

"Why did they go? Because they have caught a vision, a vision of the world with its dire need, a vision of One who left His home in heaven, breathed the foul atmosphere of earth, came in contact with its sin and misery, staggered with bleeding feet through the stony streets of Jerusalem, and gave up His life upon 'the bitter Cross.'

"And who knoweth whether thou art not come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"—A. J. Brown, D.D.

#### MISSIONARY NEWS.

Many of the "Link" readers have been interested in the Ludhiana School of Medicine for Women, of which the annual report has recently come to hand. The school opened in 1894, and, under the principalship of Dr. Edith M. Brown, of Cambridge, Eng., is for the training of Indian women as doctors and nurses. Any of the Protestant missionary societies in India may send students to be trained with the understanding that they return after graduation to work for the mission which educated them. The students are admitted to the medical examinations of Lahore University on the same terms as the men, and the universal testimony is that the Indian women make capable doctors and nurses. The school is governed by a board in India, and auxiliary committees have been formed in a number of Old and New World cities. The Toronto, or rather Canadian committee, has undertaken the support of a student, and also the salary of Miss E. M. Gourlay, who has charge of the Training School for Nurses. Miss Gourlay is a Baptist from Western Canada, and is meeting with great success in her work. "One dollar a year and upwards constitutes membership in the committee. The president is Dr. Jennie Gray Waldman, and the second vice-president is Miss Rogers, our former missionary,—both of these well-known in our denomination. The treasurer is Mrs. J. T. Duncan, 165 Bloor St. E., Toronto.

From Madagascar, Rhodesia and the Kongo comes startling news of a revival of heathenism. The dancing mania has to a large extent taken possession of these separated peoples, and in its train follows gambling, drinking, superstition, and witchcraft. This will be a great

test for the native Christians, and will make a very difficult struggle for the missionaries.

A serious attempt to expose Mormonism and check its progress, is to be made by an Interdenominational Council of Women in the United States.

"India," says E. R. Carver, in *The Missionary Witness*, "is a land full of contradictions, and is hence a much misunderstood land.

"This is the land of blazing light, and yet, withal, the land of densest darkness. There is wonderful beauty with repulsive ugliness. A land of plenty, full of penury. Ultra-cleanliness and unmentionable filthiness. There is kindness to all creatures combined with hardest cruelty. All life held sacred in a land of murders. A people of mild speech, given to violent language. Proud of learning, and sunken in ignorance. Seekers for merit, resigned to fate. Unbelieving, and full of credulity. Belief in one God, coexistent with the worship of 330,000,000 deities. Intensely religious, yet destitute of piety. Altogether, India is lost humanity gone to seed; a diseased, degenerate herb become a noxious weed. At least this is the condition of her society."—*Missionary Review*.

One of the missionaries of the China Inland Mission, close to the frontier of Thibet, has made a long journey of 12,000 miles into that almost forbidden land. He carried with him a supply of Tibetan Gospels, of which he was able to dispose with great ease. He was usually received with courtesy even at the monasteries, and he writes that he thinks a great change has come over these people, and that there is a splendid opportunity for the circulation of the Scriptures in Eastern Thibet. Another door is opening!

A great flood has devastated China for a distance of 700 miles from the province of Hupeh to Shanghai. It is estimated that many thousands have been drowned, and hundreds of thousands driven from their homes. Distress and famine are facing other districts also. China is trying to make provision for this need from her own treasury, but war is claiming all her available money, and help will have to come once more from Britain and America.