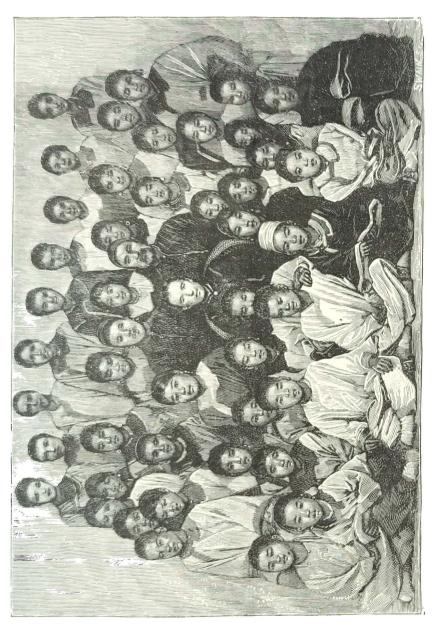
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MRS. DUNCAN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL, SHENSI.—(From a Photograph.)

THE MISSIONARY HERALD

OF THE

Baptist Missionary Society.

THE 1896 NEW YEAR'S DAY MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING.



N Wednesday morning, January 1st, 1896, we hope to meet at eleven o'clock, in the Library of the Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn, under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. J. Henderson, B.A., Joint Principal of the Bristol Baptist College, for special prayer in connection with

mission work all over the world.

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

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

1896 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.

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

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

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

We carnestly 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 5th 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 we desire to call the special notice of our young friends to this most interesting and important Fund.

The native preachers enable the missionaries to form new stations, to take long journeys into the country where

they live, to visit fairs, markets, and heathen festivals, to which great multitudes come to pry honour to their false gods. To these people our native brethren declare the Go-pel, and distribute amongst them tracts and copies of the Scriptures.

RECENT TIDINGS FROM INDIA.

A CYCLONE IN EASTERN BENGAL.



HE Rev. William Carey writes from Barisal :-

"On Tuesday, October 1st, all night a south-east wind of great violence raged in gusts with heavy rain. Early yester-day morning the storm increased, becoming quite cyclonic and doing incalculable damage. The town lies in ruins—streets of kutchá houses and shops having been wrecked, and the

pucca buildings standing amidst their débris like rocks out of an undulating moor.

"Our Bengali chapel bungalow, and all the parah houses, except two, have been blown down; also Mr. John Kerry's verandah and a portion of Mr. Spurgeon's. The largest and best trees along the Bund lie prone across the fields, showing their massive bases like so many black targets to the rising sun. I counted five yesterday afternoon in Mr. Spurgeon's compound alone; the pucca bridges are all seriously damaged too. The great siris tree opposite the Chapel House has come down, bringing half the bridge with it into the $kh\acute{a}l$. There is very great distress. There was for several hours great danger to life and limb, but all our Mission party are safe and well, thank God.

- "Telegral hic communication has been, and is still, cut off.
- "The whole parah and chapel, &c., will have to be rebuilt at ence

"I dread the news from the district, and expect to hear that all our chapels are greatly damaged.

"The session of the Bible-school just closed embraced twelve Sundays (June 23rd to September 15th). Fifty-nine new boys took admission during this period, making one hundred and sixty in all who have joined the school and paid for the printed lessons since my return from England; of these, we have had an average attendance (taking all the Sundays) of 41%, which I consider encouraging for the 'Rains.' Storms have again and again swept the town just about school-time, and ion one occasion (June 30th) the downpour was so persistent that we did not expect a single boy. Fourteen came, however, in drenched garments, and very happy they made us. Excluding this one Sunday, the average becomes forty-four, a slight advance on the last session's record.

"It is still more encouraging to note that the senior class is the best attended. It consists entirely of graduates and undergraduates, of whom on an average fourteen were present for eleven Sundays."

MADARIPORE.

From Madaripore the Rev. W. R. James writes :-

"We have just had an experience of a cyclone. We were never in such a storm before, and hope we shall never be again. Every moment we thought that our bungalow would be blown down, but, thank God, it was not much injured, although a great many kutcha houses in the town fell to the ground like houses of cards before the violence of the wind. Scores of native boats. some of which were very large, sank in the Coomar and the Ariel Khan; and for more than twelve hours we were much afraid that the Mission-boat, the Manchester, would meet with the same fate. When I went out about twelve o'clock on Tucsday night (October 1st) the Manchester was dragging her anchor and was nearly in the middle of the Coomar. But everybody was perfectly helpless, and nothing could be done. On every hand boats were sinking; men and little children were seen on rafts, drifting helplessly with the wind and the waves, while no one could render them any manner of help. The only thing we could do was to ask God to stay His hand, and barricade the in-side of our bungalow as well as we could. At first the storm came from the east, but after blowing hard and violently for about eight or nine hours, the wind veered round so that it blew from the north. It then brought back the Manchester from midstream, and jammed it against the foot-path before our compound, and our anxiety about the boat began then to subside. Had the anchor been fastened to a rope instead of a chain it would have snapped like a piece of thread. Thu was our boat saved and our fears allayed. Our chapel was all but blown down, and is now leaning on its side, twice as much as the Tower of Pisa. A similar fate also happened to one of our evangelists' houses, and several of our out-houses fell flat, but the girls' school-house, which was greatly sheltered by trees and our bungalow, escaped without any damage to speak of. Our cookhouse and bungalow were full of refugees, who rendered us much help in barricading. Thus did He who causeth 'the stormy winds to fulfil His word' give us reason for raising another 'Ebenezer,' so that we may say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'

"The meetings of our Annual Conference this year were a great success. They were held at Suagram, during the first week in September, commencing on the 5th and ending on the 7th.

"On the day before the meetings began the new chapel there was opened with a prayer-meeting, in which several speeches also were delivered, closing the day with a general feast. This is the first of our memorial chapels, and is dedicated to the memory of the late John Chamberlain Page. The old building was erected by Mr. Page himself; and the Suagram people insisted on having the new house after the same plan as the old one. But the new is much larger, and built of better materials. The roof is of corrugated iron; and when completed it will have an upper storey to serve as a room to accommodate the missionary on his travels and other visitors. It has already cost about five hundred and forty rupees, and will probably cost another forty or fifty rupees when the loft is finished. Towards this there were left in my hand, by my predecessor, sixty-six rupees; and two hundred and sixty were given by me out of the contributions lately acknowledged.

"The remainder was subscribed by the church either in money or labour. The new building is a very fine one, and the only one in these districts erected on such a plan. May the glory of this latter house be greater than that of the former!

"The attendance at the Conference meetings was unusually large; larger, I should say, than at any of the previous Conferences, though some of the brethren seem to think that the Ashkor meetings were quite as numerously attended. However, there can be no doubt that the enthusiasm which prevailed throughout had reached a higher level than it did at any of the preceding conferences. Our brother Mothura Nath Bose, B.A., with his family and several of his evangelists, came there from Gopalgunge; all of whom rendered great help. Mr. Bose gave one of the finest sermons I ever heard. He took for his text the Prophet Jonah and the repentance of the Ninevites. He spoke with great ease, suavity, and spiritual power, till all bowed and melted under the spell of his eloquence. We were also greatly helped by the visit of our brother Mothura Nath Nath from Calcutta, who confirmed the brethren much in the faith in which they had been taught. He spoke with the power that alone can come from conviction, and as one who sincerely and deeply loved the Church of Christ.

