

ing. Other Greek friends have shown a like generosity, and a contribution taken up at the dedication exercises cancels nearly the whole remaining debt.

—At length the Dead Sea is to be navigated, and two sailing boats, one rather large and heavy, for freight, and the other smaller and neater, for passengers, have just been conveyed from Jaffa to Jerusalem by rail, and thence onward by road. The boats belong to the Sultan, as does also the Dead Sea, which forms part of the crown property, and it is his intention to turn to good account the salt, bitumen, and sulphur which abound in its waters and upon the shores.

—September 26th a large company of missionaries, teachers, students, and friends gathered for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new building for the Marsovan Girls' Boarding School, probably the first exercise of the kind ever witnessed by most who were present. This building succeeds the one that was burnt by incendiaries, when in an unfurnished condition, last February, an indemnity of 500 Turkish pounds having been paid by the Ottoman Government. The present building is to be larger and more commodious than the other would have been. It can accommodate nearly or quite 100 boarders, about double the capacity of the old building.

—September 14th the Broussa Orphanage commenced its nineteenth year with 109 persons, boarders, day-scholars, and teachers. Over 60 must be fed daily, of whom 50 are orphans, who have to be cared for entirely. The other scholars pay nothing, or only a trifle, and therefore need help.

India.—In this utilitarian age the Roman alphabet is bound to prevail in India. The involved compounds of some Indian languages, that are called letters but are really words, must disappear along with the village blast furnace, the loom, and the palanquin. With telegraphs and telephones in uni-

versal use, sesquipedalian names of men or things will be too expensive for every-day use.—*Indian Witness.*

—Another severe trial has befallen the Moravian Himalaya Mission. Mr. L. Bourquin, on his way to Leh, was taken so seriously ill, that he was compelled to discontinue his journey, and to go to the hospital at Alexandria. He had been suffering for some days from pain in the head, and then was suddenly seized with violent convulsions, which were twice repeated on the following day. Upon the recommendation of two physicians he was ordered to return to Germany. Miss Kant was left to continue the journey alone, her travelling companions consisting of a party of Jesuits and a nun, who immediately began to seek her "conversion."

—A missionary writes: "The town of Pooree, in Orissa, where the great Temple of Jaganath stands, contains a large number of monasteries, presided over by monks devoted to the worship of this god. These monks, or pundas, send out from Pooree annually 7000 missionaries throughout the length and breadth of India to proclaim the name and glory of Jaganath. I stood this year by the great cars of Jaganath, Bolaram, and Shubladri (Jaganath's brother and sister), surrounded by at least 100,000 pilgrims, who had come from all parts of India to see the "lord of the world" (jagat = world, nath = lord). I was profoundly impressed with the spectacle. This, I thought, is the result of the self-denying enthusiasm of these missionaries."

—A well-to-do Burmese Christian woman, named Mah Hnin Aye, gave a few years ago Rs. 3000 to the Judson chapel in Mandalay, and Rs. 500 each to the Burmese and Karen work in Tavoy, the interest only to be used. She now offers to give Rs. 5000 more to be invested, and the interest used for Burmese work in Tavoy.

—The Misses Mary and Margaret Leitch write: "We have the oversight