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## THE MISSIONARY HERALD

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## SERIOUS FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.


$\overline{\mathrm{T}}$ is imperatively important that the gravity of the financial condition of the Society should be clearly stated, so that no misapprehension may exist as to the possible nature of the balance-sheet which it may be the unpleasant duty of the Treasurer to present in April next.
On the closing of our accounts on last year's expenditure a deficit was shown of

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That large debt was carried on into the new year, and remains unliquidated at the present moment, the Committee having been of the opinion that it was impracticable to make an appeal on bebalf of this deficiency in view of the proposed special effort to increase the permanent income. At the time of going to press, it is impossible to form any reliab.e estimate as to the results which will follow this effort, and, farther, it cannot be expected that the full benefit will be reaped during the present financial year.

Comparing the receipts at the end of last October with tbose of the corresponding period twelve months ago, there is some increase; and we are thankful for such encouragement, as far as it goes. But it is very evident that unless the contributions continue very largely to advance during the remaining months between now and March 31st, the debt with which the jear began will be very seriously augmented.

We earnestly plead with the pastors and officers of our churches to do all they possibly can to encourage the effort which is now being made in connection with the special visitation.

We would also venture to ask our friends whether it is not in their power to send us by the first day of the New Year, 1895,
timely assistance, in the form of generous donations, and thus help to avert the impending calamity.
huring the Centengry cffort-as was to be expectel-the donations to the Society for the general purposes of the Mission very considerably fell off. May we not hope that they will not now be lacking?

If at the New Year's Diy Prayer-meeting it could be announced that sibbitantial sums sent up by oar better-circumstanced friends had been combributed to prevent our present debt growing larger, how the hearts of the Missionaries abroad, and the Executive at home, would be relieved and inspired with new hope and courage.

We must now leave this suggestion, praying that He who asks, "What hast thou which thou liast not received :" may incline the hearts of His servants to honour Him with their substance. We would not that the great work which the Society is sueking to do in making known "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God" should be eo much hindered by this want of means. "Who will come to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

Will all our friends join in earnest supplication that the Lord Himself would indeed be graciously pleased to influence the hearts of His own people to return a ready and cheerful response?

## 1895 SACRAMENTAL COLLECTION FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.



HE 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.
Fery 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 fall on the 6th of January. Will our readers join in a Special Thankoffering at the Lord's Table on that day?

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS FOR THE NATIVE PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS' FUND.



HE Christmas Cards are now being sent out, and windexire to eall the sperial notice of our young frionlt to this ine.t intereating and important Fund.

The native preachers enable the miesionaries to form not: stations, to take long journeys into the country whare thay live, to visit fairs, markete, and heathen festivals, to which great multitudes come to pay honour to their filse gods. Tu these perple mir native brethren duchare the $G$ espol, and disir.buto among them tracts and copies of the Scriptur's.

## THE 1895 NEW YEAR'S DAY MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETIMG.



N Tuesday morning, January 1st, 1890, we hope to mett at eleven c'clock in the Library of the Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn, under the chairmanship of the Rev. D. J. East, late Principal of Calabar College, Kingston, Jamaica, for special praycr in connection with mission work all over the world.
Many will doabtless recall with thankful joy ballowed memories of similar ozcasions 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 uther religious papers nearer the date of meeting.

## THE NEW MISSIONARY CALENDAR OF THE PRAYER UNION.



Sanswer to inquiries being made as to the Calendar for the New Year, we are pleased to announce that it will be ready next week. We would take this opportunity to state that the 1895 Calendar will possess certain naw features which will, we trust, make it still more useful in serving the purpose for which it is issued. Besides suggesting subjects for daily intercession, it will contain a large amount of detailed information respecting the different mission-fields and the various modes of work in which the missionaries are engaged. A considerable number of sectional maps will also appear. We may add that an alteration has been made as to the supply of the Calendars. Instead of charging for them separately and in addition asking for an annual membership subscription to the Union, to cover working expenses, postage, de., there will be one inclusive payment of ninepence, leaving members of course
10) malre their contributions to the Society at such periods as may be convenient ; to other than members of the Prayer Union the Oalendar will be sold at the 1 ublisherl prive of one shilling.

Wor olould be glad to enter early applications so that there may be mo delay in nur denjutcher. Apjlications to be made to A. H. Brynes, Baptist Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, E.C.

## NEW MISSIONARY BOOK,

## FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YKAR.



E have much pleasure in announcing the publication of a now missionary volume, ontitled "Indian and Singhalese Missionary Pictures." It har bcen edited by the Rev. Dr. Rouse, of Calcutta, and contains a large amount of intereating infurmation conorming the countries, peoples, and mission work of India and Ceylon. In sive it is crown 4to, consisting of 220 jages. is benutifully illustrated throughout, the illustrations numbering nearly 200 and in hound in an elegant cover. We heve no doubt that many of our friends will be glad to procure such a work as a Christmas or Now Year gifthook. As the object in publishing the book is not to gain proflt, but to circulinte information, it has been decided to issue it at the low price of half-a-orown net. the postage being fourpence halfpenny extra. Early application for copies should be made to A. H. Baynes, Baptist Mission House, 19, Furnival Street. Holborn, London, E.C.

## MISSIONARY LOTO.



FRIEND of the Mission having kindly adapted this instructive game of "Miseionery Loto" to our Society, it was placed in the hands of Messrs. Jaques \& Son, Hatton Garden, with a view to publiostion. It is designed to impart missionary information to young people in a pleasant manner. The price is one shilling, post free threepence extra. A copy of rules is enclosed with each set. During the winter evtnings, we doubt not, many of the children in our families will find in "Missionary Loto" much happy and healthy recreation. Apply to A. H. Baynes, Mission House, 19, Furnival Strett, Holburn, E.C.

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(See Frontiapiece.)
This engraving gives a most accurate picture of an arbour in the Yamen of the provincial Governor. The hair of the ladies is done op in Manchu style. The Governor himeelf is not in the picture, only his family.

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# FIFTEENTM ANNUAL GATHERING 

OF THE BAPTLAE UNION OF BAOKERGUNGE AND FURIDPORE, EASTERN BENGAL.



ARISAL-whether viewed " from behind the camera" or without the camera-must ever interest Baptists. And of all items of news from this station, an acconnt of the large annual gathering is, perhaps, most important. It is then that the heart-beats of the Christian community seem more quick and lively. For the flrst time the meetings were held in Barisal this yenr, on September 12th to 14th. Weeks beforehand our leds began praparing flage, mottoes, and texts; and, when the day arrived, our large thatched ehnpel presented quite a fairy-like appearauce. Each wooden post had spiral decorations of coloured papers, and all round the building pretty desigas out in puper outlined the plan. Here and there archways of vanied types celiexed the scene. Scripture pictures were attached to the mat walls, and the top row of these had boldly-written texts in Bengali letters between. Over the chair was the legend, "Soldiers of the Cross; Christ the Captain." Bight up over the rafters of the building texts in large letters were placed to arrest the eye that with listloss glance might be lifted there. A triumphal arch covered the chapel steps, and another and larger one stood at the entrance to the compound. Tiny flags were stuck in along both sides the path, ready to be snatched up when the singing procession should start to march round the town. A Nogorkirton was a new feature of the gatherings, and so was a series of three lectures in English by Baboo Kali Choron Banncrjes, of Caloutta. .Ee is as good a speaker as we have in all India, and is known everywhere. Large and representative audiencea heard the Gospel forcibly preached for three evenings with unabated interest. Both at his arrival and departure three: Eaglish cheers were given him by the numerous students of the fown.

