

severe hurricane came on, but the people would not allow of the meetings being interfered with, earnestly protesting that it was no hurricane, but simply the rushing of a mighty wind to accompany the descent of the Spirit. In some of the villages there is scarce one left who is not either a church-member or a candidate for admission.

*Hankow, China.*—Dr. Griffith John writes concerning the new leper home at Hiau Kaw, and the prospects generally in that neighborhood: "It is now about twenty years since we began work in that district. From the beginning we have been greatly encouraged by evident tokens of God's favor. But never have we seen so much to inspire us with confidence as now. The whole district is being leavened with Christian truth, and everywhere an interest in the truth is being awakened in the minds of men. *'We want more men. When shall we have them?'*"

*Prayer of a Hunan Christian.*—"O Lord, Thou knowest that Hunan means south of the Lake, and Hupeh north of the Lake; the Lake is Tung Ting. Thou knowest, Lord, that there are more people in these two provinces than there are fish in the Lake, and Thou hast sent us to be fishers of men. In many places the Gospel net has not been let down, and there is no means of catching the fish, nor is there any fisherman. We pray Thee, Lord, to grant that in every place there may be a Gospel net and skilful fishermen."

*Presbyterian Church of England.*—Writing of a visit paid to the mission stations in Formosa, the Rev. John Watson, M.A., says: "The brethren in Formosa have been unduly depressed by the relapses of which they have told us among the Christian aborigines. I spent a few days at Awgulan, in the north of our district, which is virtually a Christian village. The people are all aborigines, or Sek Hoan. They speak their native dialect, and also Chinese. Some twenty-five years ago they first heard the Gospel. Now the village is

as much Christian as many of our home villages. There are few houses where family worship is not observed. Let people try to realize what that means, and they will rejoice and give God thanks as I did and do."

*Dr. Affleck Scott.*—The Blantyre Mission of the Church of Scotland has suffered a grievous loss in the death of Dr. W. A. Scott, at the early age of thirty-three. His words at starting for the Dark Continent were, "What a glorious thing to help to save Africa!" In labor he was unsparing of himself, and though his time on furlough was long overdue, he refused to leave till a successor would come to take his place and his work. His career is brief but inspiring; and the mantle of such a man cannot fall to the ground.

*Baptist Missionary Society.*—Great grief is felt at the early and lamented death of Sidney Roberts Webb, M.D., of the Congo, after a short two years of missionary service. Skilful in the science of medicine, he had a earnest evangelical spirit, and was especially successful in attracting the Congo boys to his person and touching their hearts by his appeals. The letter of his young wife, narrating the circumstances of his last illness and departure and burial at sea, is unspeakably touching. One who well knew him writes: "Sidney Webb died as he lived; and he has carried with him the character and capacity formed by the experience and discipline of earth."

*Wesleyan Missionary Society.*—The "Wesleyan Missionary Notices" continue still to be occupied with addresses given at the annual meetings by brethren from the foreign fields. There is an unmistakable ring of faith in their utterances generally, while the results, as summarized, show in several cases gratifying progress. Educational agencies are carefully fostered, and evangelistic efforts unflaggingly sustained. Speaking of the Galle district of Ceylon, the Rev. Robert Tebb says, "Of the 500 members there, many of them are work-