

the Lord's presence be manifested both with you and with us. June 23d a party of four men, three ladies, and two children are to leave us to establish a mission in Gazaland, on the borders of Mashonaland. I solicit for them and the new work your prayers."

*Chinese Mission in Hawaii.*—Rev. Frank W. Damon wrote: "We have been at home in our work now just a little over a year, and it has been a year rich in God's blessing. Our work is in some respects in an encouraging condition, and we have much to cheer and inspire us. Our little island group has been passing through a period of much political excitement and unrest, but I am grateful to say that it has not hindered the progress of our work."

*The Sunday-School Union of India.*—Rev. J. L. Phillips, M.D., Corresponding Secretary, wrote: "Could I be with you at Clifton I should like to testify of God's marvellous mercy and rich blessing bestowed on me and my work for the little ones of my dear India. In the twenty-seven months I had in India this time, I was almost always "on tour," and travelled nearly 35,000 miles, all over the broad field, including both Burma and Ceylon. Sunday-school unions auxiliary to our India Sunday-school union have now been organized in Bengal, Bombay, Punjab, Madras, Rajputana, Burma, Central Provinces, Northwest Provinces and Oudh, and Ceylon. In our report to the World's Sunday-School Convention, to which I am going (at St. Louis, Mo.), we represent in this broad field of all India and Ceylon 5548 Sunday-schools, with 10,715 Sunday-school teachers and 197,754 Sunday-school pupils; hence we have great reason to thank God, and rejoicing, take courage for future work. In some missions the number of Sunday-schools has doubled and at some stations more than trebled during the past three years. Best of all, one hundred of our Sunday-school pupils have been converted the past year, and some of these young disciples have begun work for Christ with real zeal and enthusiasm, and the fruit al-

ready begins to appear. I believe that many families will be brought into the Church by our little shining Christian children in these dark homes, and I should enjoy telling you of bright cases illustrating this remark. The outlook is most cheering, and I shall be eager to get back to India next October for many years of work, I hope, in behalf of her children and youth. The meetings in Egypt, Palestine, and on the continent have been full of good cheer, and my forty-five days in Great Britain very encouraging indeed. I look for much good from this tour in the way of volunteers for all our India missions."

*A Greeting.*—Rev. T. J. Scott, D.D., Principal Theological Seminary, Barilly, India, wrote: "As the time for our annual meeting comes round I think of your assembly, and am with you in spirit. I very much like this idea of an International Missionary Union. This I believe is the only instance where missionaries of all churches in Protestantism meet annually for sympathy, fellowship, and counsel. You form a great missionary nerve-centre, from which cords of sympathy stretch to all the missionary world. I am glad there is one spot where we have an annual missionary congress. I trust you may never fail to do and say many practical things that may stimulate better work for missions both at home and abroad. One grand thought should always stimulate us—we live in a wonderful missionary period. Deputations are passing round the world hunting the lone places still untouched by mission work. Soon a thousand millions of pagan and Moslem souls will be under the blaze of the Gospel! In the third century the 120,000,000 of pagan Rome were being reached everywhere by the Gospel. Much more than twice this number are within the sound of the Gospel trumpet to-day in India alone. What a great work at home to bring the Church to a knowledge of its opportunity and to a sense of its duty! I think your Union should work steadily to this point, as something definite.