THE MISSIONARY HERALD, APRIL 1, 1895.



THE MISSIONARY HERALD

OF THE

Baptist Missionary Society.

AN IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION.



VERY important communication has just been forwarded to the pastors of our churches. We have received several letters of inquiry as to the steps proposed to be taken with a view to the removal of the debt of last year and the prevention of a further debt at the close of the present

financial year, ending nominally on the 31st of March. Reports have reached us bearing testimony to the earnestness with which, at the suggestion of the Committee, special prayer has been offered throughout the churches on behalf of the needs of the Mission. These reports encourage the belief that there are very many friends who are now waiting for an opportunity to present at this time of urgency their free-will offerings to the Lord.

We respectfully and fervently commend the course suggested to the sympathy of the churches.

The following is the communication referred to:-

"BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, "March 26th, 1895.

"Dear Friend,—We recently forwarded you a resolution of the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society suggesting that, in view of the serious crisis existing in the finances of the Mission, Sunday, February 24th, should be observed as a day for special prayer. The Committee have been much encouraged by the hearty and widespread response to their suggestion, churches all over the United Kingdom, with one heart and mind, joining in the concert of prayer.

"Finding a feeling extensively prevalent that it would be appropriate and right to afford those who have thus united in prayer an opportunity to lay

their gifts upon God's altar, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to by the Committee at its meeting held last Tuesday, the 19th inst.:—

- "'That the Committee, recognising that concert in prayer prepares the way for and should be followed by concerted action, venture to make to their brethren, the pastors, and officers of Baptist churches in the United Kingdom the following suggestions:—
- "'That as any effective plan must meet the entire present financial difficulty of the Society—that is, extinguish the debt of £14,183 8s. 10d. of last year, and prevent the creation of a nearly similar debt on the operations of the current year—they intimate:—
 - ""(a) That in regard to the extinction of last year's debt they are prepared to move, at the Annual Members' Meeting in April, a resolution sanctioning the withdrawal of the unpledged surplus, contributed to the Centenary Fund for this purpose, in the confident hope that the churches, on their part, will, by generous gifts, prevent the recurrence of debt at the end of this financial year, which will be reached in the course of a few days.
 - ""(b) And for this most desirable object they respectfully and earnestly urge that on some early date in April, before the Spring Meetings of the Society, the pastors of our churches should sit in their vestries, or elsewhere, as may be most convenient, to afford a special opportunity to members of their congregations to make free-will offerings, for the purpose of preventing a deficit on the current year; these offerings to be promptly remitted to the Mission House some time before the date of the Annual Meetings, which begin with the Introductory Prayer Meeting on Thursday, the 18th of April.
 - "'(c) And, further, that an appeal be made to the young men and women in our Churches to meet and confer together as to what part they can take in promoting the double object of freeing the Society from debt, and also of increasing its regular income.'
- "We most earnestly trust you will be willing to comply with this proposal. We think the method by which it is thus hoped to meet the deficit remaining, after the application of the unappropriated surplus of the Centenary Fund, since it does not involve any special Sunday collection, or personal canvassing for subscriptions, will commend itself to your judgment. We ask you, therefore, kindly to arrange a given day when you yourself will meet in the way suggested those friends, who being desirous to come to 'the help of the Lord' at such a time may present their offerings.
- "Feeling assured you will sympathise with us in the desire to begin the New Missionary Year quite free from an embarrassing debt, and believing this desirable end can be attained if all our pastors of churches will heartily cooperate with us,
 - "We are, Yours in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
 - "WM. R. RICKETT, Treasurer.
 - "ALFRED HENRY BAYNES, General Secretary.
 - "JOHN BROWN MYERS, Association Secretary."

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, 1895.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 18TH.
INTRODUCTORY PRAYER MEETING,

MISSION HOUSE, FURNIVAL STREET, HOLBORN.

Rev. W. Landels, D.D., of Edinburgh, will preside and deliver an Address. Service to commence at Half-past Ten o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 18TH.

THE ZENANA MISSION IN INDIA AND CHINA
ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING,

MISSION HOUSE, FURNIVAL STREET, HOLBORN, At Half-past Twelve o'clock,

The President, Mrs. W. R. RICKETT, in the Chair.

Business: To approve the Constitution; receive the Balance-Sheet and Report; and elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

Note.—All Annual Subscribers of 53. and upwards, Donors of £5, and Pastors of Churches making Collections during the current year for the Mission, are, as Members, entitled to attend and vote.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 19TH.
YOUNG MEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held in the

LIBRARY OF THE MISSION HOUSE, 19, FURNIVAL STREET.

H. M. BOMPAS, Esq., Q.C., Recorder of Plymouth, President, will take the Chair at Seven o'clock.

Speakers: Mrs. WILLIAMSON, of Barisal; Revs. W. W. HOULDSWORTH, of Mysore (W.M.S.); PHILLIP DAVIES, B.A., of Congo.

Ladies specially invited.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st.

ANNUAL SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHAPELS OF THE METROPOLIS.

For particulars see following pages.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY. ANNUAL SERVICES.

The usual Annual Sermons in the Chapels of the Metropolis will be preached as follows:—

Places.	Morning.	EVENING.
Acton, Church Road	Rev. L. G. Carter	Rev. L. G. Carter.
Addlestone	Collections	April 14th.
Alperton	Collections	later.
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D	Collections	later.
TO 4 3.7	Rev. J. J. Fuller	Rev. R. F. Handford
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D 11 - 1	Rev. G. Short, B.A.	Rev. G. Short, B.A.
T 1 1	Collections	April 28th.
	Rev. G. Charlesworth	Rev. G. Charlesworth
Bermondsey, Drummond Ro		Rev. H. Hardin.
Bethnal Green Road	Rev. W. H. Smith	Rev. W. H. Smith.
Bexley Heath	Rev. G. K. Smith	Rev. G. K. Smith.
Blackheath, Shooter's Hill B		Rev. W. A. Wills.[M.A.
Bloomsbury	Rev. R. D. Darby	Rev. J.G. Greenhough
,, Meard Street	Collections	April 7th. B.
Borough Road	Rev. W. Hill	Rev. W. V. Robinson
Bow, East London Tabernac	le Rev. A. G. Brown	Rev. A. G. Brown.
High Street	Rev. Levi Palmer	Rev. Levi Palmer.
TO	Rev. Colin Chrystal	Rev. Colin Chrystal.
TO 1 4 CI CII	Collections	April 14th.
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Writing Road	Rev. J. P. Williams	Rev. J. P. Williams.
Brixton Hill, New Park Ro		Rev. A. M. Nickalls.
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	Rev. W.E. Blomneld,	Rev. H. Knee.
Camberwell, Cottage Green	Rev. H. F. Gower	
,, Denmark Place		Rev. W. Ross.
,, Gate, Arthur 8		Rev. W. Emery.
	Rev. C. Joseph	Rev. J. Bailey, B.A.
	Collections	April 28th.
	Rev. D. Taylor	Rev. D. Taylor.
Chalk Farm	Čollections	later.
Chelsea	Rev. W. H. J. Page	Rev. W. H. J. Page.
Child's Hill	Collections	later.
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	Rev. J. T. Forbes, M.A.	Rev. D. Jones.
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Deptford, Octavius Street	Rev. W. Ross M.B.	
	Rev. J. R. Watson,	Rev. W. H. Harris.
T 11 T	Rev. R. Glover, D.D.	Rev. W. Landels, D.D.
Ealing Dean	Collections	April 28th.