## "The Services."

Our meetings were probably the best ever held, though in numbers they were much smaller. Only bond fide delegates came. We had two sittings and two meals each day. Each day began with a prayer-meeting. At our first, special reference was made to the kind help towards the expenses sent out by W. R. Rickett, Esq. ; to a message sent by Mrs. Page, whose husband did so much for this district; to Mr. Carey and Mr. Teichmann, who are soon to return to us; and to many others. Baboo Mothura Nath Nath was chairman for the day. After a brief address on Jacob's change of name, he called on the secretary to give an account of last year's work. Then Mr. W. R. James gave a telling and timely address on "The Importance of Baptism." Six girls from our boarding school were then immersed before many witnesses. In the afternoon Baboo Sotshoron Mookerjea opened with an address on "The Low Spiritual State of the Churches." A long and varied discussion resulted; and the Chairman's talk on "The Source of Divine Power" fittingly ended the afternoon's session.

Ont the secomd lay our raverel and loved Indian Secretary, the Rev. Geo. Kerry, kindly prosided. After the introductory prayer-meeting, under the direction of Ruv. T. R. Edwarda, an able andibess on "A Model Sunday School" was given by Rhlow Kali Chomon Rannerjea. His pregnent and powerful utterances will long be remenibered. "Esonomy " was a theme on a much lower plane, but it elicited much wise and otherwise discussion. One speaker suggested that Eumpeans neaded to atudy the anhiect more. Then Baboo Dyal C. Sirkar delivered a mont eloquant. earnest, and excellent address on "The Christian Lifo." It quitc swayod the large audience with its telling periods and eloquent sentencos. In ibe afternoon "Christ's Kingdom" and "Desire for the Salvation of Otbers" formed twin thenes that issued in much profitable talk. Then the jrocession through the main streets of the town was commenced, and continued till the croning feast was ready in the moonlight.

## The Last Day.

On the last day Baboo Kali Choron Bannerjea presided. The new officert and committee were elected. Mr. D. L. Donald is treasurer and Mr. J. G. Kerry vice-chairmsn. As one watched the process of re-election one could not but mark how well the work is comprohonded. The secretary was told his duty in plain and definite words; and the datias of the committee were indicated. The new year bogins on a higher level, the treasurer has more money in hand than ever before, and the new officers have resolved to reslise as far as possible the grout purpose of the Union-" the increase, progress, and direction of the churches." It was a fitting sequel to these matters of business when Mrs. W. R. James read her paper on "Giving to the Lord." Her paper deserved all the praise it received, and it elicited a profitable discussion. Men rose in ell parts of the eudience to speak on the subject. The remarkable spirit of libarality in the Barisal district that showed itself during the last two monthe was described, and the money was made over to the Union Fund. A plan was suggested to the Committee to be carried out during the coming harvest, and hopes were raised of a goodly sum being then obtainable. In the afternoon Buboo Kuli Choron Bannerjea preached on Matthew xi. 11. Then Mr. G. Kerry presided at the Communion Service. As we broke up no one lamented the fuct that seven papers down on the programme had been omitted, but all must have felt that golden grain had been given them that they might sow it around their different churches. Many parnestly entreated that a resumí of the procoedings should be printed and sent among the churches. Perhaps, some day, this may be possible; but were the delegates to do their duty, every church could receive a more or less full account of what was said and done and planned.

Letailo of Mealo during Amiual Meetings.-First day, 1 meal, 200 guests; secoud day, 2 meals, 600 guests; third day, 2 meals, 650 guests; fourth day, 1 meal, sol guests. Total, 3,500 partook once, averaging, at 6 meals, about jou each time.

Articles Consumed. $-1,840 \mathrm{lbs}$. rice; 46 pints mustard oil ; 304 fishes; 200 plantains; 20 lbs potatoes; 50 cocoanuts; 420 lbs. dhal (peas); 20 lbs. tobacco; 43 cucumbers; numbers of sooparees; 9 sheep; 70 lbs. salt; 10 lbs . ghee; scores of kochu roots; 24 lbs. treacle; various spices.
 8 glasses; 8 hookaha; mats for conk-house; paper, ink, bamboos, withn, (du., $f_{\text {or decorations ; myriads of plantain leaves for plates. }}$

Erpenditure.-For meals, Re. 222 29. 3d.; for decorations, Ra.7 9s. Ind. Total, Re. 229 11s. 94.
N.B.-No one was paid for serviee in the way of corking, wating, or chopping wood. About a dozen brethren were employed all the tiwe.

The native churoh at Barisal bears the whole burden of the cost.
Rodr. Sicugeos.

## MORE FRUIT.



N Sunday, August 28th, our brethren at Turki gathered in the flrst-fruits of their labours. Baboo Prio Nath Nath baptized two men, and received them into the Church. One of them had long been a Christian in name only; but the teaohing and prayers of our brethren have now been rewarded by his conversion. The other was an old man, nearly eighty years of age. He came to the mission-station often before; but on June 29th he was specially drawn by the loving acts of the brethren. He was a Boiragee, and therefore a beggar. "He came to us," Prio Baboo writes, "to beg, and found the Pearl of great price. He did not return to his old life again, but became a true believer, and is very happy." His career had been as varied as one could imagine. Having: been married thrice, and assumed the devotee's rosary, the old man sought rest, but found none till he found it in Jesus. Whenever he turned up at the mission-station he was told the news of salvation, and he heard something of the Saviour from another of our people at Mostakandi, a few miles away. Anondo stated that Ram Jibon had told him he had gone on pilgrimage to many sacred places, but found no rest till he turned to Jesus. This the old man never forgot. Thus,
when Prio Baloo said to lim, "Anondo, why do you hesitate-why delny? Come at once to Jesis; He will save you," is it to be wondered at that he yielded up himself to Christ? "I do believe on His Name," be replied. "Then why heve you around your neck that devotee's rosary :" he asked. In a moment he caught it, tore it off, and gave it to Prio Baboo. Then for two months be was taught more about Jesus, and afterwar ds baptized on a profession of his simple faith. "He is fully resting in Jesus now," our brother writes. Both men and women take great interest in the old disciple and teach him daily. He compares himself to the labourer of the eleventh hour, the dying thief, the man born blind, and other trophies of Divine grace. Directly the Zillah put to at the mission-station a few weeks ago he was the first to greet me. Having never seen the old man before, I asked, "Who are yous" and he replied, "An aged sinner." Then followed a very pleasant talk with him. Often does he spend the night saying over the texts or hymns he has learnt; and he is much in prayer. All the Christians, young and old, are very fond of him, and rejoice in his wonderful change. " Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace."

