

man. He was singing most earnestly, and his voice was not unmusical. Presently he rose, and standing on one leg before the idol, began to sprinkle it with water. After this he rapidly walked round the outside of the temple singing all the time, and then again returned to his position before the idol. Shortly after this he raised from the ground a little brass *lota* in which were curds, and left to offer these curds in another temple to Mahadeva or Shiva. This was part of his morning's work before going to the Kacherri, where he is employed as a Government clerk."

China.—When a medical missionary in Southern China went first to his station, and began his works of healing, he was called "the foreign devil." Now he is known as "the angelic healer from beyond the seas."

—Several Chinese temples have a bell at the entrance, so that each devotee as he passes in may announce his arrival to the deity. A good idea, certainly.

—When babies in China are a month old they have their first birthday party. Their heads are shaved, and they are dressed in no end of clothing, just the same shape as grown-up people's, consisting of trousers and jacket, and a cap which so completely covers them that you can only see part of a tiny face. About four o'clock the guests arrive. All are supposed to give a present—a toy, clothing, or a piece of silver wrapped in red paper. When any of our Christians have a "party" of this kind they invite the missionaries, and we have to eat all kinds of funny things, such as birds'-nest soup, which is very good, sharks' fins, and eggs that have been buried for years and have turned black, using, of course, not knives and forks, but chopsticks.—*Children's World*.

—Lillian F. Reeves has been writing for the *Pacific* some most entertaining letters full of incidents which occurred to her and other women while on a missionary tour in the interior 225 miles up river from Canton. One of the party

was Miss Dr. Halverson, who has since endured the fury of a mob.

—About August 17th Rev. James Wylie, of the United Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria, without the least provocation, was assaulted by Chinese soldiers, was kicked, beaten with clubs, and hacked with knives, so that he died soon after, the officers meantime merely looking on.

—Whatever else may result from the lamentable war in Korea, it cannot but further the progress of Christianity and Western civilization in each one of the three countries immediately concerned.

—Dr. Corbett, of Chefoo, writes: "Last Sabbath evening 40 persons remained to an after meeting, saying that they had resolved to accept Jesus as their Saviour and hereafter live Christian lives. Since January 6th, 46 have been added to our church on profession of faith. Lately, on a journey in the interior, a widow of eighty-two asked for baptism, together with a son aged fifty-eight and another forty. A man aged seventy-nine also asked to be baptized.

—On last Christmas Day Rev. Mr. Lam, a Southern Presbyterian missionary of Chening Chow, returned from 51 days' itinerating in the country. During that time he had travelled over 400 miles, walking 330; visited all the large cities and dozens of villages, preaching, selling books and medicine to the sick. He was assisted by 5 native helpers, 4 preachers, and 1 doctor. They thoroughly canvassed his parish, which consists of 15 counties and 5,000,000 people. They were everywhere kindly received and well treated. In many places much interest was manifested. The district of the other missionary, Mr. McLaughlin, is still larger, and equally open to the Gospel. There are no other Protestant missionaries.

Japan.—The mother-in-law of the Mikado was recently ill, and though having 423 physicians in attendance, she recovered. A Buddhist priest said