BIMAL ANANDA NAG, OF DACCA.



HE Rev. R. Wright Hay, of Dacca, sends the following deeply interesting account of a young native Christian of Dacca to Mr. C. P. Wreyford, of Torquay:—

"I am sending with this a photograph of a young man the son of a rigid Hindu, whom I baptized in August last,

and who, since his conversion, has been much used of God to the spread of the knowledge of Jesus among the students and others in Dacca. This young man's name is Bimal Ananda Nag. 'Nag' is the family name. 'Bimal' means 'pure,' and 'Ananda' 'joy'; and this good brother's



BIMAL ANANDA NAG, NATIVE PREACHER, DACCA.—(From a Photograph.)

name just expresses what he has had since he accepted Jesus as his Saviour—pure joy. He is a well-educated young man, a teacher, and has decided natural ability. But what we most admire in him is the meekness, the faithfulness, the zeal for God's glory which the Holy Spirit has clothed him with. I will send with this a pamphlet, entitled 'My Sin and my Saviour,' consisting of an address given by this brother to a society of which he was a member for years before his conversion, and to the members of which the address was his personal testimony to the Saviour immediately after his baptism. The address made a deep impression when given, and in its published form it has been welcomed by many missionaries in different parts of India for circulation among English-speaking natives, and we are believing that much fruit shall result from it to the glory of our Saviour.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

1893 ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.



ILL our readers please take note that the MISSION SUNDAY this year will be APRIL 23RD, our ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING in the Mission House, TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH, and the ANNUAL MISSIONARY SOIREE at the Cannon Street Hotel on the evening of that day; the Annual Missionary Sermon, Wednesday morning, April 26th, in Bloomsbury Chapel; and

the Annual Missionary Sermon to Young Men, in the City Temple, on the evening of that day; the Public Missionary Meeting in Exeter Hall on Thursday evening, April 27th; the Missionary Breakfast Conference in Exeter Hall on Friday morning, April 28th; and the Young People's Annual Public Missionary Meeting in Exeter Hall on the evening of the same day? We earnestly hope our readers will keep these dates clear of all other engagements.

Missionary Arrivals in India, &c.—We are glad to report the arrival of the Rev. H. J. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, and family, at Agra. Writing under date of November 11th, he says: "We rest a day or two in Agra, and then we go on to Delhi."

Mrs. Ross Phillips writes from s.s. Akassa, Cape Palmas, Grand Canary, November 15th, on her voyage to the Congo:—"We are here in quarantine, having come from cholera ports, so, of course, cannot have any communication with shore. As they are coaling, officers, stewards, and even the doctor is helping in the emergency. Captain Morgan is most kind and attentive, and does all in his power to make everything pleasant and comfortable. We all think very highly of him. The Harley House friends have been very well, and we have very pleasant intercourse together. Captain Morgan expects to reach 'Matadi' about the 2nd. I believe he has several places of call down the coast. We are so thankful for good weather, pleasant companions, and many other blessings strewn along our path. May we be used of Him in winning souls is our earnest prayer."

The Rev. J. J. Turner, of Shansi, North China.—The Rev. J. J. Turner of Tai Yuen Fu, Shansi, North China, in consequence of ill-health and pressing family circumstances, has been compelled to return home, and, for twelve months at least, will have to remain in England, his return to China being uncertain. It is only due to our brother to state that, while at home, Mr. Turner will be no charge to the Mission, as he will meet all his own expenses of every kind. Owing to his engaging in business during his stay here, his time must necessarily be much occupied, and he will only be able, as a consequence, to undertake a limited amount of deputation work.

Departure of Missionaries.—On the 6th of the current month, Dr. and Mrs. Percy Webb, of Hampstead, and Mr. G. R. Pople, of Bristol College and

Brondesbury—missionaries-elect to the Congo—will leave for Africa by the Antwerp Royal Mail steamer. We ask the prayers of our readers on their behalf. Dr. and Mrs. Webb are designated for Wathen Station, and Mr. Pople for Arthington Station, Stanley Pool.

Arrival of Missionaries in England.—We are thankful to report the safe arrival of the Rev. R. Wright and Mrs. Hay, from Dacca, East Bengal. The condition of Mr. Hay was so grave prior to his leaving India that the medical authorities ordered his immediate voyage to England. We are glad to state that as the result of rest and change on the passage home, Mr. Hay's condition has very considerably improved, and there is a well-assured prospect of his complete recovery after a term of absolute rest.

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.

