

THE HEATHEN WORLD IN 1837 AND 1897.

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EVERY magazine and paper that we shall see in this month of June, will tell us, from its own special point of view, of the wonderful things that have taken place in the long and glorious reign of the greatest of England's Queens. We may well join heartily in the national thanksgiving

been made in spreading the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world, and specially what has been done by the C.M.S.

There were many obstacles to missionary work in 1837 which do not exist now. First of all, the missionary idea was a new one, and the Church as a whole was quite uninterested in it or antagonistic to it. The last ten years has seen a wonderful awakening which need hardly be described to those who have their eyes and ears open.



HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

to God for all the blessings and the glory that He has bestowed on our Empire and on our good and gracious Sovereign.

And whilst others tell of progress in colonization, in civilization, in science, in art and in many other directions, let us look back on these sixty years and see what progress has

Then, in those days, it was impossible to "go into all the world." For—to say nothing of the difficulties of travel—China and Japan were closed to foreigners; whole provinces in India could not be entered; the greater part of British America was inaccessible, and the greater part of Africa was unknown. To-day,