"This year we determined beforehand to make a little departure from our usual programme. We had no social subjects, but all the speeches were on spiritual topics. Experience has fully justified the change. The Gospel goes to the very springs of our life, and, like the Gospel, our aim should always be to reach the 'root of the matter.' Social improvement will in time ensue naturally and without constraint."

MALDAH, N. BENGAL.

From Maldah, Brother Brojanath Benarjea reports:-

"During October I took Brother Jibun with me and visited Doorgapore, Boala, Luckheenarainpore, Amarreechock, Chandporebazar, Soccarbaria market, Radaraabade, Kajeegunge, Doulatpore, Bozrattee, and revisited Rohunpore market, which is the biggest market in the district of Malda. To preach the

Gospel in Rohunpore market is to preach in a melah, such good numbers of attentive and Mohammedan hearers we get here. One Hindu Brahmin merchant told us that he likes to read our Christian books, and bought from us three Scripture portions. At Boala there is a professing Christian family, who from a long time have not seen any missionary or preacher there. We had some work there which might do them good. They sent one fowl and some vegetables for us in our boat, and we preached the Gospel of our Lord there in a house of a rich Mohammedan silk merchant. The headman in this house said to some of his Mohammedan neighbours that the religion of the Christians is the best religion. He has heard the Gospel several times in Engrajabad.

- "At Kajeegunge a Mohammedan young man bought a Bible, and some Mohammedan hearers told me that they want to hear what we have to tell them.
- "At Doulatpore some Mohammedan young men received us very kindly in a house of a rich Mohammedan, and one among them promised to come to see me when he comes to Maldah.
- "May God in His mercy open the hearts of the Gospel hearers for the enlargement of the Kingdom of His dear Son."

GYA.

From the important city of Gya, Brother Prem Chand reports:-

"In October we had good work for a fortnight amongst the pilgrims who came here from all parts of India. Their number this year was not so large as in former years, but still many of them listened very attentively and bought a good number of our books. This year we met with many pilgrims and their attendants who said that they heard the name of Jesus in their own village, and many very joyfully told us that the missionary did not live very far from their place. Some children belonging to Rajputana said that they attended Sunday-school and had learnt some account of Jesus. They bought some of our books, and we exhorted them to believe in Jesus, their only Saviour, and to refrain from idol worship. A middle-aged man belonging to the Punjaub came to me and tried to relate the account of the crucifixion of our Lord, and was afterwards so much impressed with Christ's dying prayer for the forgiveness of His enemies that he bought a copy of the New Testament from me and promised to read a portion of it daily. There were many in the crowd who pointed us out as the preachers of Christ. A good number came to listen; while some, sunk deep down in ignorance and superstition, turned away from us and tried to persuade others to do the same, but often without any apparent effect. Many times during this pilgrim season our hearts were filled with joy to find that many people have heard of Jesus as a Saviour, and the opposition which they once manifested is fast dying out."

MUSSOORIE.

From Mussoorie the Rev. Thomas Evans reports:-

- "Recently I had the pleasure to immerse here before a number of witnesses (European and natives) three soldiers and a native Christian.
- "The soldiers are but babes in Christ, and were brought to the knowledge of the Lord since they came up to the Depôt here this summer.

"There are others also under conviction, and we may hope to see more coming forward to follow the Saviour's example and obey His command in baptism.

"This immersion has created quite a sensation among the troops, who, of course, knew nothing about it before. Those of them who believed went in a body to a minister who is not of the Baptist Church, but he simply said, 'It is right; go and obey the Captain's command.' This staggered them, and if I am not mistaken the light of truth which has now broken through the clouds of human tradition will spread and lead out many to testify for Jesus through His own established ordinance.

"Nor is this all. There is a great stir also among a number of Children's Baptism Christians up here. The immersion of our good brother Sobha Sing, who has been a believer and a preacher for over twenty years, produced a great interest among the C.M.S. and the Methodist Christians here. One of them, who is a preacher, said, "Well, if baby-baptizing and sprinkling are deceptions, I have been deceived by the padri who sprinkled me.' He now says, 'I will trust no man, but go to the Word of God and see for myself.' I have advised them all to do this, to fear no man, but to search the Scriptures and see what Christ commanded, and to obey His orders, and not the dictum of any sect or padri.

"Sobha Sing, who is a native of Tibet, has a desire to go there and preach Christ to his own people. Who knows but he may be the first to open up that dark land so shut up so far to the Gospel of Christ?

"He has great hopes of being allowed to go in and shed abroad there the light of the grace of God. He is a man full of energy, and has no fear of man or of the want of means.

"He says: 'If I go to work for God, who is my Father, will not He take care of me?' &c. He became a Christian in Chumba many years ago; he is now a zemindar in Tirhoot, but is going to devote himself entirely to the Lord's work.

"We thus have a few indications that the dawn is beginning to break at last on dark lands beyond the confines of India. May the happy day soon come when the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord!"

THE NEW CONGO MAP.

OPIES of this excellent map of Central Africa can still be obtained. Its size is 7 ft. 6 in. by 5 ft. 6 in. We believe we are correct in saying that it is the best map of the Congo region in existence. Our own mission stations are marked in red and those of other societies are indicated. It is published in two forms—on linen suitable for porterage, and on paper

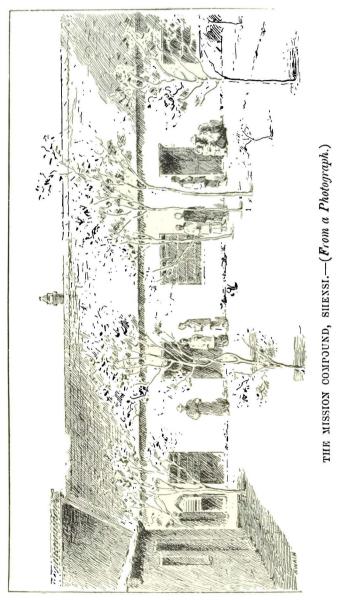
mounted on linen and varnished, with rollers. Price for the former, 13s.; for the latter, 15s., than which no better and more useful adornment for the walls of schoolrooms and classrooms could be found.

Applications for each of the above to be made to Mr. A. H. Baynes, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, E.C.

PICTURES FROM SHENSI, NORTH CHINA.

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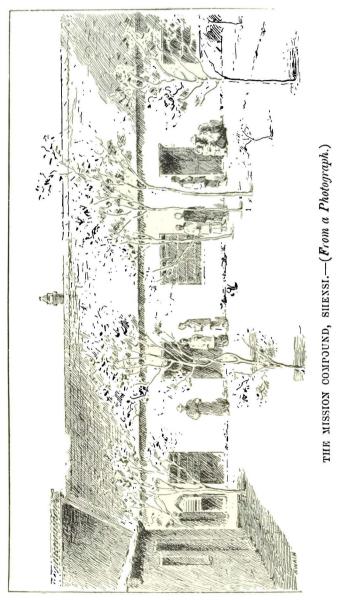


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GRAYE CONDITION OF SHENSI.