Roberti Spurgeon. Barisal, East Bengal.

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE UPPER CONGO RIVER.



HE Rev. John Whitchead writes from Lakolcla Station, on the Upper Congo, under date of August lnet, as followe :-
"My hear Mr. Bayner,-I do not often write you, simply hocause my time is no thoroughly takon up with our work here. A missionary in Africa is to a very large extont a oreature of the winds; one dny a cortain work is torture to his soul, but anothor comes aud it is a wondrous delight. What proachers say at home about being able to preach one day better than another applies to us out here in all we do. If I were ill I should write you much more often. I am not ill, but in spleadid health, and the 'call to work growe stronger and stronger.' The now silent vaices recently heard in this land, the leck of new voices, the diminished inoome of our Society, the death signal-gun, the growth of the people's indifference to the gentle whispers of a Sariour's love, cry mightily in our emrs dey and night- You must work the works of Him who sent you while it is dey, for the night is dark'ning the sky, and then--'

## "Printing Work.

" Our printing office is very busy, and this work is sufficient of itself to occupy all my time; but it doesn't by a long way. I have just received from Mr. Gilchrist, of the CongoBalolo Missicen at Lalange, the M86. of a new primer of another dialect, somewhat akin to the one in use at Lukolele and Bolobo. This hes not been printed before, and it will be the sixth dialeat on the Uppar Congo which has been reduoed to writing
by the missionalies of the various societics working out hero. We are also issuing a vory valuable panphlet by Dr. Sims, of the Amorican Baptist Missionary Union, whose long and fertile experience has made hin a powerful enemy of African fevers. It is full of very practical and wellfounded conclusions regarding Congo fevers. I am seouring copies, which I will forward as soon as possible aftor printing them, so that new missionaries may get them und be influenced by them.

## " Work Amongst Women.

"My wife has now a small, women's school. They seem very much attached to her, else how could they come about four o'clock every day of their swoet will; after they have worked in the gardens, carriod heavy loqds of firewood, kneaded and. boiled their daily onead, to learn to read and write ? Somebow some of them have disconerad (the eyes of $s$ Bobangi women love, as an English woman's) that my wife likes flowers, and they will now and again bring some little flower and gracefully offer it. The attendance is between sine and seventeen, generally about eight or ten. Some of them can read a little now, and I have just sold three of them copies of 'The Yirst Book to Read' in their own native language. (They are the last three copies of the first edition. I am waiting for some type and paper before issuing esecond odition,) It was a read pleasure to
hear them ask if they could not hriy copies of the schonl broks, and to haar their reason for doing an-namely, they could learn the fantar, and it is good to read while the breal was boiling or while they were reating. They seem to enjoy the Bible storien whioh Mrs. Whitehead tells them. May the story of Jesus and Hin love win them to serve our dear Master. When we have won the women to s substantial faith in our Aaviour, we shall have won the Bobangi people; for where the women are, there the Bobangi are gathered together. Perhaps these are the first women of the Bobangi nation (at any rate at Lukolela) who oan read their own language in their own towns.

## "Teadhino to Sing.

"My wife tried to teach them to sing a hymn, and they did themselves try, but the influence of African dirge music had made such havoc of their ears and musical ability that, after a month's praotice, we said to one another, 'Whatever can be done to alter this state of things?' So, as a conclusion to our distractions, I went into the school, held out my fist, which is the native sign for ten, but which I taught was the sign for 'doh'; then my hand took another position for 'me' and for ' ooh.' I tried to impress the mental efiects of these and other notes, and succeeded. John Curwen's Tonic Sol-fa can be adapted easily to the needs of these folks, and it is a thorough success. It is teaching our women to sing the hymns of Jesus.
"I must tell you (and I send you copy of what $I$ have printed) our bigger boys can sing from Sol-fa several rounds which I have translated from the Standard Course. They sing Derby 6.0 in harmony-treble, tenor,
brans, while my wife and $I$ sing the alto. Those who have hanet them sing it nonnot holp tears of joy wolling up to henr these lowla-tmently anvages-aing their prayer to Jesus in their own lenguage in one of the mort berutiful ne harinonies. I neer hardly say they love auch harmony. Bome of them have tried tos writes bymns lately, and, to keep them right in accent, I have written them the tune in Sol-fa first, and some little success bas been the result. I have printed, without Tonic Hol-fa music type, the notation of these rounds and hymn. A friend has undertaken to provide the necessary 'sorts' to make our small pica antique type sufficient for the notation, and Ihave written Mr. Scrivener to get them. Our little boys want to grunt in deep tones iike their elders, and I have had to teach them separately, singing myself in a false voice. I have reason to believe that presently their little pipes will be chanting God's praises, as happy little folk ought to do.
"We have three candidates for baptism before our church, and decision will be made at our next church meeting.

## "An Appral.

" In thinking over the startling fact of $£ 14,000$ deficit on last year's account, an awful thought concerning withdrawal came into my mind. What if we left these folk about us, who would be responsible for their continuance in sin? If the people of Fingland won't rise to their privileges, then I ought to go home, and work hard night and day to support another missionary in Congo.
"May God pour out His mighty Spirit upon you all at home and upou us all out here, and may He fill us
with Dirine power: Our motto, wife and myeelf are in splendid health.
"And we unite in expressing our love to you.
" Yours sincerely,
"Join Wiimemean.
" A. II. Baynos, Esq."

## FIRST EXPERIENCES.



HE following letter is from the Rev. F. W. Hale, of Agra, who left for India in the antumn of last year. It is addreased to the West Bournemouth Baptist Church Missionary Prajer Uuion, whose members support Mr. Hale ; and by the kindness of the pastor, the Rev. George Wainwright, we are permitted to print it :-

> "' In Oamp,' in Rohta, N.W.P.
"My Dear Friends,-I was delighted to hear of jou through your pastor last month, and I was esrecially pleased to know that the bright misiomary spirit I found among you in October of last year has been deepening an:I widening ever since. Your pastor (our pastor, I bught to say jerhapre) wells me that the valedictory service was 'an inspiration to many.' It was an inspiration to me, and will be alwass.
"I have little to say mbout Febraary and March. They were devoted consistently to the language. On Sundays I have taken English services in Agra and the district pretty regularly. I have been down to Mattra several times ; Mr. McIntosh, of our Mission, is stationed there. Whilst I stayed with him in Muttra I saw a good deal of the baser forms of Ilindn idolatry. It is a 'sacred' city, and is full of temples and monkeys (which are sacred tos). I went with Mr. McIntosh to the preaching services in the bazaars. He drew large and attentive, but very argamentative, audiences there.
"Recently I was at a place called Kasgang (pronounced Kasgŭnj). I took English services in the Railway Institute, and attended the native services as well (both in their chapel and in the bazaar). A very encouraging work is groing on there under the American Methodist Mission.
"I am now on an evangelistic tour in the district with Mr. Palgrave lhavy. We are on our may bome, and are just now encamped about seven wiles south of Agra.
"The work in the villages is very, very intereating. The perple everywhere welcome us very heartily, aurl crowd around and listen any length of fimes to the preaching. So far as I can judge there is very little real idol worship, though the form of it remains. They say they believe in our fiod-He is their (iod-and Jesus Christ is a great teacher. They are willing enough to class Him with 'Ram Chander,' and other of their deities, but when we deolare, 'There is none other name under heaven,' \&e!, they dissent loudly. We mast wait, and work, and pray ; a great change is going on in the religions notions of the people; but we cannot expest an grand and so ancient a asgstem as Hinduism to melt before us in a moment. I only pray that I may see the glo:ious awakening that in coming, ere long, if God will.