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Places.	Morning.	Evening.
Edmonton, Lower	Collections	later.
Enfield Tabernacle	Collections	in December.
Enfield Highway	Rev. G. H. Kilby.	Rev. G. H. Kilby.
Esher	Collections	later.
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Finchley, North	Rev.D.P.McPherson,	Rev. D. P. McPherson.
Finsbury, Eldon Street	Rev. H. C. Williams.	Rev. H. C. Williams.
Forest Gate	Rev. R. F. Jeffrey.	Rev. R. F. Jeffrey.
Forest Hill	Rev. J. C. Whitaker.	Rev. J. R. Watson, M.B.
Fulham, Dawes Road	Rev. C. B. Chapman	Col. Griffin.
Goswell Road, Spencer Place	Rev. P. Gast	Rev. P. Gast.
Greenwich, Lewisham Road	Rev. G. F. Owen	Rev. H. V. Hobbs.
Gunnersbury	Collections	later
Hackney, Lauriston Road	Rev. W. T. Adey	Rev. W. T. Adey.
, Mare Street	Rev.J.E.Bennett,B.A.	Rev. J. Thew.
Hammersmith	Collections	later.
Hampstead, Heath Street	Rev. J. G. Green-	Rev. J. G. Pike.
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Hanwell	Collections	later.
Harlesden	Rev. J. D. Rees	Rev. D. J. Hiley.
Harlington	Rev. F. T. Smythe	Rev. F. T. Smythe.
Harrow	Rev. J. McCleery Rev. R. H. Tregillus	Rev. J. McCleery. Rev. J. P. Tetley.
Hawley Road	Rev. T. Hancocks	Rev. J. F. Telley. Rev. T. Hancocks.
Hendon Highbury Hill	Rev. J. Culross, D.D.	Rev. A. E. Scrivener.
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Highgate, Archway Road	MA.	itev. o. 1. Forbes, M.A.
" Southwood Lane	Rev. J. H. Barnard	Rev. J. H. Barnard.
Lood.	Rev. G. Wainwright	Rev. G. Wainwright.
Holborn, John Street	Collections	April 28th.
" Kingsgate Street	Rev. H. Thomas	Rev. J. H. Anderson.
" Little Wild Street	Collections	later.
Holloway, Upper	Rev. J. O. Dykes, D.D.	Rev. J. J. Fuller.
Honor Oak	Rev. R. Lewis	Rev. B. Bird.
Hornsey, Ferme Park Road	Rev. W. Landels, D.D.	Rev. R. Glover, D.D.
Hornsey Rise, Hazelville Road	Rev. H. Edwards	Rev. R. D. Darby.
Hounslow	Rev. J. E. Barnes	Rev. J. E. Barnes.
Ilford	Collections	April 28th.
Islington, Cross Street	Rev. J. Scilley	Rev. E. C. Pike, B.A.
,, Salters' Hall	Rev. H. Knee	Rev. H. F. Gower.
Kilburn	Rev. H. B. Murray	Rev. H. Edwards.
King's Cross, Vernon Square.	Rev. J. T. Mateer	Rev. J. T. Mateer.
Kingston-on-Thames	Rev. R. M. Julian	Rev. R. M. Julian.
Lambeth, Upton Ch	Rev. N. Dobson	Rev. N. Dobson.
Lee, High Road	Rev. Carey Bonner	Rev. W. A. Hobbs, Rev. J. Pugh.
Leyton	Rev. J. Pugh Rev. J. M. Hamilton	
Leytonstone, Cann Hall Road	~ 11 /*	Rev. J. M. Hamilton. in February.
,, Fairlop Road Loughton	Collections	in March.
Marylebone, Church Street	Rev. E. Morley	Rev. J. Tucker.
Tohn Street	Rev. J. C. Carlile	Rev. A. Long.
Oxford Market	Rev. W. Morris	Rev. W. Morris.
Maze Pond, Old Kent Road	Rev. F. Pugh	Rev. F. Pugh.
Newington, Metropolitan Tab.	Rev. T. Spurgeon	Rev. T. Spurgeon.
New Malden	Rev. A. J. Parry	Rev. A. J. Parry.
Norwood, Gipsy Road	Rev. W. H. Harris	Rev. J. C. Whitaker.
South Holmondolo Dd	Rev. W. C. Minifie	Rev. W. C. Minifie.
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PLACES.	Morning.	Evening.
Norwood, Upper , West, Chatsworth Rd. Notting Hill, Ladbroke Grove Nunhead, Edith Road Paddington Westbourne Park Peckham Park Road , Rye Lane , S. London Tabernacle Penge Plaistow, Barking Road Tab. Plumstead, Conduit Road , Park Road , Station Road Poplar and Bromley Tab Poplar, Cotton Street Putney, Union Ch , Werter Road	Rev. R. O. Johns Rev. C. B. Sawday Rev. J. G. Pike Rev. W. A Wills Rev. J.W. Ewing, M.A.	Rev. F. Durbin. Rev. R. O. Johns Rev. C. B. Chapman. Rev. J. H. Atkinson. Rev. W. Townsend. Rev. J. W. Ewing, M.A. later. April 28th. April 14th. later. Rev. J. W. Cole. Rev. T. Henson. Rev. W. K. Chaplin. Rev. C. Stanley. in May. Rev. G. Davies, D.D.
Regent's Park Richmond, Duke Street Romford Shepherd's Bush Tabernacle Shoreditch Tabernacle Southgate, New Stockwell, South Lambeth Rd. Stoke Newington, Devonshire	Rev. E. G. Gange Collections Rev. T. R. Dann Rev. G. A. Webb Rev. J. B. Myers Rev. R. Jones Rev. A. Mursell Collections	Rev. E. G. Gange. later. Rev. T. R. Dann. Rev. G. A Webb. Rev. J. J. Turner. Rev. R. Jones. A. E Fletcher, Esq. later.
Square St. John's Wood, Abbey Rd Stratford, The Grove Streatham Stroud Green Sutton Tooting, Upper Tottenham, High Road West Green Twickenham	Rev. J. P. Tetley Collections Rev. F. Durbin Rev. A. Tilly Collections Rev. H. Oakley [B.A. Rev. W. V. Robinson, Rev. A. Long Collections	Rev. R. H. Tregillus. later. Rev. J. Meredith. Rev. A. Tilly. later. Rev. H. Oakley. Rev. R. Richard. Rev. J. Culross, D.D. later
Upton Cross Chapel Victoria Park, Grove Road Waltham Abbey Walthamstow, Boundary Road ,, Wood Street Walworth Road ,, East Street Wandsworth, East Hill Wandsworth Common, North-	Rev. R. F. Handford Rev. A. W. Welch Rev. W. Murray London Missy. Socy. Rev. R. Richard Collections Rev. D. J. Hiley	Rev. J. D. Rees. Rev. A. W. Welch. Rev. W. Murray. this year. Rev. J. E. Roberts, M.A. April 14th. [B.A., B.D. Rev. W. E. Blomfield,
cote Road Wandsworth Rd., Victoria Ch. Westbourne Grove Westminster, Romney Street Wimbledon Wood Green Woodberry Down Woolwich, Anglesea Road Parson's Hill Queen Street	Rev. W. C. Bryan Rev. G. Davies, D.D. Rev. E. C. Pike, B.A Collections Rev. J.Gyles Williams Rev. W. Baster Rev. D. Jones Collections Rev. J. Rankine Rev. H. V. Hobbs	Rev. J. D. Evans. Rev. W. C. Bryan. Rev. J. Scilley. April 14th. Rev. J. Gyles Williams. Rev. W. Baster. Rev. C. Joseph. April 28th. Rev. J. Rankine. Rev. G. F. Owen.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Special Missionary Services will be held in the various Metropolitan Schools on the Anniversary Afternoon, April 21st, 1895 (except where otherwise stated). Speakers have been appointed to all Schools replying to the Notice in the MISSIONARY HERALD and Young Men's Missionary Journal in time for print, and if those against the black spaces will apply to the Secretary AT ONCE, speakers will, if possible, be sent.

