

III—CORRESPONDENCE and GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

INTERESTING letter from J. Hudson Taylor, of the Chinese Inland Mission :

[In sending us this letter, Mr. H. W. Frost, a friend of Mr. Taylor's who journeyed with him in his whole American tour, adds the following facts: "Mr. Taylor sailed from Vancouver by the *Batavia* on his way to Yokohama and Shanghai, Oct. 5th, expecting to reach Japan the 17th and Shanghai a week later, from which place the 14 missionaries proceed inland, the 7 ladies to the training-school at Yang-Chan, and the 7 gentlemen to the school at Gan King."—Eds.]

SS. *Batavia*.

VANCOUVER, B. C., 5th Oct., 1888.

EDITORS OF THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD.—Knowing how deeply interested you are in the cause of China's evangelization, I will send you a few lines before sailing from this port to-day.

Most unexpectedly to me, God has opened the way for a band of recruits to proceed to China, and 14 young missionaries from the United States and Canada are now on board this vessel. Quite a considerable number are wishful to join us, but eight who are accepted are unable to leave immediately, and our time has not allowed sufficient correspondence with the remainder to enable us to definitely accept or decline their offers. As a tentative measure, to deal with these cases and to facilitate communications, an Auxiliary Council has been formed, to meet in Toronto, though some of the members reside in the States and some in Canada. Mr. Alfred Sandham, of the Willard Tract Depository, Yonge Street, Toronto, is the Honorary Secretary. He will receive and forward to China the contributions promised for the support of the band now going out, and any other moneys sent for the furtherance of the work; and the Council will with due care accept suitable candidates and make arrangements for their joining us in China from time to time.

This work really originated at the Niagara Believers' meeting. I had the opportunity of speaking twice on the subject of Missions there, and then left for Chicago, as previously arranged with Mr. Moody. But Messrs. Reginald Radcliffe, George B. Studd and R. P. Wilder, subsequently spoke on the same topic, and the feeling so deepened that when it was ascertained that \$250 would support a lady missionary in Inland China, and \$300 would sustain an evangelistic brother, support for eight new workers was put into the hands of one of the Secretaries of the Conference, Mr. H. W. Frost, of Attica, N. Y. In consequence, I appealed for workers at Mr. Moody's August Conven-

tion, and obtained three, who represent churches in Pittsfield, Mass., Detroit, Mich., and St. Paul, Minn.; and subsequently eleven others from Canada, representing Belleville, Toronto, Galt, Hamilton, and Stratford, volunteered and were accepted.

The expense of the journey to China, estimated at \$250 each, has been provided by contributions given at Northfield, Clifton Springs Sanitarium, and other places, and from the whole proceeds of the sales at our meetings of missionary literature. The missionaries now going out have their support provided or promised for the next year, and will correspond direct with the individuals or churches whose representatives they are. From what I have seen of the missionary spirit in the States and in Canada, I feel sure there are many others who cannot themselves go out to the field who will be glad to have a representative there.

Will you pray for much blessing on this first band of fourteen workers from this side the Atlantic, now joining us for our inland work, and ask that ten times as many may soon follow their example?

Yours very truly in Christ,
J. HUDSON TAYLOR.

India.

[THE following highly interesting letter was written to Mrs. Rev. B. L. Herr, of Tarrytown, N. Y., who has kindly consented to its publication in our REVIEW.—Eds.]

HOLMWOOD, COONOR, NULGRI, HILLS, }
INDIA, June 8, 1888.

MY DEAR MRS. HERR: You will see by the date that I am up here in the delightful sanitarium so generously provided last year, where I am gaining steadily, though slowly, in strength. It is always a pleasure to me to write about my work. I like to share its joys and its trials with others. But I hardly know where to begin. Perhaps, as yours is a ladies' circle, some of my experiences among the women here will interest you as much as anything I can write.

As you doubtless know, my department is medical work; but it is totally unlike home medical work. The diseases themselves are, in many cases, different from any that enter into home practice; then, too, the native ideas of diagnosis, hygiene and drugs are often much harder to combat than disease.

For instance, it is almost impossible to convince even an intelligent native that burning is not a sovereign remedy for various ailments.

They led a blind man to my dispensary one day. His eyes had been injured by an accident, and the substance of both eyes was completely gone; yet his friends, with his full consent, had