## "Tha District.

"During the past week we have visited two or three villages every day. I will try to sketch a rongh map of the district to show you the ground we have been over.

" We left Agra in an 'ekka,' a one-horse affair of peculiar construction It has no springe, and when it turns a corner you need to hold on with all your teeth or you would most likely spin of at a tangent; and when the road is very rough, as it is pretty often, you are reminded racher forcibly of switchback railways, only you bave to imagiue them miles long, with diminished speed certainly, but with joltiugs magnified and multiplied; lut then yon know nothing of switchbacks in Buaruemouth.

Our tents. de.. hail been aent on in a bollock-wngon, and when we reached Dugnir. wi fon: in the enmp fived, mander a giove of trees, in this wise:-

"The next morning we left in a bullock-cart for Shumshabad. We had a meeting in the market; it lasted about three hours-Mr. Davy and our native brotbren preaching. We were joined there by Răti Ritm, a wellknown native crangelist connected with our Mission; he is a convert of the noted Hari Râm, who did a grand mork in the North-West, and entered into his rest only last jear.
"Wednesday morning-leaving Mr. Davy in camp-I took the natire prachers, Devi and Behari, and visited Kirnahar and Navada. I mas too full to keep quiet long. It is hard when one's heart is full to feel that one's lips are scaled. So in the first rillage, Kirnahar-after we had sung some native hymns and the two preachers had spoken-I made my maiden speech. It was ridiculoup, of course, to think of trying to speak after only a few monthe at the language, but with a little prompting from the 1 reachers, and a few very necessary explanations from them to the andience, I got through ; and they didn't seem to see the absurdity of it, as I did; a little bit, bat jast muttered encoaragingly at the end of every sentence, - Bahut a Scha' (Very cood) and 'Samághte' (We anderstand). At the next village, Newada, I repeated my 'speech' to a big crowd. Ther are the most considerate listeners imaginable. The English of my first address is, 'I have been only three months in Agra, so I am not able 10 speak in Hindu. I came to Hindustan because I loved Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Our God is the great God-the King of kings. Jesus Christ loves you. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," and so I have come to you.' I wrote this in Hinda just before we started from the camp, and got it up in the ghari (wagon) on the way.
"On Thursday we took the canal road and visited Banghuri and Uncha. We hiud a big crowd at Banyluri, but only twenty or thirty at Uncka, alchongh it is a much bigger place.
" We etrucls our tents at about $8.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. We packed everything on
to a bullock-wagon, and ourselves on top of that, and followed the oanal road, going due west.

> " Vidianem Work.
"We did about two miles an hour, and reached our new camping-ground, near Rohta, about 3 p.m. We took one village on the way-Bajhhra. Wo, spent two hours very happily there, finding the people very kind and attentive.

"Next morning I was sorry to find our evangelist, Behari, down with fever. It was very slight, however. I gave him a couple of grains of aconite and some quinine. Mr. Davy, and our other man, Dévi, and I then mounted the wagon, and went off to some villages on the west of the Gwalior road-Jakhanda, Bamrauli, and Nenanajat. The people in these villages were especially nice, and welcomed us very cordially, especially at Nenanajat. It is a rich agricultural district, and the people seem to be very content and well-to-do.
"Sunday, Mr. Davy stayed in camp; and I, accompanied by Déri and Behari, took the district to the north-east of our camp. We first went to Semari. The people there would have very little to do with us. They said we wanted to make Christians of them, and they did not want to hear about our Jesus. We had a short meeting there, howeverabout half-an-hour-and a few of the villagers listened. We then went over to Khera, only a mile or so distant, and were received very differently. The people turned out en masse, and seemed delighted. After Behari and Dévi had spoken, they simply clamoured for the 'sahib' to address them. I assured them that I could not speak at all-or tried to-but they would not have it. They said, 'But you are speaking,' and 'You siny.' 'Speak a little'-Tori-tori ! (Just a little). So I stood up and spoke to them
as least I could. They listened very attentively and courteously. Then I gave a ary of the (iovicul of lake to an educated Brahman who was present, and hep put me through a Hindu lesson on the spot. He read a bit first, and thell $]$ had to read it-the people thronging around the while, amused and delighted immensely. of coasse. We went on to Parhgaim, but our meeting there was stopped by a thunderstorm. We went into a native house for whiltar. Returning throngh Rohta, a crowd of twenty or thirty men ran hehind our 'ghari' through the village, calling on us to stop and sing and spark to them. We were a bit wet though-and hungry too-so we told them we would 'come this evening.' We went about 5 p.m. and had a splendid meeting, promising to visit them again in the morning.
"Monday morning, 8 a.m., saw us in Rohta again, and after the meeting the people followed us out of the village, calling after us, 'Come again, soon.' We left the camp at about eleven o'clock for Agra in an 'ekka,'

visiting three or four more villages on the roudside, and getting into Agra about 8 p.m. We were very sorry to have to come in at all; but we have a conference in Delhi this week, so there was no belp for it.
"I have not given my 'impressions.' I leave sou to gather them. I have tried to give you a plain, rough outline of my first tour. We visited about twenty villages; more than a thousand people heard the Gospel preached, and, as a rule, they heard it gladly, and with evident interest. It has given me an idea of the glorious possibilities of the work, and has set my heart on fire with a new missionary zeal. I long more than ever to master the langaage. I value your prayers, oh, so much! Pray for me continually, and for my future in India.

> " I am, my dear friends, ever lovingly yours,
> "Your messenger and fellow-labourer,
> "N.W.P." " Fred. W. HaLe.
" Agra, N.W.P."

## MISSIONARY TRAINING.

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 Bristola Corifefee biy the Rev. Stephen S. Thomas, Primipipal af tha Dellai Native Christian Training Ins'itution.

ASTLY, I wish to say a little about the onllagn training for a missionary. Some people think he should have none at all; but this opinion often gons with the further one that you have but to halve the missionary's pay in order to double bis spiritual power. I need say nothing sbout this. Ther proposal that comes next to it, however, is far mora dangerous, inasmuch as it commends itself to so many minds-viz., that the missionary need have but a very limited training indeed. In speaking for India, I would maintain that no contention is morn mischievons or shows so muoh ignorance of the real conditions of work. The greatest problems in philosophy and theology are freely propounded in the Indian bazaar by minds that are certainly keen if not deep. The educated youths, proud of their new attainments, seize every opportunity of displaying them. It is the fashion amongst Indian students, as it was amongst English ones in my time, to have doubts. No matter where they come from, or how they come; they are none the worse for being stolen, which they generally are in India, and often are in England. The great thing is to lave them, but the greatest of áll is to uir them. For many of these a sharp pin-prick is all that is needed; the disease inmediately yields when treated as simple inflation.