Special Hymn-papers are sent gratis on written application to the

Secretary, Y.M.M.A.

NAME OF SCHOOL.		Speaker.
Abbey Road		Mr. J. Everett.
Acton		Rev. L. G. Carter.
Ann's Place		Mr. F. Tull.
Arthur Street, Camberwell		Mrs. Watson, M.D.
Time'a Cross		mis. Walson, m.D.
Dalham		Mr. F. C. Redford.
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Dark Taharnada	•••	Rev. Carey Bonner.
,, Park Tabernacle	•••	Mr. E. Stannard.
Belle Isle	•••	Collections, April 28th.
Bermondsey, Drummond Road	•••	Rev. W. A. Hobbs
,, Abbey Street	•••	
Bethnal Green Road	•••	Mr. T. O. Ransford.
Blackheath, Shooter's Hill	•••	
Bloomsbury	•••	Rev. R. D. Darby.
Bow, High Street		Rev. Levi Palmer.
Brixton, Wynne Road		Rev. J. P. Williams.
" Gresham Ch		Collections, April 14th
,, Hill		Mr. J. A. Francy.
" Kenyon Ch		Collections later.
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Brooklow		Rev. J. R. Watson.
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	•••	Rev. G. R. Pople.
Borough Road	•••	Mr. J. Maynard.
Camberwell, Cottage Green	•••	Mr. G. H. Judd.
Oceandary Place	•••	R-v. W. Ross.
Camden Road	•••	Mr. S. W. Ennals.
Castle Street (Welsb)	•••	Rev. W. Morris.
Catford Hill		Mr. C. J. Ingle.
Chelses	•••	Rev. W. H. J. Page.
Church Street		Mr. J. Samuel.
Clapham, Grafton Square		Rev. H. Anderson.
Clapton Downs		Rev. J. H. Anderson.
Commercial Road		Collections, April 28th.
Crouch Hill		,
Croydon, West		Mr. F. E. Tucker.
Courth		Rev. W. F. Harris.
Challe Dans	1	Collections later.
Dolaton	•••	Rev. J B. Myers.
Deptford Octobing Street	•••	Mr. G. L. Foreland.
Deptford, Octavius Street	•••	
Devonshire Square	•••	Collections later.
Ealing Dean	•••	Collections, April 28th.
Ealing, Haven Green	•••	Mr. R. R. Clifford.
Edmonton	•••	Collections later.
Enfield	•••	In December.
Esher		Collections later.

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NAME OF SCHOOL.			SPEAKER.
Finchley	•••	•••	
Forest Gate	•••	•••	Rev. R. F. Jeffrey.
Forest Hill	• • •	•••	Rev. J. C. Whitaker.
Ferme Park	•••	•••	Mr. H. Williams.
Goswell Road	•••	•••	Mr. L. A. Mumford.
Greenwich, Lewisham Road	•••	•••	Rev. J. T. Owen.
Hackney, Mare Street	•••	•••	Mrs. Williamson.
Ban pden Ch.	•••	•••	Rev. W. T. Adey.
Haddon Hall	•••	•••	Mr. W. R. Lane.
Hammersmith	•••	•••	Collections later.
Hampstead	•••	•••	Rev. J. G. Pike.
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Highgate ,, Road	•••	•••	Mr. W. W. Parkinson. Rev. R. H. Tregillus.
	•••	•••	Mr. E. T. Kirby
Archway	•••	•••	Mr. E. T. Kirby.
Holborn, Kingsgate Street	•••	•••	Don I I Fuller
Holloway	•••	•••	Rev. J. J. Fuller.
,, (Young Men)	•••	•••	M. D.D.
Honor Oak	•••	•••	Mr. P. Pring.
Ilford	•••	•••	Collections, April 28th.
Islington, Cross Street	•••	•••	Mr. T. Hadwill.
,, Saltera' Hall	•••	•••	Mr. F. L. Newton.
John Street, Redford Row	• • •	•••	Collections, April 28th.
,, Edgware Road	• • •	• • •	Mr. H. L. Staines.
Lambeth, Regent Street	•••	•••	Mr. T. Hosgood.
Lee	•••	•••	
Leytonstone, Cann Hall Ros	d		Rev. J. M. Hamilton.
Maze Pond		••	Rev. F. Pugh.
Meard Street (joins with Blo	omabu		
Metropolitan Tabernacle	•••		Mr. Oliver Millard.
Norwood, Chatsworth Road		•••	Mr. H. H. Hardy.
Girar Dood		•••	Mr. A. Sheffield.
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Notting Hill	•••	•••	1007 20. 01 0 0 11 15
Nunhead	•••	•••	Rev. W. A. Wills.
Peckham Rye	•••	• • •	
_ ,, Park Road	•••	•••	Rev. W. Hill.
Penge	•••	•••	Collections, April 28th.
Poplar, Cotton Street	•••	•••	Rev. C. Stanley.
,, and Bromley Tabern	acle	•••	Mr. J. B. Page.
Regent's Park	•••	• • •	Mr. A. J. Shepheard
Richmond	• • •	•••	Collections later.
Rotherhithe New Road	•••	•••	Mr. T. Harrison.
Shepherd's Bush Tabernacle	•••		Rev. G. A. Webb. Rev. J. B. Myers.
Shoreditch Tabernacle	•••		Rev. J. B. Myers.
South London Tabernacle	•••		Collections later.
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St. T. Lake Towner Street	•••		
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Troton Cross	•••	•••	
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	•••	•••	Mr. A. Law.
Tooting, Upper	•••	•••	
	•••	•••	Mr. W. Hart.
Tottenham, West Green	• • •	••• 1	Rev. A. Long.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SPEAKER.
Upton, Lambeth Road	Mr. J. Blomfield.
Vernon Square	Mr. W. J. Wintersgill.
Victoria Park	Rev. J. J. Turner.
Walthamstow, Wood Street	L.M.S. this year.
,, Boundary Road	,
Walworth Road	Mr. A. Burns.
,, Victory Place	Mr. B. Etherington.
,, East Street	On April 14th.
Wandsworth, East Hill	Mr. H. Bird.
" Bennerley Hall	Mr. H. L. Staines.
", Road, Victoria Road	Mr. A. C. Pensam,
Westbourne Grove	Mr. R. C. Nicoll.
,, Park	Mr. F. H. Richardson.
Westminster	On April 14th.
Woodherry Down	Rev. D. Jones.
Wood Green	Rev. W. Baster.
Woolwich, Parsons Hill	Rev. J. Rankine.
,, Queen's Street	Rev. H. V. Hobbs.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 22ND. BIBLE TRANSLATION SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING IN THE LIBRARY OF THE MISSION HOUSE.

Rev. Joseph Angus, D.D., will take the Chair at Half-past Six o'clock.

Speakers: Revs. J. D. Bate, F.R.A.S., of Allahabad; Gethin Davies,
DD., President of Bangor Baptist College; J. G. Pike, of Orissa;
and E. B. Underhill, Esq., LL.D., Treasurer.

Tuesday Morning, April 23rd.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING,

In the Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn.

Chairman: Joseph Russell, Esq., of Port Glasgow.

Meeting to commence at Half-past Ten o'clock.

Note.—This Meeting is for Members only. All Subscribers of 10s. 6d. and upwards, Donors of £10 and upwards, Pastors of Churches which make an Annual Contribution, or Ministers who collect annually for the Society, are entitled to attend.

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23RD.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY SOIRÉE,

IN THE LARGE HALL, CANNON STREET HOTEL.

Chairman: J. J. Colman, Esq., M.P., of Norwich.

Speakers: Revs. R. D. Darby, of the Congo; Charles Joseph, of Portsmouth; and J. G. Pike, of Orissa.

