

luxuriance, flourishing best in a poor soil, and yielding most abundantly in a dry and thirsty land. The population of Tinnivelly is 233 to the square mile, the majority of whom subsist upon the product of this palm. It grows slowly, but with little care, working its roots far into the earth in search of moisture. It attains a great height; is as straight as the mast of a ship and only begins to bear fruit at the end of twenty years; it has no branches, but the leaves, which are large and pear-shaped, are used for making mats, baskets, buckets, umbrellas, and also for thatching houses and *stationary*. The wood is of great value on account of its durability; it is used for rafters and beams of buildings and for making furniture. The most valuable product of the tree is its juice, or sap—a kind of sweet water which flows from the flower at the top of the tree, of which it yields large quantities, used in various ways for food. Bishop Caldwell, who has spent forty years as a missionary in Tinnivelly, in his history of missions there, gives these and many wonderful facts about the celebrated tree.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS.—Alexander Pope, next to Milton and Shakespeare, has furnished the greatest number of familiar quotations. They are oftener in the popular mouth than even those of Shakespeare. The following are the best known of Pope's short quotations: "Lo! the poor Indian." "All are but parts of one stupendous whole." "Man never

is, but always to be, blest." "Die of a rose in aromatic pain." "Whatever is, is right." "The proper study of mankind is man." "Grows with his growth, and strengthens with his strength." "Vice is a monster of so frightful mien," etc. "Pleased with a rattle, tickled with a straw." "He can't be wrong whose life is in the right." "Order is Heaven's first law." "Worth makes the man—the want of it the fellow." "An honest man's the noblest work of God." "Looks through nature up to nature's God." "From grave to gay, from lively to severe." "Guide, philosopher and friend." "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." "Mistress of herself, though china fall." "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" "To err is human; to forgive, divine." "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." "Damn with faint praise." "Willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike." "Breaking a butterfly upon a wheel." "The feast of reason and the flow of soul." "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest." "Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame." "The mockery of woe." "Party is the madness of many for the gain of a few." "In wit, a man; simplicity, a child." "I lisped in numbers, for the numbers came." "A grace beyond the reach of art."

"Shoot folly as it flies,
And catch the manners living as they rise."

"Honour and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part—there all the honour lies."

"That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me."

AN important meeting was held in the Canadian Institute, Toronto, 23rd Dec., to discuss the proposed scheme of College of Preceptors for Ontario. There were present representatives from Colleges, High and Public Schools; all were from city institutions,

with one exception. Our correspondent, E. N., gives the scheme, with the slight changes made at the representative meeting. We invite the attention of all our teachers to this most important question. Write to this Magazine.