But serious men also come asking, "What is Spirit?" "What is Personality :"
"How can the doctrine of the Trinity be rational or true?" "Granting Christ was God, how could He become man?" "What is evil, and whence?" Questions, too, will be asked on various incidents in the Old and New Testaments, and chapter and verse will be quoted. Now, you will see that these questions, some of which are pretty sure to crop up almost $\in$ very time you preach, demand serious treatment from the missionary, who ought to know their literature, which, of course, is immense. Here is work, therefore, that must be done in college. Then a knowledge of both Greek and Hebrew is certainly needed. I could weep over my own shortcomings as I write it. The native thinks it very shocking and illiterate for a missionary not to know the original tongues of his sacred books. To Apologetics the missionary student cannot give too large a place. He needs them alike in the bazaar and in his meetings for native Christians. Comparative Religion also should, of course, have his attention, though probably experience of the practical working of the various religions with which he will come in contact will considerably modify and adjust any theories he may get from books. But, above all, and before all and for all work he must be able to interpret the Book-in other words, he must give his whole being to Exegesis. Here let me express my sincere conviction that if there be one thing more than another for which Dr. Culross's students will have to thank him, it will be for his insistence, not on getting ucat, clever heads to a diecourse, but
(a) the necrasity for anund exegelical treatment. I hope and believe that he has anved maty a man hy auch torching from wallowing in the mire of current homiletic literature; or, to ehange the metaphor, from the folly of dragging a akeletom inte the pulpit without skin enough to cover its unlotely bones.

It will he olear from what 1 have anid that, in my judgment, every departmont of study in the college course will be fonnd to be, not sinply useful, hut jositively necessary for the mismionary student, and, further, that not by one liny should the term of atudy be sbortened. The short and rapid manufacture of miskionaties, which menm to find favour in mome quarters, is due to an overzealous ignorance.

When the college couran in enmpleted I would like to see avery missionary student sent to a spacial miskionary class, in which the leading vernaoulars whould be taught, and n course of miseionary reading be prescribed. This olass should include all the missionary students of all our colleges, and if possible all the L.M.S. man as woll. The language oourse should cover the subjects prescribed for the first year's examination, which should be taken in England. The candidate would then land in India with some knowledge of the language, and would be saved one of the most trying jears the missionary has to pass through ; whilst the Society bofore inourring the expensedf sending a man out would have some guarantee that he has the ability to acquire the language.

May I say in closing that those of you who have a genuine interest in misaion work-and I know these are many such bere-might do much to choer your brethren abroad, relieve their laneliness, and stimulate their zeal by an occesional letter of fraternal love and aympathy.

Lot me say, finally, that the misaion-field calls, and loudly calls, for the ablest and best of our ministers, and this has heen said often anough for it to be acted on now. But with the demasd for gifls there is an imperative demand that every, gift shall le anlemily consecrated, and every life be steeped in the Spirit of Christ. Gind lielp our profesours here to aid aml develop this holy resutt !

## A CHINESE FAMILY OF THE MANDARIN CLASS.



HREE generations of them. The grandfather sits in the cencre, bolding a long pipe. Near him are his grandchildren. Children, as a rale, are much petted in China. The son, standing behind the father, came to me one day, and asked if I knew the great $\mathrm{K} \hat{e}-\mathrm{la}-\mathrm{te}$-atê-ui. I found he lad been reading something aboat Mr. Gladstone, The Chinese are very neat about the feet and ankles. This is a sign of good-breeding in men, as small feet are of beanty in the women. The grandfather alone has any hair on bis face. The eustom is that no one is supposed to grow any wonstiache until he is forty.

Evan Morgan.
Shansi, North Clina.


# MACEDONIA'S MAN. 

Acts xiv. 9.



HO was that man angust of Macedon
Whore cry chords olent with love's supreme command,He with the halo heralding the dawn, Lone patron-raint of every pagan land $p$
Only a dream-child in sore travail born
Of that great soul to which he firat did speak
(Tberefore in purpose nigh as great as he),
Or, true knight-errant of our Europe's need,
In fuitli's fair prow ors basting help to seek
Towards the eunrise, o'or the shimmering sea!
1 know not, but to me the Man who pleads
For all men in the Man who died for mo, And Macedonia, where I'd haste to be, If where that Man the most my servioe needs.

## WORK ON THE LOWER CONGO RIYER.



Y the kindness of the Rev. W. Bentley, of Clapton, we are able to print the following letter from his son, the Rev. W. Holman Bentley, dated "Wathen Station, August last ":-
"Retidion of tie Congo Grammar.
"I am still very busy getting off the Appendix to the Congo Grammar and Syntax, which you know has still been dragging behind. It has taken me longer than I expected, but I never thought that I should be able to clear thinge up as I have. I an very happy about it, but it las taken much work and puzzling out. It is now all finiehed, and I hope to get it off by the mid-monthly Portugese mail. It clears up all the difficulties that I know of up to the present, and will help me about many little things which perplexed me when triuslating the New Testament; so it will help me much in working at the Old Testument. The prefence or ab-
sence of the article was very hard to understand, but some forty-three rules clear it all up. I have not shirked anything, and all has now taken shape. $\mathbf{A B}_{\mathrm{s}}$ soon as it is finished I must go off on my Southern itineration; it will take me nearly a month yet.
"I was out from Saturday to Monday on three out of the five Sundays in July. One Sunday followed too closely on a fever, and the other was Communion Sunday. Next Sunday is also Communion Sunday. I am going to sleep at a town an hour and a half away, so as to be home by noon, as it is my turn to conduct.
" The donkey which I bought from Mr. Gordon has turned out a first-rate investment. Although I bought him just as the dry season had commenced,
still with careful tending and soma maize every day ho has marle gond progrese, and is in far hettor trim than when I bought him. IIe is a grent. help to me, for this is a very trying country to work in, when erery mile has to be done on forit.

