

the West Indies. Among the missionaries that took part may be mentioned the Rev. E. C. Smyth, of Chou-ping, North China, and the Rev. S. B. Drake, of Cheefoo, North China, both of whom testified to the growth and diffusion of interest in the Gospel message in the districts where they labor, as well as to more palpable fruit; also the Rev. J. A. Clarke, of the Upper Congo, whose missionary experiences in the Dark Continent were listened to with breathless interest; and last, but not least, the Rev. W. A. James, of Madaripore, Eastern Bengal, and the Rev. Thomas Evans, who for forty years has labored in the northwest provinces of India. Of the meetings this year, it may be said that they have been among the most crowded and enthusiastic on record.

*Church Missionary Society.*—At the annual meeting of this society, J. Munro, Esq., presided, and observed that the proper subject for a missionary meeting to-day is not, What we have done; but, What we have not done. In his view, no missionary station is as yet fully equipped and manned. Too long we have looked upon missionary work as for a few and not for all. In order that God may give the blessing, let us bring the whole tithe to Him.

The annual report, of exceptional interest, was read by the Rev. F. Baylis, secretary. The figures show large spiritual gains, the converts numbering 7000, or nearly 24 a day. In Uganda 200 native evangelists are supported by the converts. Mr. Baylis concluded by saying, "I believe we can move England as she has never been moved before if we but go the right way to work. We want more *information* and less *exhortation*; above all, more definite prayer at home and in our meetings."

The Rev. E. S. Carr, of Tinnevely, observed that only *one* in *twenty* are Christians in Tinnevely. The main difficulty is to gain the ear of the Hindu so that the Word may take effect. Schools are a great means to this. Be-

sides, what is wanted is a fuller consecration of the native teachers; more men like David, the Tamil, who is full of the Spirit. "We have been," he said, "carrying our converts too much; but now we must teach them to walk on their own feet. We need the outpouring of the Spirit upon our people for work. It has been borne in upon me that much more might be done by prayer. . . . We have the opportunities and the open doors; therefore PRAY."

Frank Anderson, Esq., of the Students' Volunteer Missionary Union, cited the fact that since the late Liverpool convention the S. V. M. U. had seemed to get a new start. Taking as his topic the motto of the institution named, "The evangelization of the world in this generation," Mr. Anderson enlarged on the possibility of the fulfilment of that watchword, and the lines along which the work was to be accomplished. In his judgment, one of the main lines was enrolment of a student force in the heathen world, and already in India this was being done. Another line of no less moment was the development of a deeper consecration in the Church at home.

The Rev. C. J. F. Lymons, of Mid-China, compared the situation to Paul's vision of the Man of Macedonia, coupled with the miraculous draught of fishes. Like the Man of Macedonia, the Chinese were calling, "Come over and help us;" and so, like the disciples who beckoned to their partners to aid them in their haul of fish, the Chinese converts beckon us to make common cause with them in securing the spoils that need hauling in.

We may say, in closing, of this meeting, which was crowded, that it was of a markedly incisive character and spiritual tone. The C. M. S. is now within three years of its centenary.

## THE KINGDOM.

—Two thirds of the population of the globe is under the sway of 5 rulers, and this fact greatly simplifies the problem