Tea and Coffee from Half-past Five o'clock.

PUBLIC MEETING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Tickets for Soirée, One Shilling each, to be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn.

Note.—As a large attendance is anticipated, early application for Tickets is requested.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 24TH.

THE ZENANA MISSION IN INDIA AND CHINA.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY BREAKFAST

IN THE KING'S HALL, HOLBORN RESTAURANT, At a Quarter to Nine o'clock.

HOWARD BOWSER, Esq., of Glasgow, will preside.

Speakers: Miss Angus, who will give an account of her recent visit to India, and Miss C. Gurney, also lately returned from India.

The Missionaries elect will be introduced by A. H. BAYNES, Esq. Fickets 2s. 6d. each, to be had of the Secretaries, or at the Mission House.

WEDNESDAY NOON, APRIL 24TH.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON,

IN BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL.

Preacher: Rev. James Stalker, M.A., D.D., of Glasgow. Service to commence at Twelve o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, April 24th.
ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON
TO YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN,

IN REGENT'S PARK CHAPEL.

Preacher: Rev. JOSEPH PARKER, D.D., of the City Temple. Service to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock.

Note.—As a large attendance is anticipated, early application for Tickets is requested.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 25TH.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING IN EXETER HALL.

Chair to be taken at Six o'clock by the Right Hon. the LORD OVERTOUN, of Dumbarton, N.B.

Speakers: Revs. Dr. Berry, of Wolverhampton; Daniel Jones, of Patna City, N.W.P.; and, it is expected, Timothy Richard, of Shanghai.

The London Baptist Choir Union will assist in the Singing. Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn. FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 26TH.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY BREAKFAST CONFERENCE,

LOWER ROOM, EXETER HALL, AT NINE O'CLOCK.

Chairman: W. R. RICKETT, Esq., Treasurer. Introductory Paper by the Rev. C. W. SKEMP, of Bradford, Yorkshire..

Pastors, Deacons, and all Officers of Missionary Associations—Congregational, Sunday School, and Juvenile—are invited to be present.

Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 26TH.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING, (For Sunday School Teachers, Senior Scholars, and Young People.)

IN EXETER HALL.

Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by George Kemp, Esq., of Rochdale. Speakers: Revs. Herbert Anderson, of Calcutta; Philip Davies, B.A., of Wathen, Lower Congo River; and James Stuart, of Watford. The Young People's Contingent of the London Baptist Choir Union will

assist in the Singing.

Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street.

CLOSE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

WITH a view to meet the special needs of certain Country Auxiliaries in which annual missionary services are about to be held the Books will be kept open until

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th.

OUTSTANDING CENTENARY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS.



HERE are still many Centenary Fund contributions that have not been paid in. We respectfully appeal to the kind friends who have not yet redeemed their promises to do so at the earliest convenient date, so that the Fund may be closed and the final account adjusted.

Remittances should be sent to Alfred H. Baynes, and all drafts, post-office orders, and postal orders made payable to his order, crossed Barclay & Co., at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, E.C.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION OF NEW TESTA-MENT TO THE DOWAGER-EMPRESS OF CHINA.

LETTER FROM MRS. TIMOTHY RICHARD, OF SHANGHAI.





EAR MR. BAYNES,—I herewith send you the photograph of the Casket, also a cutting from the North China Herald that has come to hand since I wrote my account for your Herald. By next mail from China I hope to have copies, both in Chinese and English, of the reply through

the Tsung-li Yamên to the British and American Ministers, which my husband characterises as "simply splendid." That, I think, ought to be published, as indicating the change of attitude towards Christianity that will soon result, we should hope, in the effacing from the Chinese "Blue Books" all the terrible accusations regarding the horrible things said to be committed by Christians—foreign and native. If this should result from the humble effort of the Protestant Christian women in China, my husband's hopes will be realised, for his first words on hearing of the proposed presentation were—"That gift will do more to bring about a better understanding with the Chinese Government than a dozen memorials from the missionaries as a body."

Yours very truly,

M. RICHARD.

"EMPRESS-DOWAGER APPRECIATES THE BIRTHDAY TESTAMENT.

" To the Editor of the Shanghai Mercury.

"China Inland Mission, Shanghai, 19th December, 1894.

"DEAR SIR,—I beg to forward for publication the copy of a letter which will be read with interest.

"I am, yours truly,

"J. W. STEVENSON,

"Chairman, Empress-Dowager Presentation Committee."

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"Peking, 11th December, 1894.

"Dear Mr. Muirhead,—I told you in my last letter that the Empress-Dowager had requested to know the names of the subscribers to the birthday gift. Dr. Lowry and I could not supply such a list, so we decided to hand in the names of the Ladies' Committee—viz., Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Fitch, and a selection of twenty ladies from the several Missions who, according to the lists published in the Recorder, stood at the head of the largest number of subscribers. Yesterday, Colonel Denby received from the Tsung-li Yamên a note saying that the Yamên had received from the Empress-Dowager a number of articles for presents to the ladies whose names had been handed in in connection with the Presentation New Testament, and begged Colonel Denby to forward the same to the ladies mentioned: To Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Fitch, each one piece of silk, one piece of satin, two handkerchiefs in case, one set of embroidered requisites (watch-case, fan-case, tobacco-pouch, &c., &c.). For each of the other twenty ladies, one handkerchief in box, one piece of crape.

"The things are in Dr. Lowry's hand, and he will take the earliest opportunity of forwarding the presents to Shanghai, except such as may belong to ladies in the North.

"These presents are valuable as showing the appreciation and kindly feeling of the Empress-Dowager. You will, I am sure, be glad to hear the news, and I hasten to send it.

"Yours sincerely, (Signed) "G. OWEN.

"To the Rev. Dr. Muirhead, Shanghai."

MRS. GLENNIE AND THE REY. J. A. A. FULLER, AT BOLOBO.

(See Frontispiece.)

This is an engraving from a photograph, just sent home from the Congo, of Mrs. Glennie and Mr. Fuller, and their Congo school children, at Bolobo Station, Upper Congo River.

Bible Translation Society: Closing of Accounts.—To meet the convenience of friends the annual accounts will be kept open until Tuesday April 9th, by which date at the latest it is earnestly requested that all contributions may be forwarded to the Secretary, W. Hill, 9, St. Julian's Road, London, N.W.

MISSION WORK IN THE DELHI DISTRICT,



HE Rev. J. J. Hasler, of Delhi, in the following letter, gives some of his first experiences in district evangelistic work:—

"DEAR MR. BAYNES,-I have just had my first experience of a visit into the surrounding district, or rather into that part of it which adjoins the Agra road. In the larger cities of India one sees traces of a sort of Anglicised atmosphere, so to speak, and hence it was very interesting to a new comer like myself to be living for a few days in towns almost wholly unacquainted with modern improvements, themselves the centre of purely native life. I spent most of the time at Palwal, calling in, however, at Faridabád and Ballabgarh en route, and passing on to Hodal for two days' stay there.

"PALWAL.

"Palwal itself is a quaint old place -'a city set upon a hill' - with narrow streets and intricate passages winding up and down. The more respectable houses are built of small bricks; the poorer are simply I accompanied Joshua, mud huts. our evangelist working in that place, in his daily preachings. He utters the Gospel message to high caste and low caste, townsfolk and villagers. At one time we would be standing in the bazaar; at another in some quieter street, or seated in a chamár basti; or, again, wending our way to a neighbouring village. Once he took me into the courtyard of a Hindu temple, and his uttered hope that that place might one day contain a Christian sanctuary led the way to a talk with the attendants and some worshippers there. Another time, when

he was speaking to the chamárs-the leather-workers - he heard of some of them being gathered together in a small out-of-the-way basti for gambling. Just at that time a Hindu festival was being celebrated, which is a noted occasion for indulgence in that vice. So, coming upon the men rather unexpectedly, he got them to stop their play and remain to listen to a Christian hymn, after which he had a plain chat with them, upsetting their arguments, and getting them, and others who had subsequently crowded in to listen, to bow their heads while he offered prayer. Their own consciences seemed to rebuke them for what they had been doing. They made no serious opposition, and, when we were about to proceed elsewhere. asked us first of all to sing another hymn.

