

everything must have a beginning ; we cannot leap to perfection at once ; 3. Then, too, when we think of the present outlook here we must bear in mind that we are laboring for the future.

Kucheng.—Dr. J. Rigg, writing concerning this district in connection with the recent massacre, says : “ It is more and more impressed upon my mind that it was expedient that our sitters and Mr. Stewart should die for the people and the whole nation be saved from the horrors of a rebellion. . . . I can conceive that our people, by their deaths, may have saved China, and if so, THEY KNOW IT. The heathen sentiment in the Kucheng district is, ‘ You say Jesus died for us, but we never saw Him, but we have seen Mr. Stewart, and he died for us ; for certainly if he and the others had not been killed we need not have sown any seed this year, for the Vegetarians would not have allowed us to reap it.’ ”

Wesleyan Missionary Society.—The notes published from the *Lagos District of Africa* are of special interest. In *Porto Novo* the work is hard enough to make the boldest quail. Still, tho the battle is an uphill one, God is giving the victory, for the flock has increased by 56 full members. In *Klein Popo* the fight seems to be still more accentuated ; and among the foes enumerated are dense heathenism, cunning Roman Catholicism, and sore trials from within. Notwithstanding all, there are new openings and an extension of the work. In the *Yoruba Interior* there is only as yet a preparation for the sowing. But the *Ijebu Remo* mission is growing apace. In the capital city the young men have erected a temporary house of worship themselves. Further at *Iperu* the church's influence is making itself felt in the town ; while in *Ago*, despite opposition, 60 names have been enrolled as those who are desirous to know the words of Eternal Life.

Baptist Missionary Society.—The meetings held at Portsmouth were

marked by much fervor of spirit. Several new brethren and sisters have been designated for the foreign field. The work in Orissa, India, is especially being strengthened, the Rev. George Howells, of Regent's Park College, and the Rev. F. W. Jarry, of the Pastor's College, being both appointed to that sphere. The following are the terms of the resolution passed, and which claims sympathetic adoption : “ That this meeting calls upon the churches of the denomination for more fervent prayer, so that reinforcements may be speedily sent forth in response to the numerous and pathetic appeals recently received from the mission field ; and that such a personal spirit of consecration to the great missionary enterprise may thereby be evoked as shall result in the requisite resources.”

China Inland Mission.—During 1895 the number of converts baptized was 844, which was an increase of 93 on the previous year. There has been also a still larger number of candidates on probation for baptism as compared with that year, as well as an increase in the number of new missionaries.

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—God be merciful unto us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God ; Let all the peoples praise Thee.

—Christ gives life to men, and then says : “ As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.” Every Christian is a missionary. He may have been nursed in the lap of Christendom and trained in a luxurious religious home, or he may have been born a pagan, and “suckled on a creed outworn.” It matters not. If he has been born again, and feels the throb of the Christ-life, he is a missionary sent by the living Christ to touch dead souls to the newness of life.—*G. L. Muckay.*