Bolobo, the boys came to me and offered to make a collection for the Centenary Fund, and I have pleasure in telling you that brass rods to the value of twenty-nine shillings were given by the children out of their very small means. This sum has been put into the treasury at Bolobo, and will be accounted for in the usual way. An acknowledgment in the Hebald will show that it has been duly advised at home,"

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