JST as this issue of the Hebald was going to press we received the following letter from the Rev. Evan Morgan, who had left Shensi for Shanghai to meet Mrs. Morgan and their children, on their return to China. Evidently our friends, Mr and Mrs. Duncan and their daughter, and

Mr. Shorrock are in circumstances that must give rise to considerable apprehension, and the Committee await further tidings with much anxiety. We specially commend the Shensi Mission, and the missionaries and native converts there, to the earnest prayers of our readers.

"8, Seward Road, Shanghai,
"October 8th, 1895.

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,-My wife and children arrived here safely last Tuesday. May had a very prosperous and pleasant passage. Yesterday brought some light on our movements. I called on the Consul General, and from what he told me I was led to wire to Hankow to find out whether the Chinese authorities would stamp passports for Shensi, and the reply was:-'Consul refuses passports Shensi and Kansuh.' This, of course, settled the question of wife and children going up, and the only question was whether I should proceed alone without a passport. I consulted two members of the Council of the China Inland Mission this morning, and their advice was to this effect: Certain people are on the look-out for reasons to attack missionaries. My going up country without a passport would be a legitimate ground for attack, because I would be doing an illegal action and subject myself to arrest; this might induce fresh complications between the two Governments, so they advised me not to go up to Shensi. The Chinese Government are now beginning to realise the grave situation of affairs in Kansuh and Shensi. A great battle was fought about twenty days ago. The official report says 'that the Imperial troops were victorious, but at a great loss; that Kansuh was in a most critical condition.' This much is even publicly admitted by the Government; of course the condition of things will be ten times more serious than is admitted. But the most serious danger of all to all concerned is the backing of the Mohammedans by the Ko Lao Hui, or Vegetarians. In fact they are, I think, the prime movers and supporters of the rebellion. This accounts for the wholesale desertion of regiments from the Imperial troops.

"The refusal of the Consul to grant passports has made meanxious as to the welfare of the friends in Shensi. I wired to them six days ago. My telegram was to this effect:—'Matters very unsettled here. Kansuh affairs critical. Do you advise me to proceed alone and leave family at the coast?' I have not had a reply yet. I shall wait another day, and if I do not hear, shall wire again.

"October 11th.—Nine days have passed, and no news from Shensi. The wires are broken in one place, but messages are sent through by another south-east line. Yesterday's paper said that 10,000 mounted robbers held

the central plain of Shonsi. This would include the district occupied by us, and so I called on the Consul-General again, and he advised me to send another telegram, which I did immediately; but there is no reply yet—only twenty-four hours. If I do not get a reply in three days I will put the matter in the Consul's hands; he may be able to get some information. I am hoping Mrs. Duncan and Frances may, under the escort of Mr. Duncan, be free, and in some place of safety. Mr. Shorrock's intention was, in case of danger, to stay with the Christians. The silence makes us feel very anxious. But until we have some definite fact to go upon there is no need to conclude that anything serious has happened there.

"When passport was refused it was my intention to proceed at once to Shantung, and, if possible and necessary, from there to Shensi; but I have decided to stay here until we have some news of the friends in San Yuen. We can only pray for all in danger in Kansuh, Shensi, and other places; and this we do, commending them to the care of our Heavenly Father in their lonely and trying situation.

"October 11th, 8 p.m.—Have just heard from Mr. Hudson Taylor, who received his information from Hankow, of the capture of Lan Chow, the capital of Shensi, by the rebels. The news is not confirmed, but it comes through the Hankow Consul. If it is true, events are moving with great rapidity. I am sending you all the information I have, knowing you will be glad to get it. Mr. Duncan, writing in the early days of September, said they were quiet, but that 'evil reports' were very rife. Such things are common; nevertheless they help to stir up strife in the day of trouble.—I am, yours sincerely, (Signed) "EVAN MORGAN.

"A. H. Baynes, Esq.

"October 12th, 11 a.m.—No news from Shensi; must post, but will write again by first mail.—E. M."

The last direct tidings that reached the Secretary from Shensi were from the Rev. A. G. Shorrock, B.A., who wrote from San Yuen, Shensi, under date of August 29th, as follows:—

"Mr. Morgan is now away at the coast to meet Mrs. Morgan, and it seems impracticable and unwise for me to leave Mr. and Mrs. Duncan here alone for three whole months, which must be the time occupied by Mr. Morgan, at least. The district to the west of this is now in a most disturbed state, the Mohammedans having risen in rebellion, and having put to death men, women, and children. In the country north of Kan Su the Government soldiers are moving westwards in large numbers, but I feel sure the disturbance will not be quelled, as the soldiers are only half-hearted, and the Mohammedans fight with awful ferocity. Some of the China inland missionaries are in extreme peril, but as yet here we are quite safe. The effect of the Se Chuan riots is very bad even here. False rumours are in extensive circulation, and it is said the foreigners are not to be allowed to return, and the Governor is being disgraced for protecting the foreigners. And then the usual stories are being circulated about the foreigners extracting eyes and hearts. I will, therefore, wait here a little longer."

THE TSING CHU FU MUSEUM.



Y the kindness of Edward Robinson, Esq., J.P., of Bristol, we are permitted to give the following letter from the Rev. J. S. Whitewright, of Tsing Chu Fu, Shantung:—

"Tsing Chu Fa, Aug. 25th, 1895. "MY DEAR MR. ROBINSON,-We were glad to get your letter from Bournemouth. You say that surely China will now wake up at last. We have all been hoping that it would be so, but recent news of the outrages in Central China tends to damp our hopes very much. The day before yesterday I had a long talk with an official with whom I am friendly, who, though he is far and away better informed than the average Chinese magistrate, was contending that the making of peace was a grand mistake, and that they would easily have beaten the Japs if they had only gone on a little longer. Still, it is to be hoped that the central authorities have really learnt something, and that good will come out of it all. Since last writing to you I had to go to Cheefoo to fetch Mrs. W. and the children, and at the same time brought up a party of other ladies and children; we were twelve in all. Altogether, I trivelled over this war affair a thousand English miles. is very quiet here, and our work has gone on as usual. We are doing our best to enlighten the people through the Museum, which at this time has proved more useful than ever. had the very unusual plea ure of a visit from an English officer, Captain Sullivan, Royal Artillery, wlo is at present in the employ of the Chinese. He was immensely taken with the Museum and the work it is doing; he talked about it a great deal. He

has seen service in India and Burmah, and, altogether, he gave us quite an exciting time. It is a visit like this that makes us realise how very quiet our lives have been. He is coming back from the coast in a few days, and we expect him to stay a day or two We are engaged in quite a campaign in the way of trying to enlighten the students who are now in the city attending the examinations for the (hsiutsai) B.A. degree. There are a great many visits paid to the Museum daily, more than we can arrange for properly with our space. One day last week there were 1,210 visits, the next day over 800, and the next over 1,000. We have to show them over rather hurriedly in batches, and then beg them to retire to give place to another set. It is sometimes a little difficult to persuade them to go, as they constantly say, 'Kan pu kou' ('We have not seen enough'). We are all the more sorry not to let these men see as much as ever they want to see, as it is from this class that all the future rulers and teachers of China come. We have regular preaching going on all day in the chapel, carried on by picked men from among our own students, and they have good and attentive andiences. They find that this time there is a sucre respectful attitide on the part of those students than there ever has been previously, and that is a step in advance.