## " Work Afieli.

"The last tivo Sundrys have been good examples of what may be done. On the Sunday before Jast I was sleeping at Kumbi, in the house which appeared in the Herald some little time ago, with our itineration caravnn resting before it. The town is nine miles from here. I was up early, for even if I had been lazy that morning, I had an extra inducement to stir. The driver ants had come to the house during the night, not in great numbers, and had troubled the boys rather; but at dawn reinforcements arrived, so I found that when I emerged from my mosquito net; that unnecessary delay was not advisable. By halfpast eight I had finished my breakfast, and a service with the people of the town, the donkey was saddled, aud I went away over a ridge for half an hour to a town, Zonzo. This was my first visit since my return. The people were hearty, and came together, and I had a nice talk with them; they listened very attentively. After the service I heard that a chief who had always been friendly and hospitable was sick, so I determined to go and see him. His town was not much more than half an hour away. I asked one of our old scholars who lives in the town to come a little way with me, so that I could get a little talk with him. On the way I asked him whether he could not start a school in his town. He has promised me to do so when he returns from the Lower River, whither
he starts torday: on his raturn her will come and firtcil the menenespry bonks. We are prushine for that with our old achoolars. Four such whorls have alroaly bemi whateal recently. beside aur two outposts; r:, wh thit will be a fifth. One has atrmady horen started at Tungwi Mukuta. [ am very anxious to get there ruick!y mul set it properly on foot. We have 11: boys in our school here too. Where [ reached Diamànama's town I found that he had just started for Wathen to be treated by Dr. Webb, so I went. into another part of the town five. minutes away, and found people there, and had another talk with them. Then I returned home, reaching there at two o'clock, a bit hangry, but not tired. I found my dinner ready, so I could sit down to it at once. The donkey had some food a!so, and in three quarters of an hour he was once more saddled, and I started in another direction. I had heard that Mvivala, who was Mr. Whitley's personal boy, had died while I was in England, so I wished first to go to his town to hear what I could about him. His mother was dead also, but his old aunt, his wife, and sister were there, and told we how it came about; neglected c slds had carried them off.
"These people have not the laintest notion as to the cause of sickness; draughts, chills and cold are only thought of as unpleasant, but in no way as serious. They are much amused if you suggest that a chill has caused a sickness, it is quite a droll idea to them.

## "a Native Chef.

"LastSunday I went to is townc: cilled Nsundi, four or five miles to the east of Kumbi, and had a good talk on Saturday night. The chief is an im-
jortand man in the eountry, ] had heen themennly one before; it is just wrer the boundary in Dr. Webb's distriet. Which used to be that of Percy Comber. The hrother of the ohief hise heen on the station for some weekn undor the doctor's treatment. He had leen very ill, and junt before he came to the doctor there had beon a long unconвciounnos. The people thought that he was dead; so after a while they washed him and laid him out, and then wrapjed him in his shroud; choth and strings of beads were wrapped round him. A little later the body begen to move and struggle; they very quickly unswathed him, and now the man is here nearly well. They had heard that I had been at Kumbi, and begged that I would go and visit them, and as the doctor had only just returned from a long absence, he could not go, so I went. They received me kindly, and I had a talk in the evening. Next morning there was some coufusion, as a caravan from the town was starting for the Lower River. I could not therefore get the people together; so I went off for an hour and a half to some towns to the south of Kumbi. At the farthest town I had a very interesting gathering. The chief is a man for whom I have a good regard. Some years ago, when he sent one of his younger brothers to school with us, he told him to take in carefully the teaching about God, for he believed that it wes good, and then to teach him. The younger brother is living in another tuwn now. I alwayshad a liking for the chief I have meutioned, and shall not be halply until he, too, has faith in Christ.

> " Wayblee Work.
"At the first town on returning,
there were a lot of noisy young fellows Who had just commenced to drink a pot of palm wine. They wanted me to join them. I declined, of courme, and they wanted to know what I would do then. 'Get off your donkey and tell us about Jemus, about whom you talk at your station.' So I got off my donkey, and talred to them rbout Jesus. After half an hour I started once more, and after twonty minutes had another talk in Kiwembo, reaching Nsundi at 3.45. After dinner the people came together, and I had an earnest talk with them. A pleasant ride home next day by eleven o'clock, and ready for work in the afternoon.
"The seoond Sunday in the month I spent at one of our outpost stations, Tungwe; but I must not write mere now about that.
"I am now beginning to see the advantage of many tiring tramps about the country, which at the time seemed to be of little use. Now I go into these towns, and instead of wy white face getting all the attention, or the arrangements for my meals, or the general strangeness of having a white man about, I am nolonger a stranger, and can win their attention for the great message that I come to bring; and what is more, they have heard so muah that thay are ready to interest themselves in more. Altogether I am very hopeful of what I see, and only wish that we had a large staff of native evangelists to send about in the district. We shall reap in due season if we faint not.
"With this I must conclude,

"Your affectionste Bon,

"W. Holman Bentley."

## TIDINGS FROM ITALY.

HE Rev. J. Campbell Wall writes from Rome:-

"My hear Mr. Bayneg, - Of tho scenos win nessed this summer, one was to me most interesting. I was paying a short visit, to Assisi - that charming old city whose every street reealls the life and times of Francis-and I had been muoh impressed by reading the biography of its famous monk, lately published by Prof. Sabatier. It seemod to me that the simplicity and spiritual insight of St. Franeis might have sorved the Gospel better than ever they could the Church of Rowe, and I rejoiced to hear that three men who had lately been converted in kis beloved city, through the testimony of our brother Ambrosimi, were about to confess their faith in baptism, and form a Christian cburch in that place.
" Assisi can boast of but little water daring the summer months, which made baptisms impossible until a thunderstorm had filled some of the pits in the torrent-bed which winds round Mount Subasio. We were obliged to mount a cart with some chairs on it, and our Jehu, who was a rough country woman, contrived to cover the distance in less than two hours.
"The baptisms took place under the blue vault of heaven, and the solemn stillness of that desert place seemed to make the personal confession ring out both loud and clear. That 'I believe' was given with all the earnestness of faith and with the cortainty of hatred and persecution about to
teat it in the furnne whenever it should become koown. Prolathy the scene we witnessed was as similar ns possible to what took place in the primitive Church of the Catacomis.
"The same evening I held a strvice in the town. All who attended proved willing hearers of the Word, and, acsording to my latest information, four more are waiting to be baptized in Assisi. I trust this infant charch may not be forgotten in your prayers, and that God's blessing will multiply the seed sown in that place.
"Yoa will be glad to hear that a Y.M.C.A. is about to be started in Rome. It will embrace members from nearly all the Evangelical churches, and will seek to influence all young men in the c.ty. Perbaps from this common effort and united activity there may spring a spirit of Christian unity among the various churches in this city, and a powerful testimony to the Gorpel among this people, who are taught by the priests to regard us as split up into endless sects and schisms.
"The work in Vis Urbana continues to be encouraging. We have many disappointments to bear and difficulties to overcome, but greater is He that is for us than all that are against us. My dear wife is beconing more and more proficient in Italian, and has proved herseli useful to many.
"I remain,
"Ever yours faithfully, "J. C. W.lle.

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# EXTRACTS FROM PROCEEDIMGS OF COMMITTEE. 



T the last meeting of the General Committee, on Tuerday, November 26th, the Treasurer, W. R. Rickett, Eisq., in the Chnir, after reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Mr. J. J. Gurney, of Newcartle-on-Tyne,

The Minutis of the lat meeting were read and confirmed.
The Rev. D. J. Bart, of Jamaios, was invited to prenide at the New Year'b Day Prayer Meeting to he held in the Library of the Mission House.