"APOSTOLIC EXPERIENCES.

"After having had the experience of meeting such different audiences both at Palwal and at Hodal, and thus coming into contact with all sorts and conditions of men in this land, the records in the Acts of the Apostles, as to the reception the Gospel met with in those early days, seem not only to be specially appropriate to the present, but to be more full of meaning and more suggestive than ever they had appeared to be when read in England. Life in a land like this casts fresh light on those first missionary travels, and on the missionary epistles which follow. I have been unable to speak much

myself. The rustic dialect, and the predominant element of Hindi that is met with away from Delhi, makes me feel more than ever at sea as far as language is concerned; but it has been an education to note how our native brethren address themselves to their fellow-countrymen, and to feel how much has yet to be learnt by a foreign missionary ere the Gospel can be presented with an Indian rather than an English setting and illustrative phraseology.

"On the whole, it would seem as if in Palwal there was no strong general opposition to the Gospel of Christ. In one street two brothers allow Joshua to sit in or by their shop and speak to passers-by. gathering we held was in the courtvard of the house of one of the chief men of the town. I was introduced to a cloth merchant, having a shop in the bazaar, whom Joshua regards as convinced of the truth at heart, but without the courage to break with all his old associations. In a chamár basti one evening, after Joshua had been speaking, some of the boys from our school, who happened to be present, sang very nicely one or two hymns they had learnt. So I trust the Truth as it is in Jesus is working like leaven amidst the various classes in the town. May it go on till the whole is leavened. Perhaps one day there will come more of a general than merely an individual turning to Christ; I mean people believing in numbers rather than in ones and twos.

"HODAL

"At Hodal I happened to meet a Christian villager who had come into that town on business. He is living alone as regards Christian fellowship, and, being unable to read, is debarred from learning more and more of the

Word of God amid his heathen surroundings. He believes in the efficacy of prayer, however. He was telling us that, some time ago, when some soldiers were passing by on march, and obtaining supplies from the country folk, he became very anxious lest they should seize and carry off his bullock-cart. So he made it a matter of prayer, and his face quite glowed as he informed us it was not taken away.

"SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

"I must not omit to mention the Sunday-school work recently set on foot in Palwal. Sunday is largely given up to teaching the children, and at present four schools in different parts of the city are held; not simultaneously, for the number of available conductors of them does not admit of that, but at different times of the day. The first is held in the early morning, just outside the city, in our schoolhouse, and a number of chamár boys and girls from that neighbourhood are brought together to it. They are taught Christian hymns, the Lord's Prayer, and, by means of a catechism, the main facts of Bible history, and of the life and work of Jesus. The second is held in the city. in Joshua's own house and courtyard, and Mohammedan and high-caste Hindu children come to it. Fletcher (of the Zenana Mission) has adopted a very good plan for the advanced class of boys which she takes when she is in Palwal. states the main facts or points of the lesson in three or four short sentences, thoroughly explaining them, and then her scholars proceed to write on paper a summary of the lesson, which is afterward corrected and marked. This practice has still been kept up during Miss Fletcher's absence in

England, the class having been taught by Joshua, and the papers afterwards sent to her.

"I have not touched on the medical or school work at Palwal, nor the work in the other towns, none of which I have seen so fully. I was pleased to find mention made once or twice in chamár basti or village of Mr. Stephen Thomas. The people had not forgotten his preaching among them when he has been camping out in or visiting these parts. Let me, in conclusion, ask the churches at home to remember frequently at the Throne of Grace our native brethren working in these different towns and country

places. They are often almost alone in the midst of a non-Christian population; and this short visit of mine has made me realise how much they need our sympathy and our prayers, besides making me feel the full usefulness of a training institution such as we have at Delhi, where men whom God has called can be instructed, helped, and equipped, before going out into some rural district, away from their relatives and clansfolk, to do pioneer work for Him.—With kind regards, I am, yours very faithfully,

"J. J. HASLER.

"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

A HINDOO ASCETIC.



HE heathen suppose that infliction of pain on the body will help to save the soul. The old question comes up, "What shall I give (or do, or suffer) for the sin of my soul?"

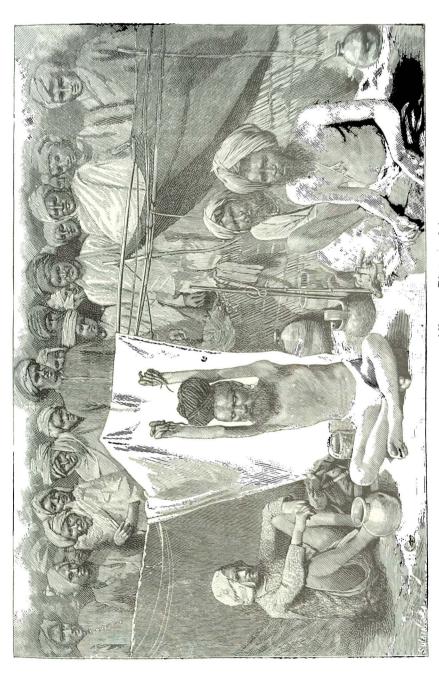
We see here a poor deluded fakeer sitting in a mela—or religious fair—with arms lifted up, and the people admiring him. The man with the feop-cap on his left is his servant, by whom he is fed by the offerings of the people. The idea is, that if the hands are kept up for twelve years, the merit is so great that he can save others as well as himself. After twelve years expire, an effort is made by a long process of oil-rubbing to restore circulation to the withered arms. I am told that this is not always successful, in which case the poor victim is helpless for life. It is generally done to fulfil a vow, or to gain a favour of the gods, but there is no virtue if it is not kept up for the full twelve years. The nails are not cut, and they often grow into the hand till they protrude clean through the hand and come out the other side.

They are well fed, and, more than that, they gather a large sum of money in the course of the twelve years; and very likely many of them go through the process for that very purpose.

How thankful we should be that we are taught better through the Word of God and the preached Gospel, by which we learn that salvation is not through pain or of works, but through the grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mussoorie, N.W.P.

THOMAS EVANS.



"OUR UNDEYELOPED RESOURCE."



Y DEAR MR. BAYNES,—Among the contributions reported in the Herald for March, the £82 2s. 1d. handed you personally on February 6th at the 'first missionary demonstration' at Haddon Hall, Bermondsey, may well be placed prominently before our Society and the churches generally for their stimulus and encouragement.

"Haddon Hall is situated in a poor and densely populated neighbourhood, and was erected some eleven years ago at a cost of £6,500 (all raised at the time); and, as a mission church in connection with the Metropolitan Tabernacle, is an important centre of evangelisation. The work, under the presidency of Mr. William Olney, who preaches on each Sunday, comprises various Christian agencies too numerous to specify.

"The Sunday-school reports an average afternoon attendance of 733 scholars, and, having been trained in systematic giving, has for many years contributed large amounts towards foreign and other missions, the total distributed under this heading in 1894 being £68 19s. 4d. In addition to this, however, about a year ago, as the outcome of a revived missionary spirit, the church and congregation unanimously adopted a scheme for collecting a penny a week with the following rather startling results:—

First quarter, April 24th to July 23rd, 1894	£16	0	0
Second quarter, July 24th to October 23rd, 1894	19	10	0
Third quarter, October 24th, 1894, to January 23rd, 1895	20	17	10
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	£56	7	10

A collection was also made on Sunday, February 3rd, amounting to £5 14s. 3d.