"One thing that has helped us much is the fact of the prefect putting

out—instead of only, as usual, texts from the native classics—a list of subjects, telling them to write on 'Balloons,' 'The Steam Engine,' 'The Thermometer.' Of course, when they found themselves confronted with these subjects in the examination hall they could do nothing with them, and next day numbers of them came to ask if we could give any information on these subjects. Twice a day the science classroom has been open for addresses on these and similar subjects. Though, of course, the information is too late to be of any use in their examinations, still it has been of great value in causing them to listen to what we have to say with more respect than formerly. We are having a wonderfully cool summer so far: the thermometer has seldom been long above 80° indoors. To-day it stands at 85° in the room. We find great benefit from our new house, as it is so open. When we were surrounded by Chinese houses we found the heat much harder to bear, as we so seldom got a breeze. The other buildings have all turned out to be satisfactory for work in every way. It is only the Museum that is too small for the numbers that come; but the numbers have been greater than we thought they were ever likely to be, and its success has been greater in every respect than we

ever dreamed it would be. On making up the list of visits the other day I found that this year up to this date there have been over forty thousand visits paid.

"My wife and the bairns are all well, for which we are very thankful this summer weather. — With very kind regards to you all, in which my wife joins, I am, very heartily yours,

"J. S. Whitewright,"

" August 27th.

"News has just reached us here of the terrible massacre near Fu Chow on the first of this month. Messengers have been delayed by heavy rains and swollen rivers. This is the most terrible affair of this kind that has happened since the Tientsin massacre. It is fearful to think that the real authors and instigators of these crimes are never brought to justice. It seems the same hollow mockery every time-the punishment of a few coolies, the payment of blood-money. and profuse, perhaps abject, but utterly hollow, apologies of the Chinese Government: but the really guilty men, the high officials, who in some cases do nothing to suppress the foul anti-foreign literature that incites to such crimes, are left unpunished. Possibly something of value may be done this time, as Englishwomen have been so foully murdered .- J. S. W."

THE PRAYER UNION MISSIONARY CALENDAR FOR 1896.



HIS new Calendar will be ready about the 10th inst., before which date we shall be glad to hear from the local secretaries as to the number of copies that may be required. 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

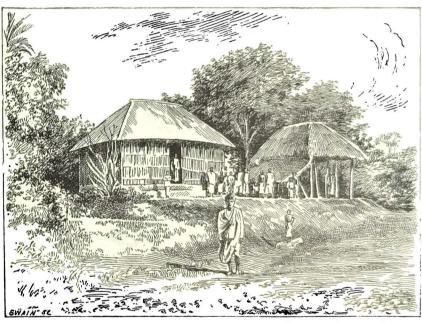
missionaries are engaged. A considerable number of sectional maps will also appear. The price will be reduced to sixpence to all members of the Prayer Union, the published price being eightpence.

OPENING OF THE NEW CHAPEL AT INDOOR-KANI, BARISAL.



ECENTLY the opening services of the new chapel at Indoorkani were held. It has a corrugated iron roof, with very fine, smooth wooden posts and rush walls. The total cost of the building was Rs. 348, of which the people raised Rs. 100. From Devonshire Square friends Rs. 100,

from Woodford friends Rs. 75, and from Leytonstone friends Rs. 73, were sent for this work, and to each of these places the church has sent letters

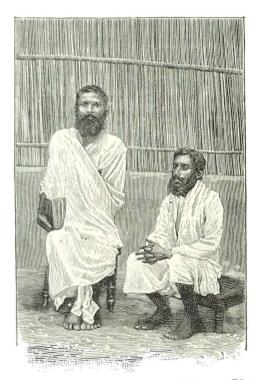


THE NEW CHAPEL, INDOORKANI, BARISAL.—(From a Pholograph.)

of thanks for such timely help. The chapel seats 160 as natives sit. A pulpit Bible, with presentation label in gold letters, and an excellent table were included in the total cost. The thatched building seen at the side of the chapel is now used for school work, and has recently been repaired for that purpose. The church has less than a hundred in membership, with over two hundred and fifty adherents, including children. At the opening services the audiences were large enough to more than fill the building. Heathen friends and relatives came in numbers, especially to the evening

concert, when our lads sang very nicely to the accompaniment of violin and other instruments.

The pastor is an honorary and honourable one; but the teacher seated by his side is paid from Mission funds. The latter is a great musician, and uses well the fine violin sent to him by Mr. Elgar, of Devonshire Square Chapel. He is a qualified and zealeus worker. Sri Nath Sirkar, the pastor, is honoured and loved by all, but no salary has yet been paid him by the church. Now that the distress is a thing of the past, and the new



INDOORKANI PASTOR AND TEACHER .- (From a Photograph.)

chapel is built, I am urging the brethren to take up this matter, and they are preparing to do so. Around the church are three smaller stations where believers live, and we hope to group them, and so have a stronger body to support the pastor. In two of them schools already exist, and in one a chapel also. As the pastor and teacher are very fond of each other, the work is likely to be well sustained, and the erection of the new place of worship has helped to unite all hearts.

ROBERT SPURGEON.

Barisal, East Bengal.

MISSION WORK IN NORTH ITALY.

CHEERING TIDINGS FROM SUSA AND MEANA.



HE Rev. W. K. Landels, of Turin, sends the following interesting account of work in the Susa District:—

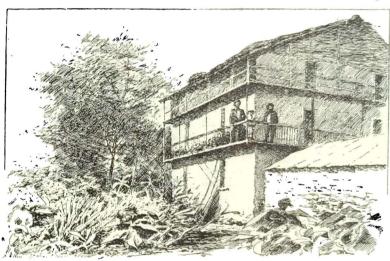
"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—As far as I remember, nothing has as yet appeared

in the HERALD regarding our work in the Susa district; a word or two, therefore, about its commencement may not be out of place.

"MEANA.

"The people of Meana, a large

and we gladly availed ourselves of such an opportunity of preaching the Gospel. On our arrival at the station of Meana we were met by a band of music and escorted to the place of meeting. There, by special permission of the mayor, we preached in the open air to a crowd of some fifteen hundred people. Not only did they listen to our message with great



MEANA.—(From a Photograph.)

parish at a distance of about two miles from Susa, had quarrelled with their priest, and he, in consequence, refused to say Mass in the chapel of St. Joseph on March 19th, 1894, that being the day set apart for the special veneration of that saint. The leaders of the people, unable to obtain his services, determined to ask an Evangelical minister to go up to hold a religious meeting. Circumstances led to the invitation bein sent to us,

attention, but they unanimously asked us to go again. This led to our opening a hall, where ever since regular services have been held every Sunday. These have been well attended, often crowded, many of the people coming several miles to be present.