Mr. Vincent Thomas, B.A, M.B, of the Edinburgh Univeralty (son of the Rev. Joseph W. Thomes, Baperintendent of the Baptist Mission Press, Calcutta; was cordially acoepted for mission work in India, and dosignated fo" the Kharrar and Kalka district, in association with Mr. Geo. Anstie Smith.

Mr. Thomes met the Committee, and was warmly welcomed by the Treasurer.

Mr. W. H. White, of the Oongo Mission, also met the Cominittee, and the report of Dr. Biss, authorising his return to Africa, having been read and deemed satisfactory, his resamption of work on the Congo was approved, and the Treasurer, in the name of the Committee, took leave of Mr. White.

Special Prayer was then offored by the Revs. Benwell Bird, of Plymouth, and the Rev. Richard Glover, D.D., of Bristol.

The Finance Committee presented a report on the Receipts and Expenditure of the Bociety to the 31st of October, showing a small increase in the Receipts for 1894 as compared with 1893 . It was resolved to again call special and urgent attention to the grave financial pcsition of the Society in the next issuc of the Missionary Herald.

The General Secretary reported upon his nechnt visit to Brussels, in connection with recent Government transit regulations on the Congo, and his specinl audience with His Majesty the King of the Belgians, His Majesty graciously promising to have the matters in question at once inquired into.

The China Committes reported that they had received recent letters from missionaries of the Society in Shanghai, Shanni, Shensi, and Shantung, from which they gathered that the brethren considered there was no cause for any special anxiety with regard to their safety in consequence of the war with Japan.

The Rev. Timothy Richard wrote reporting that be anticipated reaching England on furlough in February or March next with Mre. Richard and family.

The return to the Cosgo in January next of Mr. Ross Phillips and Mrs. Graham was apploved, Dr. Biss certifying to their physical fitness to re-ume work and residence ia Africi.

The cordial thanks of the Oommittee wern givon tos. B. Burton, Fieq. of Newenstle-upon-Tyne, for his practical and angдeative report in thin Calabar College builrlings. Kingston, Jimaien, mill it wis further rasolvad to send copies of Mr. Burton's report to will the members of the (\%, llager Execntive Committen in Jambica.

The Bev. I. J. Jones, Pastor of the Baptist charch at Dinapore, N.W.P., reported that, in consequence of the friling health of himself and his iumily, it would be neoessary for them to leave India in Marsh next, and retura to England. Mr. Jones earnestly nppeals to the Committee to render temporary help to the Dinapore Church on his departure. The Committee resolvod to request the missionaries in Patna nad Bankipore to render such temporary assistance to the church as thay may be able to do, without injury to thair regular vernacular evangolistic laboure.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. T. M. Morris, of Ipswich.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.



HE Committee desire gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following welcome and useful gifts :-

Parcels of artioles of clothing, fancy goods, Scc., from Miss Fennell, Balham, Mrs. Benham, Bloomebury, and a Friend, Edinburgh, for Mrs. Wall, Rome; a parcel of haberdashery from Mr. Yates, Stroud, for Miss Yates and Mrs. Wall, Rome; a parcel from Mrs. Roberts, Edinburgh, for Miss Roberts, Rome; a parcel for the Rev. H. T. Stonelake, Congo River; a quilt from Mrs. J. Bell, Waterhouses, for 'sale' for the benefit of the Congo Nrission; a parcel from Peterboro' for Rev. G. D. Brown, Bopoto, Congo River; a parcel of text cards and boys' clothing from Miss Aikenhead, of Balsall Heath; for the Rev. G. R. Pople, Congo ; a number of work-bags from Mre. Harris, Brighton, for Mrs. Bentley, Wathen, Congo; e box of toys, dolls, \&r:, from the Battersea Chapel Sunday School (York Road), per Mr. A. Newton, for the Ratnapura School, Ceylon; toys, haberdashery, \&o., from the Young People's Missionary Band, Prince's Gate Chapel, Liverpool, per Miss Hawkes, for Mr. Benjamin, native evangelist in Ceylon; eeveral articles (tools, cutlery, \&c,, \&c.) from Mr. J. Clifton Town, of Leeds; a case from the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, and a box of sea shells from Mr. J. J. Smith, J.P., Watford, for the Rev. R. C. Forsyth's Museum, Tsing Chu Fu, N. China; a parcel of cards from the Baptist Tabernacle School, Burton-on-Trent, per Mr. W. J. Smith, for China; a parcel for the Rev. R. Spurgeon, Barisal, India; some papers from Wood Green Baptist Chapel Y.P.S.C.E., for Miss Taylor, India; a parcel of dolls from Miss Charlton, Notting Hill, for Mrs. Teichmann, Pirizpore, India; dolls, cards, Sc., from the Girls' Guild, Walworth Road Chapel, per Miss Nicholls, for Miss Pike, India : a parcel of bags, thimbles, \&c., from Miss Grigg, Devonport, for Mrs. W. Bowen James, of Julpaigori, Bengal ; a parcel from Mrs. Macdiarmid, West Norwood, for Mrs. Jordan, Calcutta; a box of cards from Miss McCutcheon,

Kilmarno.k, for Miar Fletehor, India; some golden text sheeta from Mr. B. Tixen, Shoffimd, for the Rev. R. W. Hay, Dacca, India; a box from Mra. Nivian, Hatrow, for Misa Dyson. Calcutta; a parcel of books froin Mrs. Gpurgeon. Wrat Norwood, for the Rev. W. Catey, Barisal, Bengal; a parcel of molmp-hooka from Mr. A. Simpkin, Smethwick, for Mise Lynne, India; a box of elothing and toys from Mise E. King, Sedeloy, Stroud, for Mrs. Mitchelj, Patna. India: a parcel of work from Mrk. Prien, Wellington, Bom., for Mrs, McIntorh, Agra, India; a parcol of carda from "A Brother and Sister" for Mrs. Carey, Barikal, India : a paroel of carda from Mrs. Ham, Liverpool; and a hamper from J. E. C.. Wisbech, for the Mission. Also, the Committee desiro cordially to thank Joaink Wado, Esq., of Halifax, for a orown folio "Albion" Proxs, one dozen chaser, and all the packing end shipping expenses to the Congo River for San Salvador Station, Congo.

## THE LORD LOYETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.



HE cordial thanks of the Committee are given to the undermontioned friends for most weloome proafs of deep interest in the work of the Society :-"A.B. F.," for two small gold ringa, and a silver spoon, " with the earnest prayer that the graoious Father, for Christ's sake, may accept them for His cause "; " A Blind Child," "who delights in hearing read to her the Misionary Berali,", for a small silver trinket for the Congo Mission; I'j from Mrs. Voulos, "In Memorium," for the Congo Mission; "An Old Sailor," who has seen the good results of mission work in Africa, a silver ring for the Congo Mission; "A Hospital Nure," for a small silver knife for the Indian Mission; and "An Orphan," who "loves the Foreign Missiop, and hopes in God's good time to engage in it," for an old silver coin for the Cbina Mission.

