

dency of Lord Kinnaird, a most encouraging account was given of the year's operations. Progress and blessing were manifest in every part, while fresh openings were arising all round.

The Rev. A. R. Cavalier gave a brief abstract of the report. The medical work at Benares, Lucknow, and Patna has grown wonderfully. Baptisms are reported from many stations, while the government inspectors report most satisfactorily of the educational work.

Mr. W. T. Paton's financial statement showed that the society has now reached an annual income of £20,000; with twenty-four new missionaries, further funds are now required.

The Dean of Norwich moved a resolution of thankfulness for the extension of the work, which was seconded by Mrs. Nikāmbè, a native of Bombay.

The Rev. G. H. C. Macgregor moved a resolution in favor of extending the village mission work in India, and Miss Fallon, from Allahabad, spoke from personal experience regarding the value of such work and the need to extend it among India's villages.

Joshua Heath Sobey, Baptist missionary, writes from Port Limon, Costa Rica, C. A., September 22d, 1895:

"We have been in this country now over seven years. For some years I was the only Protestant missionary in the country.

"Our work has been chiefly among the English-speaking. My helper, Rev. J. Hayter, is learning the Spanish with a view to work among the natives. Before either the British or American Bible societies had agents in this country, we were privileged to circulate thousands of copies of the Scriptures, both in Spanish and English.

"The British and Foreign Bible Society kindly responded to our appeal. The bishop and priests don't like the Bible, and do their utmost to keep the people from possessing a copy. When possible they burn the book. In places where we have labored for years, and with some degree of success, the bishop threatens to build a Roman Catholic church in every such place. Four are already ordered, so you see we have provoked them to works. A system which produces results such as we see compels to the conclusion that the papal church needs the Gospel of Christ as much as the so-called heathen. One great need with us is suitable places to conduct worship in. The government has prohibited open-air services. This

is a serious blow to our work. This republic, said to be the most advanced in Central America, seems in religious liberty to be putting the clock backward. The Central American Mission has agents in the interior, some learning the language, others doing good work.

"Surrounding republics are in a deplorable spiritual condition. Fields ready for the seed, but very few to sow. Why this part of the continent has been so long neglected by the Protestant churches of the States is a question often asked by visitors from Europe and other parts.

"In connection with the Jamaica Baptist Missionary Society we are seeking to give the Gospel to the people in this place and along the railroad, as also the coast. At Bocas del Toro we have a mission, also the Methodist Free Church. But thenatives are in ignorance of the pure Gospel of Christ. Oh, that some Elijah would arouse the churches in the States to arise and take possession of these countries! A more needy or promising field cannot be found. By all means prevent overlapping at this time of day. The field is too large, time too precious for this to be continued. Our business is to cover the field as speedily as possible. Alas! there is still a tendency when new ground is broken to rush in. All the churches would do well to pause before Paul's words: "Not where Christ was already named, not building upon another man's foundation. They shall see where no tidings of Him come. And they who have not heard shall understand."

In her annual address to the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in London, June 19th, Miss Frances E. Willard spoke in part as follows:

"The missionary societies are our basis of hope, and will be for many years to come. There are 280 of these associations with 9000 missionaries from foreign lands, and native preachers and teachers to the number of 55,000. Fourteen million dollars are annually invested in missionary work, and in round numbers 3,000,000 of human beings are directly associated with these missionaries either as members or close friends. The Scriptures have been translated into 220 languages spoken by nine tenths of the human race, and 160,000,000 copies of the Bible have been circulated since this century began. Four fifths of the Continent of Africa are already under European control. Forty