

swer soon came. A prize had been offered by the manager of one of the gardens to the child who would sing the hymn best and most correctly at the Sunday-school. Twelve children competed ; and all did so well (only two made any mistake) that to each was given a book prize. We may note that in this competition the Hindu children far outstripped the Christian children, both in expression and in correct singing."—*Darjeeling News*.

—In view of a dangerous surgical operation lately performed, with entire success, by a female missionary physician, in the case of a Hindu lady in Lucknow, a heathen journal remarked : "Miracles still occur. Even to-day Jesus Christ is performing them through the female physicians whom He sends into our zenanas."

—Mr. ALEXANDER EZRA, in the *Harvest Field*, thinks that it is easy to overestimate the stiffness and foreign tone of translations into the Indian vernacular. At all events, says he, this fault is fast disappearing. The present Tamil Bible is not what Mr. Haigh would call a mere "transverberation," but almost a perfect translation. He goes on to protest against plunging the biblical ideas into the ocean of filth welling out from Hindu mythology and literature, and declares that India will never become robustly Christian unless she drinks deep of English Christian literature. Let the Indian Church remain Indian by all means, but let her, for Christ's sake, be heartily willing to surrender all that part of her nationality which is irredeemably saturated with the vileness of the national heathenism.

—The total number of baptized persons in the American Lutheran Mission in the Nellore District of the Madras Presidency is 14,265, of whom 6178 are communicants. They are distributed throughout 425 villages.

—The United Presbyterian Mission (Scottish) during last year treated 210,000 patients at its dispensaries.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—Speaking of the hideous barbarities by which the early English convicts and emigrants in Australia almost exterminated the native race, organizing regular hunting-parties to shoot down men, women, and children, and even dragging them to death at the tails of their horses, the *Macedoniër* remarks : "Who is it, of the civilized Christian world, that has compassion on all this wretchedness under all this barbarism ? Not such men of science as M. Renan, who has declared that he sees no reason why we should ascribe to a Papua an immortal soul. No ; it is the Wesleyan, Episcopal, and the Moravian missionaries, who, constrained by the condescending love of Christ, have compassion on the unhappy lot of these their oppressed and degraded fellow-men."

—Bishop Temple, of London, preaching before the Church Missionary Society, touches as follows the question of the slow progress of the kingdom of God : "I suppose most of us at first sight are very much more struck with something that is done with a sudden blow, very much more struck with an exhibition of power that we see in some sudden, vast change brought about in an exceedingly short space of time ; and we think that there is more evidence of Divine power and Divine interference in the rapid than in the slow. And yet reflection would rather lead us to look at the other side. There is no doubt that when anything is done very rapidly, whether it be in a great convulsion of nature, or whether it be in the sudden change in the views and convictions of a large number of men, there is something very striking in the rapidity with which God sometimes does work of that kind. But is there not something still more striking in the steady, quiet work that goes on century after century, and shows that the one purpose is held fast long after those who were first employed to fulfil it have passed away, and when through