"In the joyful report of the great and progressive success of this penny-a-week effort, in the current number of the Haddon Hall Evangelist the following pregnant sentence appears:—'Doubtless, we are specially fortunate in being provided with collectors who know how to make their subscribers feel the little weekly gifts no burden. But, apart from this personal element, we believe the penny-a-week system is a veritable gold-mine which the Missionary Societies have scarcely "tapped."'

"Perhaps the most inspiriting feature of this 'forward movement' is Mr. Olney's emphatic testimony that, so far from its injuring his home-work, this has proved more satisfactory since the scheme was adopted, both in its spiritual life and its financial development.

"Nearly eight years ago I gave from the platform at Exeter Hall, and, subsequently, both in the Freeman and Baptist, details of our experience at the Brockley Road Chapel, where, without any machinery beyond placing a missionary box in each Sunday-school class, we receive from our home and mission schools from £50 to £60 per annum, and I then, as continuously since, pointed out that this simple expedient, if generally adopted and meeting with equal success, would probably produce from £12,000 to £15,000 of additional annual income. I notice the average contribution from many schools is larger

than from ours, but I cannot trace in the Mission House books any appreciable increase from this source, so obviously available and yet so strangely neglected in very numerous churches.

"The summary of the number and amount of subscriptions, placed on official record, reveals another and probably equally extensive 'undeveloped resource.' I do not refer to this beyond pointing out how humiliating this summary is to our denomination as a whole:—

Not more than 2,000 between 10s. and 20s.; Not more than 2,500 between 20s. and 30s.;

&c., &c.

"I am increasingly persuaded that we are, and have been, perfectly able, without strain, to meet easily, not only the present expenditure, but any reasonable increase involved in the urgently required extensions; and the question forces itself on all, 'Why, with all the efforts made, is not this realised?'

"We must be slow to impute or apportion blame, but from the painfully inadequate amounts from many churches of importance, both in town and country, the conclusion forces itself that all our pastors cannot in this matter be leading their people with a realisation as to their responsibility, from which there is no discharge, or of the great reward in keeping the last command of the Captain of our Salvation. If each pastor used his influence and opportunities as many do, deficits and financial difficulties would be things of the past. Let us hope that among the good result of our annual meetings next month, this much-desired and attainable one may be realised.—Yours truly, "Brockley, March 14th, 1895."

THE MISSIONARY CALENDAR OF THE PRAYER UNION.



HE Calendar possesses certain new 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 contains 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 also appear; and instead of charging for them separately, and in addition asking for an annual membership subscription to the Union, to cover working expenses, postage, &c., there will be one inclusive payment of ninepence, leaving members of course to make their contributions to the Society at such periods as may be convenient; to other than members of the Prayer Union the Calendar will be sold at the published price of one shilling.

Old Missionary Boxes.—It is requested that old and worn-out Missionary Boxes be returned to the Mission House. Parcels should be addressed to the General Secretary, Baptist Missionary Society, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London, E.C.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



ATHER of Lights, when crst the earth
Forth from chaotic night
Thou calledst by Thy mighty word,
"Let there be light,"—Thy voice was heard,
And there was light.

When Abram watched his sacrifice
Till darkness fell at night,
A burning lamp passed o'er the place,
Type of Thy covenant of grace,—
Thou wast his light.

Long ages passed;—to Moses then Appeared a radiant sight; Mid Horeb's desert's peaceful hush He saw Thee in the burning bush. Thou gav'st him light.

Thine Israel thro' the wilderness,
Lord, with Thine arm of might,
Thou leddest by Thy cloud by day,
By night Thy fire marked out their way,
And gave them light.

To prophets, priests, and kings of old
Came rays of glory bright
From Thee, their trusting hearts to cheer,
And make their hopes more sweet and clear;
Thou gav'st them light.

But in the fulness of the times
Thine own full glory bright
Shone forth in Jesus Christ the Lord,
The Way, Truth, Life, th' Incarnate Word,
The One True Light.

And down the ages still He shines
To guide our steps aright;
Oh, spread the knowledge of His name,
Till every land shall own His claim,
The whole World's Light!

And in the heavenly city, fair
With untold radiance bright,
The source of light is still the same,
For God Almighty and the Lamb
Shall be her Light.

HINDUISM, BUDDHISM, AND ROMANISM.



HE following letter, addressed to the readers of the Missionary Herald, is from the pen of Mrs. T. R. Edwards, of Serampore College, and will, doubtless, be read with much interest:—

"Serampore, January 15th, 1895.

"DEAR FRIENDS,—I have several times noticed many similarities between Hinduism and Romanism, and I thought it might interest you to hear of a few.

"The latter in much of its teaching is far more pagan than Christian; for though Roman Catholics believe in Christ, it is not the Christ of the Gospel, but either a wafer god manufactured by the priests, or a stern judge ready to punish the guilty (in the same way that the Hindus regard many of their gods), and only to be approached through His tender-hearted Mother, or some other merciful saint or intercessor.

"Perhaps, placed in parallel columns, the comparison will be understood more readily.

"HINDUS

are subject to the Brahmins, on whom they rely in the performance of all religious rites, and whom they are taught to reverence and bow down to.

Are not allowed (except Brahmins) to read the sacred books; these may only be read and explained to them by the priests.

Regard Sanskrit as the religious language; it is used in worship and ceremonies, though not understood by the people.

Bathe in the Ganges and certain sacred rivers to wash away sins.

Use Ganges water in various religious ceremonies.

Bow down to and utter prayers before idols.

Dress the idols in fine and showy and sometimes costly raiment.

At certain festivals have great processions, carrying the idols.

"ROMAN CATHOLICS

are under the power of the priests, by whom they are taught exactly what they must believe, and through whom they receive forgiveness of sins and all the benefits of religion.

As a rule are forbidden to read the Bible, which the priests alone may read and explain.

Regard Latin as the sacred language; it is used in worship, though unknown to the majority of the people.

Are taught that they are regenerated by water in baptism.

Use holy water in the churches.

Bow down to and say prayers before images and pictures.

Clothe the images of saints in gorgeous apparel.

At certain festivals in Roman Catholic countries have great processions, in which sacred images are carried.

Pray to various gods and goddesses.

Offer sacrifices.

Say that when the priest utters certain words, the image they have made becomes alive by the indwelling of the deity invoked.

Are taught that there is a great merit in making pilgrimages to various sacred places and shrines.

Believe that at certain shrines miracles of healing are performed by this or that god.

Have great faith in amulets and charms as a protection against various misfortunes.

Are enjoined to fast on certain occasions.

Count beads in repeating the names of gods and goddesses, to invoke their assistance.

Use lighted lamps in certain ceremonies, even in daylight.

Use incense in worship.

Some priests (chiefly a wandering order) are not allowed to marry.

Some Hindu religious orders consider that the highest ideal here is the extinction of all desire and all feeling, such as joy, sorrow, hunger, pain.

When death is imminent they are taken to the river-side, and the face smeared with the sacred mud of the Ganges.

After the death of relatives, in order to assist the spirit in the next world, they perform Shraddha; it consists of various ceremonies, and especially large presents to the priests.

Pray to saints and angels and especially to the Virgin Mary.

Offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

Say that when the priest utters certain words, the wafer becomes the very Christ.

Are taught that it is meritorious to go on pilgrimages to Rome and other sacred places.

Believe that at certain churches and places miracles of healing are performed by this or that saint.

Wear medals blessed by the Pope as charms against misfortunes.

Observe prescribed fasts.

Count beads in saying prayers, especially to Mary.

Use lighted candles in religious worship, even in daylight.

Use incense in worship.

Priests are not allowed to marry.