"Other places in the district seem anxious to hear the Gospel. We have been several times to the neighbouring parish, Grauere; have held crowded meetings in barns, hay-lofts, and other similar places, and have been enthusiastically received by the people.

"SUSA.

"Seeing the importance that the work in that district was assuming, I felt that, for some time at least, an evangelist ought to be on the spot. I therefore decided to send Sig. Jahier to settle in Susa, and to take the whole burden of the work in Turin on to my own shoulders. Sig. Jahier moved to Susa at the end of July, and is now comfortably settled there. His principal meetings are held in two halls, one in Susa, the other in Meana. All the expenses connected with the work, with the exception, of course, of the evangelist's salary, will be raised on the spot; the furniture for the halls has been provided by the church in Turin: the new work will therefore be carried on without any additional outlay on the part of the Society, and without our seeking aid from friends at home.

"BAPTISM.

"On August 15th last we had the joy of forming an Evangelical church On that day our first in Meana. converts there confessed Christ in baptism. Mrs. Landels and I, with a few of our Turin brethren, went up to be present at the service. When we arrived at the mill where the baptisms were to take place, we found Sig. Jahier in rather a melancholy frame of Five of the candidates had sent at the last moment to say that, on account of the great opposition of their friends, they were unable to come: others had not yet arrived, so that, instead of ten or twelve as he had expected, he would only have some five to baptize. However, things turned out better than at first seemed likely. When Sig. Jahier came out of the mill and stepped down into the pool, he was followed by ten candidates—one woman and nine men, one of the latter being an old man seventynine years of age.

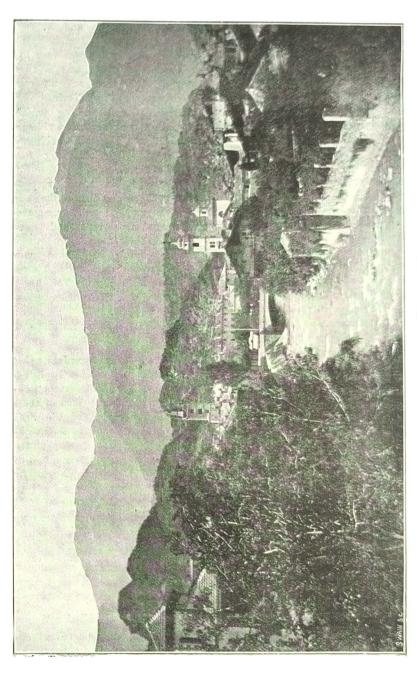
"It was a scene long to be remembered. Round the sluice were gathered some two hundred people, who watched the proceedings with the greatest interest. A few were inclined to ridicule the whole affair, but the greater part were deeply impressed by the testimony that those hardy mountaineers bore to their faith in Christ.

"Later in the day we held a campmeeting under the chestnut trees. There we saw one of the women who, with her husband, had felt obliged to put off her baptism. She, poor body, had been greatly distressed, and her eyes were still red with weeping. It seems that their son, a man of some forty years of age, had threatened, in case of their baptism, to tie them together and to throw them into the river. Such a threat as this would not probably have deterred them, but when he added that he would come down to the service and create a scandal, they felt that it would be wiser and more prudent to postpole their baptism. There is no doubt that as soon as a favourable opportunity presents itself they will obey Christ's command.

"TRIALS.

"Our friends in England can have little idea of the moral courage that is here required for a man, and more especially for a woman, to submit to Scriptural baptism. There is no doubt that, as Baptists, we can deal with the Catholic controversy as no other denomination can, and that our principles are the ones that must eventually prevail in this country; but at the same time I carnot shut my





eyes to the fact that we should more easily gather adherents into our churches were we to be less faithful in our practice. Baptism by immersion that which separates a man absolutely and for ever from his former Church; hence his Catholic friends, while sometimes they make little trouble about his joining Evangelical church, draw a line at baptism, and declare that if he submit to that they will have nothing more to do with him.

"I had hoped to send you a photograph of the scene, taken as the baptisms were going on, and did in fact take a camera up with me; unfortunately it proved to be out of order, so that I was unable to do anything with it. I now, however, send you two photographs which have been taken since. The one is a view of Susa, with the Alps behind, taken from a terrace above our hall The other is a picture of the house where we meet in Meana. On the balcony, outside the windows of our hall, are standing, on the right, our evangelist, Sig. Jahier; on the left, Barba Bolei, the landlord; and in the middle one of Sig. Jahier's children, who at present holds the honorary position of chapel-keeper.

"SUSA.

"Susa is a pleasant little town, or rather city, for it is the residence of a vice-prefect and bishop. It has, of course, its cathedral, the spire of which may be seen in the picture, on the left bank of the river. There is also a large training college for priests, as well as elementary and superior schools for the people. Its inhabitants now number only between four and five thousand; there was a time, however, when Susa was of even greater importance than Turin.

"Meana is a straggling parish, composed of some seventeen villages, with about two thousand inhabitants, the largest village claiming four hundred of these.

"Grauere is in many respects similar to Meana, and about the same size. The people seem to me somewhat more intelligent and more advanced in their ideas.

"Our church in Meana now numbers twelve members and some fifty declared adherents. The church in Susa has also twelve members.— Yours affectionately,

"W. KEMME LANDELS.

"A. H. Baynes, Esq.

"I have just heard from Jahier that last Sunday he had another baptismal service, at which five converts publicly confessed Christ. Two of these will become members of the Susa Church, as they belong to the neighbouring village, Mompantero; the other three belong to Meana, two of them being the aged couple who, by their son's threats, were obliged to put off their baptism on August 15th. We have now in that district twenty-five baptized members.—W. K. L.

"Turin, November, 1895."

CENTENARY VOLUMES.

THESE two memorial volumes can still be obtained at the Mission House. The first, recording the history of the Mission, eighteenpence; the second, the celebration of the Centenary, half-a-crown.

LIFE IN CHRIST: A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER.

"That they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."—

JOHN x. 10 (A.V.).



ORE life and fuller is our spirit's cry—
Life with the living, higher, from on high.
Thou who didst come for us Thy life to give,
Oh! give Thy life to us that we may live.

Live to a nobler purpose, on a broader plan; Live but to serve our dying fellow-man;

Live not for glory, not for name or fame, But for the lost and those who live in shame.

Let Thy quick life within our cold hearts beat, Let us Thine errands run with willing feet; Fill us with joy which only those can know Whose life is lived where "living waters" flow.

Thus from our lives may living streams go forth, Streams which shall cause new life to have its birth, Making the desert blossom as the rose, Parched places pools, whereby the palm tree grows.

Filled with Thy life and willing life to give, That those in darkness may see light and live, We may bring gladness unto those who cry: We live in sadness and we soon must die.

Give us, good Lord, with Thine own loving hand, The "living bread" which makes us strong to stand, That filled with life, in full abundance filled, We may in winning souls be wise and skilled.

These gifts are promised unto those who wait With sweet accord at Heaven's open gate; Oh! give us grace thus daily to renew Thy life in us, proving Thy promise true.

Ch'ing Chou Fu, Shantung, N. China.

R. C. FORSYTH.

CENTENARY FUND.