The best thanks of the Committoe are also rendered to the undermentioned donors for most welcome and timely contributions:-Mr. W. R. Rickett, $£ \mathbf{£} \mathbf{2 0 0}$; Sir T. Glen Coats, Bart., $£ 000$; Mr. E. Rawlings, $£ 100$; Reyner Trust, $£ 100$; Mr. W. C. Houghton, 115 ; A Friend, $£ 10$; Misses McIlvain, for Congo, $£ 10$.

## RECEMT INTELLIGENCE.



EPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.-On the 2nd November, in the s.s. Peninisular, the Rev. R. M. and Mrs. McIntosh and their two children left London for Bombay en route for Agra, N.W.P. In the same steamer are voyaging Miss Prideanx, engaged to be married toMr. Norledge, of Jessore, and the Misses Fletcher and Allen, to enter apon Zenana worls at Pulwal.

Missionaries en Route.-Mr. C. E. Wilson, B.A., writing from s.s. Chusan, in the Red Sea, October 30th, says:-"Thus far wo have made a splendid
passage, the best of weather, well-behnvan san, and happy compnnionship, both in our own B.M.S. partyand alao among the other parsengars. partionilayly the C.M.S. party. We arn having aome warm weathor in the Red kun- pary warm—but are all in the best health. We have seen the shanmon sevaral times, owing to one or two delaye she har met with. We arrivall at Gibraltar hafion her. She was atopped in the Channel, and then she broke down in the Sire\% Canal, and had to tie up for several honps; and as we ware jnat hehind, wa had to stop too. She has now gone ahend, however, and withont nny furthey delay, I hope."

The Rev. R. Wright Hay writes from s.s. Pekin, nearing Cibrallar, November 14th, 1894, evening:-"My dear Mr. Baynes,-We oxpect to la able to post at Gibraltar early to-morrow morning, and I am glad of an oppur. tunity to report all well. We bad a very stormy parsage through 'thes Buy,' the roughest weather I have ever experienced; but we wert all mercituliy preserved through it all, and have now had two days of exceptionally tine weather. There are several Indian gentlemen on board. With two of these [ have been glad to be able to get into close and earnest convergation, and one is profoundly grateful ${ }^{4}$ for such opportunities of anticipating the work to which one's heart is eagerly reaching forward."

Hsi-an-Fiu, Shensl.-The Rev. Moir Duncan writes, September, $1 \times 94$ :"We are again undergoing the atrain and anxieties caused by drought. The summer has been exceptionally hot. The thermometer read $10 \cdot t^{\circ}$ in our rooms for many days. The result has been that the autumn crops are withered, and so the whole population must suffer. Famine fever raged very fatally. In some instances whole families were prostrated. Near to us one whole village of individuals died. The pertilence entered our girls' school and necessitated its being closed for a time. I was also prostrated, and, although the attack was alike severe and protracted to the extinction of all hope, $I$ have been mercifully restored to health, but not yet, after three months, to quite my usual vigour. In the absence of Mr. Shorrock I need not say it has been an exceptioually trying time, especially for my brave wife. If the Committee could but see a fractional part of the suffering we have had to leave unalleviated during the past six months they would be moved to find both the man and the means for a systematic medical work. On the other hand, the recent hali-yearly meetings of the church revealed the determination of the members to continue on the lines of aggressive self-support. They appointed five of their number as evangelists for a period of three months-one in Ho -nan province and the other four to radiate out from San Yiian. At the close of the meetings seven were baptized and received into the church. There are other fourteen candidates for baptism, and two applications for the establishing of worship and sehools in new districts. We are delighted to hear of Mr. Morgan's help. He will be able to undertake work at once and so be of immense service; but we eurnestly hope the Committee will not allow his appointment to take away from the urgency of our appeal for a qualified medical missionary, without whom the Mission here will be robbed of half its testimony, usefulness, and mercy."

Tha Oongo Mission. - The Rev. A. W. A. Streuli, pastor of Moss Side Baptist Churel. Mhncbester, writes:-"My inear Mr. Baynes,-I thought you might perhaps like to know that at the annual meetings of the Mancheater Auxiliary of the Baptist Mismionary Society, a brass tablet was unveiled to the memory of our friming, Samuel Silvey and Cabie Cameron. The tablet has been erected by our chureh as a token of apecial regard. I give a aketch of the wording. A very large number of friends gathered for the ceremony, which was most impressive, and we have nlready two new candidates promised for the missionfield. One of them is the brother of Mr. Hale, who has just gone to India from Bristol Colloge.

## "TIE INSCRITTION.

" This Tablet is erected in loving memory of the Rev. Bamuel Bilvey and Mrn. Cassie Cameron (né, Silvey), both former scholars and teachers in this Sunday-school, who laid down their lives, for Christ's sake, on the Congo, April 24th, 1889, and March Rth, 1893.
"' Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.' "

Arthington Btation. Stanley Pool.-Mr. H. J. Stonelake writes, under date of September 26th :--"We had a most happy and prosperous journey up country. Even at Lukunga, where we felt oertain we would be delayed at least a few days, we were most providentially cnabled, by reducing the number of our loads, to get in and out again in less than six hours. We spent a very refreshing Suaday at Wathon, and, proceeding the next morning, reached Kinchassa in good health on the morning of the fourteanth day from setting out. The Prace was here, so Mr. Field hes now gone on to Bolobo. Mr. and Mrs. Roger welcomed me very cordially, and I am hoping to get into harness without further delay. At the various mission stations on the route I was greatly inspired by what the missionaries are doing, and though $I$ was often tempted to be jealous of their ability, I trust it was with a godly jealousy. Thus far I huve enjoyed very good health, and am hopeful, if it is continued to me, of doing something, too, towards delivering this people from their spiritual destitution."

[^2]and tunes are very popular; the boys and gith semm ntwey tirel witheirs
 can read are groatly prized, carried about with them, and mad on all aresions: they become a source of light to others. Some who will not came the w.rin... will sit and listen to a boy reading a chaptor of Bible storipy. Wr hawn vey bright hopes of some of our senior luds, for some have sbown a muked changer for the better, and we think the change in wrought of foot. They bave aigerly desired to be baptized, but profiting by the sadly bought experionce wi sont neighbouring stations of sister missions, we have put them off for a few mouth:; in the meantime we shall teach them privately in some of the great elementary truths of our faith. May God givo us grace and wisdorn to build with living stones now a spiritual temple in which He wilk delight to dwell! Buidetise carefully now will save us many a tear and many a heartache liy and by. W.. are all enjoying splendid health."

Bopoto, Upper Congo.-Mr. William L. Furfuitt writes frcm Bopoto, under date of September 10th :-" You will be glad to learn that our health continucs very good. Mrs. Forfeitt has had no fever for more than six months, and [ none since my return. Mr. Brown has been with us now akout a furtnight, and he says he has been much better in hcalth than when out before. Me seems to be very well now, I am thankful to say, and trust that this place, with its advantages of fresh food, will suit him."

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