The aims and ideal of monks and nuns is to become like a corpse in the hand of the superior.

When death is imminent, they send for the priest to administer extreme unction, which includes anointing parts of the body with oil.

After the death of relatives, in order to liberate the spirit from purgatory, and take it to heaven, they pay considerable sums to the priests for masses to be performed

- "Much more might be written on the subject; I have but briefly indicated various points.
- "Comparison might also be made between Romanism and Buddhism, as there is much in common, as the veneration of relics, forbidding priests to marry, large houses of monks and nuns, &c.; but enough has been said at present.

"To love and study God's Blessed Word will be the greatest safeguard to keep us from being led into such degrading superstition.

"Let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.—Yours sincerely,

"To A. H. BAYNES, Esq."

"CLARA EDWARDS.

JEHOYAH JIRAH.

(See January HERALD .- "THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.")



ETRENCH! When the heathen are dying?

Recall! When the fight is begun?

When men for the Gospel are crying,

And nations have yet to be won?

Bring back from the fields of their labour The men who have answered His call?

Are taking to "every creature"

The love which can pardon them all?

The doors of all countries stand open!
The Cross is uplifted on high!
Can we, who have raised it, abandon
The heathen to perish and die?

Is it gold that you tell me is lacking?
Then list, to the accents Divine!
"The cattle which graze on the mountains;
"The gold and the silver is Mine."

The God who has bid us go forward And tell of His wonderful love, To consecrate cheque-books and purses The hearts of His people can move.

Then help us ye poor with your pennies!
Ye rich ones withhold not your pounds!
The Lord will reward with His blessing,
Where love for the heathen abounds.

Retrenchment will never be needed;
The Lord will appear in His might;
The year which begun in such shadow
Must end in a glorious light.

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EMILY SPURGEON.

TIDINGS FROM MONSEMBI, UPPER CONGO.



HE Rev. W. R. Stapleton, of Monsembi Station, sent by the last mail the following interesting letter:—

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES, — I have

been thinking that some of the supporters of our loved Congo Mission might be interested in the native stories taken down from the lips of lads at Monsembi. Readers of the HERALD are familiar with many of the customs of the natives of the Upper River, their thoughts expressed in deeds have been often described and photographed for their special benefit, their folklore is a new subject, and I think a deeply interesting one.

A GREAT PROBLEM.

Of the great problems of missionary life, one of the greatest perhaps is how to find out how and what the native thinks, so as to translate in terms understandable to him the glorious message we bring. I have just got through a translation of Mark's Gospel, and often, when trying to make my boy understand a difficult passage, have thought, as I looked into his puzzled face, it would be worth a year or two of my life just to understand the working of your mind, and to see how the grand realities of our faith appear to you. People in England can hardly understand how eagerly we look for any expression of heart-hunger for God, or how delighted we would be to find in any soul an altar, however meagre, erected to the unknown God, so that one might declare, as did Paul at Athens, 'What therefore ye worship in ignorance that set I forth unto you.' Any native custom that will serve to illustrate our message is pressed into service; but the reason for many of these is as great a mystery to us "Monsembi, Upper Congo River, now as when we first observed them. To many inquiries for the reason why they follow certain practices, the reply comes: 'Oh, we don't know, we have always done so!'

THE BANGALA.

"Is the Bangala native, then, the unreasoning, unthinking being this answer supposes? Surrounded as he is by the mysteries of life, its joys and sorrows, its toil and pains, its birth travail and death pang, is he content to say these things have always been and always will be? Have the imperious questions how and why never forced an answer from his lips, however inadequate that answer may be? These native stories are his answer to these questions. When I was home on furlough, Mr. Weeks gathered a number of these stories; since my return I have collected others; if agreeable to you I will translate some of them for the HERALD. The first is one which I was able to use as a text a few Sundays ago. We had just finished our new chapel—a building with a wooden floor and bamboo walls. On the Saturday night we opened it with a magic-lantern ex-The building was crowded hibition. with a most enthusiastic and noisy audience, thoroughly appreciative of our efforts to please. Towards the close Mr. Weeks showed some views of the life of Joseph, and I tried to explain; but it was rather a difficult task, the people were so excited. At the close we explained why we had put up this new building, and gave a cordial invitation to all to attend our Sunday services. One of my boys near the door overheard one man say to another as they were going out: 'Why should we come? Can these white men give us everlasting life?'

THE NEXT DAY.

"It was my turn to take the service the next day, and I took as my subject, 'The desire for everlasting life, and how that life may be obtained.' I began by stating what the man was overheard to say the night before, and showing that the desire for everlasting life was universal. This I illustrated by the following story, well known to them all:- 'Nkengo, the son of Libuta, when he dwelt on earth, saw that the people were dying on every hand; so he called to the people in heaven, saying, "You people above, throw me down a rope." They heard his cry, and threw down a rope; he caught the end of it, and they pulled him up. Reaching heaven, he stayed there one day and one night. In the morning the people came to him and said, "You have come to get everlasting life, we will tell you how you may get it: stay here with us, don't close your eyes in sleep for seven days and nights, and at the end of that time we will give it you." Nkengo kept awake bravely six days and six nights, but the seventh day his eyes grew heavy and he fell asleep. The people came along and woke him, saying, "You have failed in your task; go back and die with your people." They grew very angry, and drove him away. When he reached the earth his people gathered about him, and inquired the result of his mission. He told them the task that had been set him, and how he had failed, and that the people above had driven him out, saying, "Go back to your people, you shall not receive everlasting life, and all your people will die; death will reign on earth continually." They all jeered him on his folly, and left him to himself, saying, "Nkengo went to get everlasting life and couldn't keep awake seven days; he lost the gift by going to sleep." From this it was easy to point out how all attempts made by men in all ages to obtain this great boon were equally fruitless, and to declare this life which you all desire is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

OUR INQUIRERS' CLASS.

"You will be glad to learn that six months ago we formed an inquirers' class for the further instruction of three lads and a girl, who expressed their intention to follow the Saviour, and that we purpose, God willing, baptizing them on confession of their faith on the first Sunday of the New Year — the first-fruits gathered for our Master amongst the Bangala people. Pray that this may be but the earnest of the harvest to be.

"Yours, with kindest regards,

"WALTER R. STAPLETON.
"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

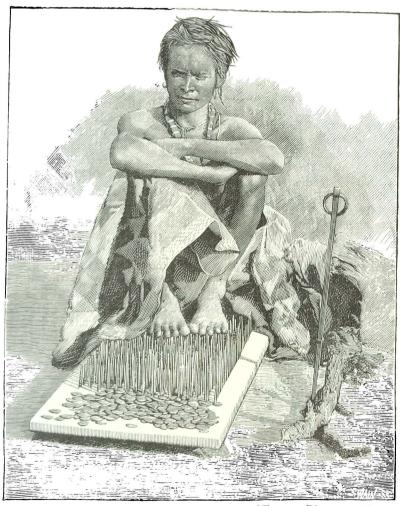
The Blackheath School for Sons of Missionavies was represented in the recent London University Matriculation Examination by three candidates, all of whom passed at the early age of sixteen. Their names are S. R. Ellis, S. G. Peill, and G. K. Williamson. One old pupil, E. H. Williams, was placed in the First Division. Also, all the five candidates passed in the recent Cambridge Junior Local Examination, two obtaining Third Class Honours. Four others (three of whom passed last year) were prevented by measles from sitting in the Examination.

A HINDOO ASCETIC SITTING ON SPIKES.