There are yet some donations promised to this fund which are still outstanding or only partly redeemed. As we are anxious to close this account, we should be very thankful to receive remittances.

THE NEW SCHOOL AT BOLOBO, UPPER CONGO RIVER.



HE Rev. George Grenfell, writing from Bolobo Station, gives the following particulars of the progress of the new school building:—

"The accompanying photograph will give you an idea of the school we are building at Bolobo, and which, as you

will perceive, is approaching completion. The friends who responded to the appeal of the late Mrs. Cameron (who was Miss Silvey then) will be interested to see a picture of the building for which they so kindly furnished the funds.

"With the exception of the framing of the roof timbers, the whole of the work has been done, under Mr. Howell's supervision, by Upper Congo men. The timber has been brought from the forest some three miles inland, and seeing that the tie beams were cut from logs thirty feet long, you will easily realise that the timber hauling was quite a task. The wooden wheels made for this work, though a wheelwright at home might not think very much of them, have helped us wonderfully, and are still available for similar work. The clay for the bricks and tiles came from a point a mile down stream; the moulding and burning was done near our own landing-place, the school children themselves doing a lot of the stacking and carrying.

"The bell sent us by young friends in Glasgow, through the late (I fear there is no hope but that we must now write 'late') Dr. Charters, now finds a place in a brick bell-tower, the wooden frame at first erected for it having gone the way of all wooden things in this land of dry rot and white ants.

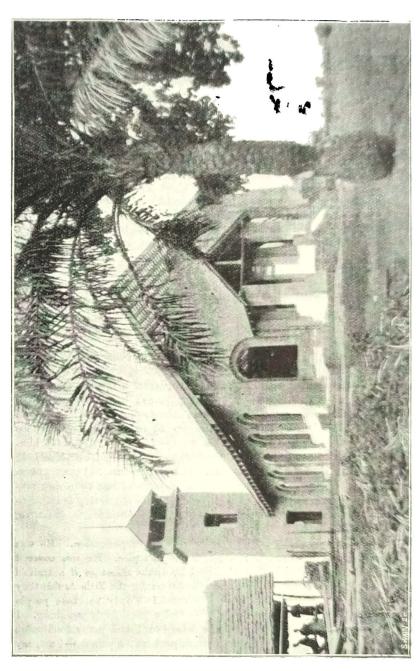
"Our present school is much too small, and we shall be very glad when the time comes for us to occupy our larger building. White ants and boring beetles are carrying the old school away at such a rate that a change will soon become imperative.

"We are hoping the gaps in our ranks here at Bolobo may soon be filled, and that school and 'training' work may be more systematically pursued than has been possible of late. Bolobo is a splendid centre for missionary operations. May God hasten the day when we shall more worthily respond to our opportunities, and the day when our little church shall make itself more manifestly felt in the midst of the cruelty and wickedness of this terribly dark place!

"George Grenfell.

[&]quot;To A. H. Baynes, Esq."





POPULAR HINDUISM, OR THE KAMIL KHAN MELA, AGRA.



Y DEAR MR. BAYNES,—The Apostle Paul, in 1 Cor. x. 20, tells us that "the thing which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God." The longer I live in India the more am I convinced of that solemn fact. The evil one is behind all the idolatry that we see practised around us, so that we as missionaries wrestle, "not against

flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Hence our great need of the Holy Spirit's power. The beauties of Hinduism, of which we hear so much of late, are, I fear, only on the surface, like the gold and silver on counterfeit coins, just sufficient to make them pass current. In Agra, which is one of the principal cities of India, and a great centre of education, the most popular worship of the day seems to be that of evil spirits. Three large Melâs are held annually in honour of men who have died mysterious deaths, and are thus supposed to have become malignant spirits. Strange to say, though all classes worship at these shrines, from the Brahmans downwards, two of these men were, when living, of the lowest caste, and one a Mohammedan. A few days ago, with our evangelists, I visited the tomb of this Mohammedan to preach to the crowd of people who had come together, both Hindu and Mohammedan, a curious medley of worshippers. preaching being disturbed by the sound of loud music, I went to see what was the centre of attraction. In the centre of the musicians I saw a Mohammedan acting as if mad. I saw him throw himself about, dance, writhe, bite his hand, and wallow in the dust, till the perspiration streamed off his body as the result of such exertion. The people said he was possessed by the spirit of the departed Mohammedan, whom they had come to worship. At last the music stopped, and the man seated himself on the ground to answer any questions that might be put to him. I saw a Brahman come forward and consult him. And as a token that he would obey all the instructions given, I saw him hold out his sacred thread to the Mohammedan. This sort of thing, I hear, went on all day. I turned away in disgust and sad at heart, and our preaching was resumed. Possibly, if people sell themselves thus to the devil, they are able to give remarkable answers. At the same time, most of the business is, of course, pure deception and trickery.

Returning to our preaching stand, I found a fakir in possession. He was scated on a blanket spread out to receive the people's pice. He was covered with ashes, and had matted hair, and moved his limbs about as if a trained acrobat. Behind him stood two Mohammedans shouting the little Arabic they knew to attract a crowd. The people's pice came in slowly, so these people soon moved away and left us in peace. We had a good day's preaching. I trust that many who came to worship the false leard and understood more than ever before about the true object of worship whom we preach.—I am, my dear Mr. Baynes, yours very sincerely,

MISSIONARY LOTO.



ETS of this instructive game, designed to impart missionary information to young people in a pleasant manner, and which proved so popular twelve months ago as a Christmas and New Year's Girt, can again be supplied at a cost of one shilling, the expense of postage being threepence extra. During the winter evenings, we doubt not, many of the children in our

families will find in "Missionary Loto" much happy and healthy recreation.

WORK IN SHENSI.



HE following letter, addressed by Mrs. Moir Duncan to Mrs. Timothy Richard, and dated San Yüan, Shensi, August, 1895, we print by the kind permission of Mrs. Richard :-

"My strength has not been fully re-

newed yet. Yesterday (Sunday) I found my duties very exhausting, but was glad to be in harness again. I had my congregational singing class in the morning, and my women in the afternoon, and afterwards attended a meeting in the girls' school, which I will describe later on.

