

wave of revival, and that it may roll on over the entire province."

DR. STEPHENSON, of our China Mission, in a private letter to a friend, referring to the study of the language, says: "Each missionary on the way out ought to have a list of the two hundred and fourteen radicals, not to learn the sounds, but merely to learn how to make each radical from memory, as well as remember its number. It will repay well." This can be bought for ten cents at the China Inland Room, Toronto.

BRO. RODWELL, of Parry Sound, sends this encouraging note:—"You will be glad to learn that our missionary services this year were a grand success. I got three of our intelligent and devoted laymen to give addresses, and got the Young People's Epworth League to give a free missionary lunch. Results—a greater interest manifested than has been for years, and income more than double that of last year. Moral—get the laymen and young people interested, and the income will assuredly come up."

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Editorial and Contributed.

Editorial Notes.

JUDSON once said his "hand was nearly shaken off, and his hair nearly shorn off for mementoes, by those who would willingly let missions die." Christians of that stamp are not all dead yet.

AND as all these movements outside and inside the Church seem to be mutually necessary, does it not seem to prove that they are all planned and guided by the one Supreme Head?

THIS from Dr. A. T. Pierson deserves to be pondered:—"The Church of Christ is asleep. Let a thousand trumpets, like the sound of many thunders uttering their voices, rouse us all from apathy. Let facts, like the fingers of God, write God's message on the walls of our temples of mammon and palaces of luxury, as in letters of fire, till selfishness and worldliness shall tremble at the manifest presence of the Lord."

IN a single century the advance guard of the missionary army have marched around the world, often in the face of embattled hosts. They never could have done it if the angel of the Lord had not gone before them.

THE mighty movement of God's providence in opening the nations has been matched by a corresponding movement within the Church, in spreading information, awakening interest, raising money, and training workers.

Broken Barriers.

FEW Christians have an adequate conception of the extent to which the mighty barriers surrounding the world's heathenism have given way in the last fifty years. Then they frowned in massive strength all along the line; now, for the most part, they lie prostrate like the walls of Jericho, and the missionary army has only to march straight forward over the ruins, and take the defenceless strongholds.

Even fifty years ago most of the heathen nations were almost entirely inaccessible. Then Africa was not only the "dark continent," it was the unknown continent; now it is traversed by the missionary from sea to sea. Then Japan was hermetically sealed against the foreigner, and Christianity was everywhere under the ban; now religious toleration is guaranteed by the Constitution, and the gospel is freely preached. Then the Chinese wall was a veritable wall of exclusion; now Christianity is recognized, and protection of Christians is guaranteed by treaty. Then India was dominated by a power hostile to missions, and every possible obstacle was thrown in their way; but in 1857, by the terrible chastisement of the Sepoy rebellion, God taught England that she could not trifle with impunity with her providential mission, and now the utmost facility is given in India to missionary operations, and a once hostile government lauds the results of missionary work. All this is "the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes."

What a marvellous change from the time when a director of the East India Company declared that he would rather see a band of devils than a band of missionaries in India, or even from 1852, when \$3,750,000 were paid from public funds to repair temples, provide new idols and idol-cars, and support a pagan priesthood; to 1873, when the Secretary of State for India put on record the following testimony:—"The Government cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions of those six hundred missionaries, whose blameless example and self-denying labor