HE poor ignorant people of India have the idea that any man who wilfully inflicts pain on the body must be a very holy man, and that this penance which he endures gives him great power with the gods. This power means that he can get from them whatever he wants, both for himself

and for others. He can invoke either a curse or a blessing, and secure



A HINDOO ASCETIC SITTING ON SPIKES.—(From a Photograph.)

a frown or a favour. The people, therefore, adore these ascetics, but all from selfishness. The "holy (?) men" want the money—and they get a

great quantity, as we can see on the mat before this one—and the donors of the money want some special favour from the gods. One man has an enemy, and he wants the gods to burn down his foe's house, or to kill his son. Some want children, and they give freely for a son and heir; others want success in trade, and they give for that purpose. This is the very essence of all heathenism, and it is well expressed in the words of one of themselves, in these words: "Löbhi göoroo, lālchi chelā"—i.e., "The greedy teacher and the stingy scholar." As in days of old, the greatest gods of India are Mammon and Self. No wonder the Saviour puts such stress on self-denial.

The sight here before us I have often seen, and how they manage to preserve the body from harm, I know not; but, somehow, they can do it. It is a grand trick for making money. Such scenes as these should inspire our young men at home to come out to try to dissipate the dense darkness of heathenism.

Mussoorie, N.W.P.

THOMAS EVANS.

THE LORD LOYETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.



HE grateful thanks of the Committee are given to:—"G. A.,"

Luton, for a small box of jewellery, to help to clear off the

Mission debt; "E. P.," for a number of copper coins, a ring,
and sixpence, who has had much joy in doubling his annual
subscription to the Mission; "E. J.," "A Poor Widow," by

Miss J. Williams, for five shillings for the Congo Mission;

"A Friend," Canterbury, for a gold ring, "to be sold to help on the glorious work of making known the way of salvation amongst heathen peoples"; "An Old Lady in Edinburgh," for a small parcel of jewellery for the Congo Mission; "W.," Carmarthen, for a small pistol, for sale for the Mission; "An Old Pensioner," for a silver coin for the China Mission; and "A Widow," a small ring for the Congo Mission.

The cordial thanks of the Committee are also given to the undermentioned friends for most welcome contributions:—Mr. E. Rawlings, £372; Mr. A. Robinson, J.P., £100; A Friend, £100; Mrs. M. A. Gover, £99 19s. 11d.; Mr. A. A. Rose, £75; Anonyma, per Rev. G. Davies, Redhill, £100; Mr. W. Greenway, £60; "Meg," for India and Congo, £50; Mrs. Slack, £30; Mr. R. Cleaver, £25; Dr. and Mrs. Underhill, £20; Miss Dawbarn, £20; Mr. C. F. Foster, for N.P., China, £20; Mr. G. Kingerlee, £15 10s.; Mr. A. Gourlay, £15; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baynes and Family, £12 12s.; Miss C. Noble, for Training N.P., India, £12; Mrs. Bell, for Congo, £10 10s.; "Two and One," for Debt, £10; A Friend, £10; E. S. C., £10; Mr. H. and Miss Clark, £10; R. G., £10; Rev. T. and Mrs. Lewis, £10; Rev. J. L. Roger, £10; Mr. Saywin Lucas, £10; H. G., £10.

EXTRACTS FROM PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.



T the meeting of the General Committee, on Tuesday, March 19th, 1895, the Treasurer, W. R. Rickett, Esq., in the Chair, after reading the Scriptures, and prayer by the Rev. E. Henderson, of Wandsworth Road,

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of thanks for recent resolutions of the Committee were presented and read from Mr. J. W. Gilbert, of Sheffield; the Rev. Henry J. Tresidder, of Clapham; and Mr. W. H. Gamble, of Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The decease of the Rev. T. Davies, D.D., of Haverfordwest Baptist College, for many years a very active member of the Executive Committee of the Mission, and more recently an Honorary Member of the Committee, was reported, and a resolution of deep sympathy with the bereaved family adopted.

The decease of the Rev. R. W. Dale, M.A., D.D., of Birmingham, was reported, and resolutions of deep and respectful sympathy with Mrs. Dale and the family, and with the church at Carr's Lane, were adopted.

The decease of Mr. Charles Holliday, the earnest and able Secretary of the Young Men's Missionary Association, was reported, and, after a few sympathetic words from F. J. Marnham, Esq., the Treasurer of the Young Men's Missionary Association, a resolution specially commending the widow and children to the care and comfort of the Divine Saviour was unanimously adopted.

The cordial thanks of the Committee were given to the Honorary Secretary, E. B. Underhill, Esq., LL.D., for the gift to the Mission Library of sixty volumes of rare and valuable Pamphlets and Documents relating to the history and work of the Baptist Missionary Society, and it was resolved to have these volumes placed in a separate case in the Mission Library.

The Treasurer, in the name of the Committee, warmly welcomed Miss Angus, one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Zenana Mission, on her return home from visiting the various stations of the Zenana Mission in India.

The China Committee reported the receipt of two telegrams from China. The first was delivered in London on the 25th February, dated Tientsin, 3.20 p.m., and signed by Mr. Bruce, to the following effect:—"Missionaries retiring to Tientsin. Drakes, Mrs. Harmon and family, Whitewrights, Bruces, Couling, Paterson, all Zenanas arrived safely. Please inform friends." The second telegram was dated Tientsin, and was received in London on 4th March, also from Mr. Bruce, and to the following effect:—"Jones, Harmon, Smyths, Burt, remaining at Chow Ping. Rest arrived safely." The Committee have received no further communication throwing any light upon these telegrams.

Rev. Evan Morgan, of Shensi.—The Committee have had before them a letter from Mrs. Morgan, dated South Wales, March 6th. In this letter Mrs.

Morgan writes:—"I heard this morning of the safe arrival of my husband in Shensi, and he asks me to let the Committee know." Mr. Morgan writes:—"I have reached this most distant field of the Baptist Missionary Society at last, after a journey of 105 days. I travelled up in the company of Mr. Goold, of the China Inland Mission; found Mr. Shorrock at home, and Mr. Duncan in T'si Nan. Mrs. Duncan was out in a village. I had a very warm welcome. The country looks desolate, but the Chinese Christians who have already called have greatly warmed my heart."

Special prayer was then offered by Mr. F. J. Marnham and the Rev. James Owen, of Swansea.

The Finance Committee presented a Report on the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society up to February 28th, 1895, exhibiting an increase in the receipts of £1,759 as compared with the same period for 1894; and a decrease in the expenditure of £297. Prolonged deliberation followed as to the financial position of the Society, and the wisest steps to be taken with a view to meeting the present emergency.

The Rev. J. R. Wood, of Upper Holloway, in pursuance of notice, then moved the resolutions, which are referred to further in the earlier pages of this issue of the Herald, and, after sympathetic consideration, they were unanimously approved and adopted.

The Rev. T. W. Norledge was requested to take the oversight of the work of the Mission in the Jessore District.

The India and Ceylon Committee presented an important report on the minutes of the recent meeting of the Ceylon Mission Conference, which was approved and adopted.

The departure of the Rev. Thos. and Mrs. Lewis, of San Salvador, for Madeira, was reported, the health of Mr. Lewis requiring an immediate change.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Samuel Vincent, of Plymouth.

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

A parcel of books, from Mr. Glaisher, for the Rev. T. R. Edwards, Serampore; parcels of magazines from Mrs. Braden, Redhill, for the Congo, and from a Friend in Glasgow for Miss Kirkland, Shantung, China, and Rev. R. H. Kirkland,

Upper Congo; a roll of pictures from Miss Colman's Class, Peterborough, for Rev. G. D. Brown, Bopoto, Upper Congo; parcels of clothing from Miss Knight, Horsham, for Mrs. Whitewright, Shantung, China; and from the Members of the Women's Bible Class, St. Mary Street, Bridgwater, by Mrs. Whitby, for the Zenana Mission; cards from Miss Osborne, Bow, and scrapbooks from Miss Poole, for the Mission; and a parcel, from a Friend, for Mrs. Wall, Rome.

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