

changed, before they will personally accept the Gospel message. Such an experience awaited all the earlier missionaries in South Africa. It has been deemed a marvel that the English Church Missionaries at Uganda could report, within eight years of their arrival at Victoria Nyanza, a church of more than 100 communicants. But within two years and a half since the first agent of the Board took up his residence near Inhambane, and within one year from the time he began to teach, he and those who have joined him are permitted to rejoice in a spiritual awakening, the genuineness of which they cannot doubt." May we not hope and pray that the Church of Scotland Mission at Blantyre may soon be visited by similar manifest blessing!—*Mission Record*.

At Chamba, India, a most successful medical mission is in charge of Dr. Hutchinson, who has been in the field since 1873. About 8,000 new patients are treated annually, 500 operations performed and 200 in-patients ministered to in the hospital. Converts to the number of 200 have been received into church fellowship. At the Canton hospital, last year, over 12,000 patients were treated, and 800 operations performed.

"The changes going on in India to day," writes Rev. Daniel Jones, of Agra, "are to us astounding. Actually natives are going up and down the land lecturing against child-marriages. Widow re-marriage is rapidly gaining ground. An undercurrent, reaching to the very foundations of Hinduism, is daily growing in power, and is sweeping away ignorance or prejudice. Woman is speedily being raised and is really beginning to claim her rights."

## LETTER FROM LONDON.

### THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

**T**HERE is so much to be seen, and each article the best, that one is really at a loss to know what to write about. The various exhibits largely represent the condition of the countries producing them; for instance, Cyprus shows the rude agricultural implements of two thousand years ago, and then as now in use; the rough plough, wood and flint tools, ancient carts all heavy and rough. The Government locust-killer attracted much attention, each locust that enters the fatal door never returns to tell the story of its venture, and reminds one of Death's door from which none return who pass its threshold. The aquarium with immense glass tanks full of fish swimming

around is greatly admired, especially at 6 p m., the feeding time. Australia shows three great arches of gilded blocks representing \$216,000,000 worth of gold, Victoria's yield up to 1885; Nova Scotia's gold yield is represented by a pyramid,—also Queensland. Though ours looks small compared with the others, yet in comparison, counting square miles, number of men employed, and time, we tower ahead and gain golden opinions. Malta has a nice exhibit of gold and silverware, etc. "Old London," a model of London of old, with its narrow streets, gaunt buildings, small stores and buildings, is famous and interesting. India shows up well in fancy and carved gold, silver, brass and wood work, and cloths of fine texture. It is interesting to see men, women and children, natives in native dress, at work as at home; one has an excellent opportunity of studying history and seeing it illustrated on the spot. *Hong Kong*: the richest needle work and fine inlaid pearl and satin wood work, to my mind, is the exhibit in this department. The great Banner presented in 1885 to the Prince of Wales is something wonderful, 30 x 16ft. made of the finest white corded silk and marked with silver and gold; the whole representing their country's native scenery and customs; their rich silk robes are also very fine. W. J. GATES.

## POETIC GEMS FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

(From John Bunyan, &c.)

**G**UR Ministers long time by word and pen  
Dealt with mankind as with heroic  
men;  
They shot their thunders at their sins  
and toys  
But hit them not, 'cause they were girls  
and boys.  
The better charged, the wilder still  
they shot,  
Or else so high, these dwarfs they touched not.  
Instead of men they found them girls and boys,  
To naught addicted but to childish toys.

Paul seemed to play the fool that he might gain  
Those that were fools in deed; if not in grain:  
He taught them by such means, to let them see  
Their own defects and sinful vanity:  
He nobly won by honest strategy!

I think the wiser sort my rhymes may slight,  
But while I read them, fools will take delight.  
Then what care I? The foolish, God has chose  
And doth by foolish things their minds compose  
And educate to things that are divine:  
Great things by little ones are seen to shine!

May I by these bring some good things to pass,  
As Samson with the jawbone of an ass;  
Or as brave Shamgar with his ox's goad,  
(Both things unseemly, not for war in mode.)  
I win my end though I myself expose;  
For God will have all glory at the close!