

The Missionary Review of the World for May very appropriately has for its leading article in the department of "Literature of Missions," a review of the work of William Carey, who, in May, 1792, just one hundred years ago, founded his "Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen." The review is written by George Smith, LL.D., F.R.G.S., of Edinburgh, Scotland. Other articles of special interest and timeliness in this department are "Immediate and World-wide Evangelization" and "The Departure of Charles Haddon Spurgeon—Part II.," by the editor-in-chief, Arthur T. Pierson, D.D.; "Are Mission Converts a Failure?—Part II.," by Rev. Archibald Trumbull, B.D.; "The Training of Missionaries," by Rev. Edward Storrow. The "Monthly Concert of Missions" is devoted to "Siam," written by Rev. F. F. Ellinwood. Other departments have the usual interest and variety.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THERE are signs not a few of reviving life in English Methodism. The "forward movement" of Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the *Joyful News* missions engineered by Rev. Thomas Champness, which acknowledged some £26,000 already received; the ringing utterances of President Stephenson, a veritable call to arms, and the launching of a live monthly like the *Wesleyan Church Record*, are all cases in point. May English Methodism speedily renew its youth, and be an inspiration to the world's Methodism as of yore.

RECENT English papers announce the death, at the advanced age of 79, of the Rev. James Calvert, formerly Wesleyan missionary to Fiji. In this occurrence a most interesting figure in the estimation, not only of Methodism, but of the entire Christian world, has disappeared from the scene. He was not the first missionary to Fiji; Cross and Cargill preceded him; but no other man filled so large a space, or so impressed himself upon the work, not excepting even John Hunt. Mr. Calvert was a thoroughly trained printer and book-binder, and this circumstance had something to do with his selection for the work in Fiji. Under his administration the printing press became a potent factor in building up an intelligent and self-supporting Church in those "isles of the south." When first sent out Mr. and Mrs. Calvert took charge of

Lakemba and ten years later removed to Viwa and Bau. "Their life for seventeen years," says the *Wesleyan Church Record*, "was a life of peril, of simple faith, of heroic endurance, of extraordinary success. They bore full share in the work of founding a model Church and creating a civilized nation. The triumph in Fiji was the triumph of the Gospel preached, taught, lived in its simplest form, unsupplemented by any clap-trap or religious dodges whatsoever." A great and good man has fallen. May the mantle of his rare consecration descend upon many more.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY.

LET another praise thee, and not thine own lips," is good counsel and sometimes receives pleasing illustrations, as the following letter from the genial pastor of the Baptist Church at Fenella shows:—

FENELLA, March 29th, 1892.

REV. DR. SUTHERLAND: *Dear Sir*,—A few words from an outsider may be of interest to you concerning the work amongst the Indians. I have lived for the past fifteen months at Fenella, near Alderville, and having several times visited the reserve, I have been able to make personal observations as to the work done there by the missionary, Rev. T. Lawrence and his excellent wife. I am fully convinced that Bro. Lawrence is an exceptionally faithful man, earnest, conscientious and unceasing in his labours. His patience in adversity, his perseverance amid hardship and difficulty, and his unwavering constancy in the work, entitle him to the high esteem of all who seek to recognize the real worth of those who "patiently continue in well-doing." There is here no inspiration to be drawn from any romantic features of condition or place; no strong cause for hope and cheerfulness in regard to the future of the Indian race. On the contrary, everything points in the direction of monotony and commonplace. Yet, notwithstanding these things, Bro. Lawrence works steadily along with most commendable zeal and remarkable freshness, and many are the voices that testify to the lastingly good results of his labours. Here he is regarded as a good teacher, an earnest preacher, and a man whose whole life is devoted to earnest effort for the good of those to whom he is sent. Believing you will pardon the liberty thus taken in writing you, I remain as ever,

Yours, very truly,

T. WATSON.

SOME OPEN LETTERS.

THE General Secretary is frequently in receipt of letters from Superintendents of Sunday Schools, Presidents of Epworth Leagues, Mission Bands, etc., asking information in various points. Sometimes the letters refer to modes of organization for mission work and the raising of funds, but far more frequently they express a desire on the part of a school or league to become a virtually independent missionary society, raising and expending its own funds, supporting, in whole or in part, its own agents, and receiving letters at intervals directly from the missionaries concerned. It will be seen that this raises a very broad question,