"Now I have an idea that you have not yet heard the particulars of our gracious revival in the girls' school. You remember us mentioning the visit of Mr. Franzen, the man who sends so many American Swedes to this country. When here he conducted three meetings with the Chinese - real revival meetings they were. Of course he spoke through an interpreter, but still the people felt the power. I believe a few were converted in the after-meetings. Amongst them was one of our senior girls - a splendid girl, and one we had often had private talks with. She was very anxious for salvation, but never seemed to receive the joy of assurance Well, she was converted on the night of Mr. Franzen's preaching. At that time the school was closed for the summer vacation, but when the girls came back to

school I took occasion to hint in a jocular way that this Miss 'Steam' (or Cheng it is in Chinese) had received something during their absence, and that they must all ask her, when they had opportunity, what this thing was. My idea was to help her to begin at once and testify before her fellowboarders. Mei Ying was the first to ask, and was overjoyed to hear of her salvation. At prayers the same evening Mei suggested that there might be a few prayers instead of the usual one, and she noticed a marked difference in the spirit of those who responded to her suggestion. the same night or soon after she urged the girls to pray specially for their own salvation-nothing new-but the Holy Spirit seemed present. Night after night they prayed, sometimes till midnight, for themselves and each other, with the result that most, if not every one, of the forty odd professed conversion. That many of these have truly been born again we have no reason to doubt, but that many may grow cold we must fear. there has been an outpouring of God's Spirit on the whole school. Mei Ying has proved remarkably fitted to lead them into the Kingdom.

foreigners have had little to do of the direct reaping, though much of the sowing has been ours. You would be delighted oould you listen to Mei Ying as she tells how she was helped in recalling suitable passages of Scripture, anecdotes or illustrations in dealing with them. The whole atmosphere of the school seems changed. Whenever their day's work is over they begin gathering in little groups for The villagers remark on the difference. They say that before they were constantly hearing cross words and sounds of quarrelling coming from the school yard, but now all is changed. They are either praying or singing, or at least talking quietly amongst themselves. The meeting I attended last night is got up entirely by themselves. They have established what they call a 'One-accord Association,' their meetings to take place once in three months, when money

will be contributed by each member, and addresses given by four previously chosen scholars from previously chosen subjects. Just think of these girls managing so much for themselves. Last night Mei Ying was chairman, and gave a capital sermon on the 'Importunate Widow'-a sermon that might shame many a minister at home -nicely divided into interesting heads and beautifully illustrated. mind, she has never heard anyone preach on the same subject, she says. Another girl, also one of my early converts, told the manners and customs of the people of India. A third, newly converted, told the different religions of India, and a fourth read the contributions, which amounted to 360 cash. They have not yet decided what to use the money for. like the 'Christian a little Endeavour'?"

EXTRACTS FROM PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.

T the meeting of the General Committee, on Tuesday, November 19th, the Treasurer in the Chair, after prayer by W. Payne, Esq., of Upper Clapton,

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A sympathetic resolution urging the churches to increased support of the Mission was presented and read from the Pastors and Delegates of the Glamorgan and Carmarthen English Baptist Association, and thankfully acknowledged.

The illness of the Rev. James Culross, D.D., of Bristol College, was reported, and the Secretary was requested to forward a letter of sincere sympathy, assuring Dr. and Mrs. Culross of the earnest prayers of the Committee for his speedy recovery.

The Rev. W. J. Henderson, B.A., of Bristol College, was earnestly $r \in quested$ to preside at the New Year's Day Missionary Prayer Meeting.

The Revs. Thomas Evans, of Mussoorie, and J. H. Weeks, from Monsembi, Upper Congo, met the Committee, and were warmly welcomed home by the Treasurer.

In response to the earnest appeal of the Committee of the Zenana

Mission, it was resolved to devote six pages of the enlarged MISSIGNARY HERALD to tidings of Zenana Mission work, commencing with the January, 1896, issue.

The Secretary reported the decease of Mrs. Cowen, formerly of Trinidad, at Brighton, on the 4th of November, and of Mrs. Grieff, formerly of Gya, on the 2nd of October, in Calcutta, and resolutions of sincere sympathy with the bereaved relatives were adopted.

The offers for Mission service on the Congo of Mr. Kenred Smith, of Bristol College; Mr. Charles John Dodds, of Rawdon College; Mr. Richard Beedham, of Rawdon College; and of Mr. Charles H. Harvey, of Northfield College, U.S.A., for the vacant post of superintendent of the Cuttack Mission Press, were unanimously accepted. Mr. Kenred Smith was designated for Bopoto Station, Mr. Dodds for Monsembi Station, and Mr. Beedham for Underhill Station. All these brethren had an interview with the Committee, and were warmly welcomed by the Treasurer in the name of his colleagues.

Special prayer was then offered by S. B. Burton, Esq., of Newcastle-cn-Tyne, and the Rev. J. E. Roberts, M.A., B.D., of Manchester.

The serious illness of the Rev. E. P. and Mrs. Davy, of Patna, from malarial fever, was reported, and, in pursuance of medical orders, their return to England sanctioned, so soon as they may be in a condition to undertake the journey; the latest report indicating a change for the better.

The death of the Rev. D. P. Broadway, formerly of Patna, at Monghyr, was reported. The Rev. B. Evans, writing from Monghyr, under date of October 22nd, says:—

"I desire to inform you of the death of our beloved brother Broadway. For some time past he has been in failing health; in fact, he has never been himself after his taking a chill some two years ago at the Ram Rila Mela. In September he had an attack of fever, and though the fever was ultimately shaken off, it left him very weak. The chilly nights and hot days in October left him with a cold. Bronchitis set in, and after much suffering, he fell asleep on Friday, 18th October. For more than half-a-century Mr. Broadway lovingly and faithfully laboured to win India for Christ. At first he worked for the Church Missionary Society at Benares; afterwards, on becoming a Baptist, in connection with our own Society. His first station was Monghyr; from thence, after the exciting days of the Indian Mutiny, he went to Agra, then to Delhi, and from Delhi to Patna and Bankipore, where for nearly a quarter of a century he laboured almost single-handed. A kinder, or more unselfish man, it would be impossible to meet. So thoughtful was he for others in their troubles and distresses that his own family anxieties were almost forgotten. I cannot do better than cull from the letter of a friend, just received, who has known him for a quarter of a century. He says:-

""Mr. Broadway was the soul of kindness, a most unselfish man, absolutely free from covetousness and the love of money. He moreover lived and loved for the salvation of the people of India. He fed them in famine, visited them in sickness, and distanced many a younger man in preaching the Gospel far and wide, often amid much weakness and great bodily pain and suffering. His door was ever open to the poor, the friendless, and the

unfortunate; and he was never more happy than when showing practical, and sometimes costly, kindness from very slender resources, even to publicans and sinners. In common with many more, I feel that in him I have lost a most faithful friend—a friend of a sort that, alas! there are far too few in this present age."

And Mr. Evans concludes his letter by saying:-

"I feel that the world to-day is far poorer for Mr. Broadway's death, yet it is the richer by reason of the life that he lived. I know that at times he chafed beneath his inactivity; and as he thought of the fewness of the labourers, and vastness of the field, he sighed for the strength and vigour of youth, that he might go forth to labour for further years. But He who gave Broadway as a vast blessing to India can, and will, raise up such men as he was."

The Committee rejoice in recording this testimony, and they desire to assure Mrs. Broadway and the members of the bereaved family of their deep and profound sympathy with them in this time of sorrow and loss. They thank God for the beautiful life their honoured brother lived and for the blessed memory that remains of his unselfish labours, and they pray that upon his children the mantle of his consecrated devotion may fall, and that they may have grace given them to follow him, who now, through faith and patience, inherits the promises.

The China Committee reported that Dr. Paterson had written from Cheefoo, under date of September 21st:—"I am now starting inland for Ching Chow Fu after my trip to Japan, my health and strength having been perfectly restored by the voyage and change, which have been of the greatest possible benefit to me." The Committee rejoice to receive such good tidings.