Cheering Signs.-Under date of "Calcutta, November 23rd," the Rev. Charles Jordan writes :- "We reached Calcutta safely on Tuesday last, the 22nd. Mrs. Jordan is not strong, but the rest of us are fairly well." Mr. Jordan adds, "Last evening I went for the first time, since returning to Calcutta, to Wellington Square, and gave a short address to the people in Hindustani. Before preaching, and while standing in the square, a bright young man came up to me and said, 'I believe you are Mr. Jordan.' On being assured that he was right, he said, 'Before you went away, I used to hear you preach in this place. I was then a Mohammedan. I received benefit from listening to you. I am now a Christian, and have been baptized by the Rev. Jani Ali, of the C.M.S.' Of course, I was exceedingly glad to hear this, and not a little encouraged. I should have been more pleased had he joined our community, but natives of India are not sensitive to denominational differences, and I have long ago come to the conclusion that our great aim is to lead the people to Christ. If that is not done, we fail miserably; if it is, we succeed, even though we have not the gratification of their following us in all things. On reaching the jetty, amongst other beloved friends we saw Mr. H. Anderson. As soon as the ship was near enough, he told me that one of my old Sunday-schools-or, rather, the boys that constituted it—had come to give me a welcome. As soon as I could get from the ship, I went to them. They all pressed forward to shake hands, 'a bannered host,' and then began to sing a hymn of praise-or, rather, a confession of love-to Jesus in English. There are many difficulties, and

some signs of more vigorous opposition than in former years; but I verily believe that the explanation of the latter is, that the spread of the Gospel is increasing, and the priests are trembling for their gods. The zenana ladies of our party all landed in good health, and are eager to begin the work to which they have devoted their lives."

THE LORD LOYETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.



ITH grateful thanks we acknowledge the receipt of the following welcome gifts:—Two small gold rings, from "One who loves Jesus, and longs to serve Him better," per Mr. A. Mathews, of South Woodford, Essex; two silver bracelets, from "One to whom Christ is precious," for the Congo Mission; gold ring and seals, from Fanny Jones; small silver knife,

from "A Poor Cripple," for the Congo Mission, "with earnest prayers for a blessing upon the work"; and a small silver chain from "A Blind Widow," who has no money, "but who prays constantly for the missionaries and their work."

The heartfelt thanks of the Committee are also given for the undermentioned timely contributions, never more needed than now to meet the rapidly growing expenditure, consequent upon extended work in India, China, and upon the Congo:—Two Friends, Yarmouth, £85; A. D. S., £37 7s. 3d.; Mr. T. D. Paul, £20; Mr. C. Eason, Dublin, £10; Mr. Yorston, £7 10s.; A Kettering Friend, £5; A. B. C., £5; Mr. Druce, £5; M. C. S., £5; Mr. O. S. Kenyon, £10.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.



HE Committee desire to acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of the following useful and welcome gifts:—A parcel of cards from Westbourne Park Sunday-school, per Mr. Gott, for Mrs. Durbin, Ceylon; a parcel of magazines from Mrs. Johnston, Southport, for the Rev. G. Cameron, Wathen, Congo; sections of telegraph and telephone cables, from a Friend at

Cheltenbam, for the Rev. S. Couling, Shantung, China; a parcel from Devonport for the Rev. R. H. C. Graham, Congo; a parcel from a Friend for the Rev. J. Lawson Forfeitt, Congo; a Communion service from Miss Wright, Edgbaston, Birmingham, for the Rev. W. A. Wills, North China; a parcel of toys from Miss Lloyd, Porth, for the Rev. G. D. Brown, Congo River; cards and papers from Mrs. Cadby for the Congo Mission; a parcel from Mrs. Baker, Southampton Row, for the Rev. Thomas Lewis, San Salvador, Congo; several sets of "Raphael" cartoons from Mr. Edwards, Finchley, for Rev. Dr. Watson, China, Rev. G. H. Rouse, M.A., Calcutta, and other missionaries.

The Committee also desire to join with Mr. Bentley and Mr. Graham in the thanks expressed in the following letters:—

"Edgware, Middlesex, November 26th, 1892.

"My DEAR Mr. BAYNES,—Will you please express in the HERALD the grateful thanks of Mrs. Bentley and myself for sums contributed in Holland

towards our school work at Wathen Station as follows:—The Baptist Church, New Pekela, £2 4s. 9d.; Ditto, Amsterdam, 17s. 10d.; the Y.M.C.A., "Excelsior," Amsterdam, £2 5s. 10d.; total, £5 8s. 5d.? These amounts have already been expended in Holland in clothes and materials for clothing our school children, and the boxes are waiting shipment at New Pekela; the expenses incurred have been, of course, deducted, but the help thus rendered by our friends in Holland is much appreciated. These gifts represent the results of four meetings. At Amsterdam, the Y.M.C.A. were able to fill their large room to listen to an address from me in English; my wife followed with an address in Dutch, but it was an audience of those who understood English. It was kind of them to so much interest themselves in our work.—Yours very sincerely,

"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

"W. HOLMAN BENTLEY.

"Underhill, Congo River, November 5th, 1892."

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—Some time ago you kindly inserted a note of mine in the HERALD acknowledging with thanks the receipt of many parcels of magazines, &c., from various friends. We have since received several other parcels of papers and other things, some without intimation of the senders' names, but three of the parcels contained notes bearing the names of the donors, and these kind friends I now desire to thank. Quite a number of toys, tools, and other things have been sent from 'The Glasgow Foundry Boys' Religious Society,' 70, Bothwell Street, Glasgow; a parcel of magazines from Mrs. Braden, of Bexley, for Congo missionaries; an unbound copy of Cassell's 'History of England,' from Mrs. M. A. Hewson. Please insert in the HERALD this expression of our grateful thanks for these gifts.—Yours very sincerely,

"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

"R. H. C. GRAHAM.

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