An appeal for a grant-in-aid, from Baptist churches in Bohemia, was respectfully declined, the Committee having no funds from which to render the help requested.

The Rev. J. B. M. Stephens, of Underhill Station, under date of September 22nd, reports the opening up for traffic of the Congo Railway as far as the Luva River, and its use to that point for the transit of Mission goods. He anticipates it will be completed for traffic as far as Kimpese (100 miles from Underhill) in May next, and the whole distance to Stanley Pool, 300 miles, within three years from date of his letter, as the remaining distance is through easy and flat country; the worst and most difficult engineering problems having been already overcome.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the Principal Secretary of State of the Congo Government in Brussels, to the effect that, in pursuance of the undertaking given to the General Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society during his recent visit to Brussels, "he had directed a most searching inquiry to be made as to the conduct of certain State officials at Monsembi, brought to his notice by Mr. Baynes; and, should the circumstances as reported be substantiated, the offenders should be very severely punished."

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. Underhill,

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.



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

Parcels of fancy and other articles for Mrs. Wall's Mission in Rome, from Miss Brandreth, Hoylake, Friends at Cheltenham and Birkenhead, Mrs. Underhill, Hampstead, and Miss Trusted, Ross. A box of tools from Mr. Pullen, Leeds, for

the Rev. J. H. Weeks, Congo; a parcel from Miss Allen, Maze Pond Chapel, Old Kent Road, for Mrs. Lewis, San Salvador, Congo; a completely fitted turning lathe from Friends at John Street Chapel, Glasgow, per the Rev. George McCrie, for the Rev. W. H. Stapleton, Monsembi, Congo River; two drums of caustic soda from Messrs. Parson & Co., Leicester, for Miss de Hailes, Congo; three parcels from Haven Green Missionary Working Party, Ealing, per Miss Stuck, and a parcel from Friends at Great Missenden, for Mrs. Watson, China; a parcel of books from the Thursday Evening Class, Haggate Baptist Chapel, per Mr. J. Halstead, for the Rev. E. Morgan, Shensi, North China; a parcel from Immanuel Sunday School, Southsea, some table-cloths from Mr. T. Edwards, Bridgend, a Communion Service from the Church at Fakenham, per the Rev. A. J. Causton, for the Rev. R. Spurgeon, Barisal, Bengal; a parcel of Kindergarten requisites from Mr. T. S. Aldis, Clapton, for Miss Way, Calcutta; a supply of hospital necessaries from Readers of Medical Missions at Home and Abroad, per Miss Butler, of Highbury, for Miss Farrer, India; a parcel of dolls and clothing from the South Lane Working Party, Downton, for the Rev. B. Evans, India; a parcel of cards and work-bags from Miss Grigg, Devonport, for Mrs. James's School, Jalpaiguri, North Bengal; a box of clothing, toys, and books from the Fivehead Busy Bee Sewing Class, per Miss Hallett, for Miss Compston, Calcutta; a box of slides from Mr. Shippey. Cambridge, for the Rev. D. Jones, Agra; a parcel of cards from Mrs. Clark, Edinburgh, for Mrs. Phillips, India; gifts of drugs from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome, & Co., Holborn, London, for the Revs. F. W. Hale and A. Long, India; and 100 one ounce bottles of quinine from Mr. J. W. Clark, of Leicester, for the Rev. W. H. Bentley, Wathen, Congo, and the Zenana Mission, India.

Mrs. Hawker acknowledges with many thanks the following gifts for the Congo Sale at Camden Road:—Parcel of work, value £1 Ss., from Friends in Rothesay; Indian silk and other goods from "A Friend" in Liverpool; a parcel from Mrs. K., Redhill.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.



HE REV. THOMAS EVANS, OF INDIA.—We are sure it will give great pleasure to our friends in the Principality of Wales to hear of the arrival of the Rev. Thomas Evans in good health from India, and that, in pursuance of the wishes of the Committee, Mr. Evans has undertaken to visit as many of the Welsh churches as his strength will permit.

Already steps are being taken to utilise his valuable services to the greatest advantage. For some months he will restrict his visitation to South Wales. Twenty-one years have passed since Mr. Evans was last in this country. Many will remember his eloquent advocacy of the claims of the Society, in not

a few Welsh homes his name being a household word. Further particulars will be announced when the arrangements for his visits to the churches are more complete.

Marriage.—September 18th, at the Mission Chapel, Serampore, by the Rev. Charles Jordan, Geo. Kerry, Indian Secretary to the B.M.S., to Marie J. Compston, of the Baptist Zenana Mission, Calcutta, eldest daughter of the late Rev. J. Compston, Baptist minister, formerly of Leeds.

Havelock Chapel, Agra, N.W.P.—The Rev. J. G. Potter writes from Agra: _ "The Rev. G. R. M. Roche, pastor of the Havelock Chapel, Agra, having decided to devote his whole time to the work among British soldiers in India, and having been offered the position of Acting Chaplain of a Scotch Regiment, it became necessary for us to seek a successor. We are able to offer ample support for an unmarried man-viz., Rs. 100 a month as a minimum. with allowance for pony and trap needed for visiting, and house rent-free. We are further prepared to pay steamer and railway fares to Agra, and, if needed. passage money to England after three years. Our hope is, however, that the man whom God shall send to us may, with God's blessing, see the church so prospering that be may decide to settle permanently as its pastor. Our need is that of a pastor-evangelist. The church is at present small, but capable of development, and the opportunity of doing evangelistic work both among British soldiers and civilians is all that one could desire. Further information with reference to the church can be obtained through Mr. Secretary Baynes, at the Mission House, or by writing to the Rev. J. G. Potter, Baptist Mission House, Agra, India.

Departure of Missionaries.—On the 22nd ult., Miss Beckingsale and the Rev. Arthur Long sailed for Calcutta in the P. & O. ss. Bengal. Miss Beckingsale is joining the Australian Baptist Mission at Brahmanbaria, Tipperah, Eastern Bengal, and Mr. Long is returning to Russell Khondah, Orissa.

THE LORD LOYETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.



NCE again we have to express our gratitude for welcome proofs of deep interest in the work of the Society, as exhibited by the following gifts:—"A Blind Girl," for a small silver chain for the Congo Mission; "A Member of Tyndale Church, Bristol," for a gold chain, who writes to Dr. Glover: "Your sermon last Sunday morning made me

feel quite ashamed that I do so little for the Baptist Missionary Society"; "An Old Soldier," for a silver coin for the work in India; "A Sunday Scholar," for a silver fruit-knife for the Congo Mission; "A. H. B.," for two rings for India; and "A Widow," for a silver chain for the Congo Mission.

The Committee also very gratefully acknowledge the following most timely contributions, viz:—Mr. Edward Rawlings, £100; Reyner Trust Fund, £1(0; "A Friend," £95; Mr. Joshua Sing, J.P., £20; Mr. E. G. Glazier, £16 19s. 10d.; Mr. and Mrs. Crossley, £15; Misses Bilbrough, £10 10s.; Mr. W. Nicholson, J.P., £10 10s.; "A Friend," Salisbury, £10; Dr. S. E. Pedley, £10.

CONTRIBUTIONS. From October 13th to November 12th, 1895.

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