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### MISSION NOTES.

A sum of £300 is still required by the Rev. W. J. Humphrey, of Sierra Leone, for completion of the Crowther Memorial church.

Mrs. BISHOP, the noted traveller, has made a donation to the C. M. S., of £100, for a mission hospital at Mien-Cheo, West China.

DR. P. RATTRAY, a young Scotch Presbyterian doctor, who volunteered to go out to Uganda with the first C. M. S. party of ladies, in 1895, and who remained in Mengo for several months, has joined the United Presbyterian Mission.

THE C. M. S. will reach its 100th year on April 12, 1898, and will celebrate the event in London by a series of gatherings on or about All Saints' Day, November 1, being exactly 50 years after the celebration of the first Jubilee in 1848.

THERE are now upwards of 1,000 schools of various descriptions for natives, in China, under foreigners. They range from the village day school up to high schools and colleges. In that great empire there are no schools for girls except those founded by missionaries.

DEAN HOWELL has rendered no slight service to the missionary cause by the publication, in a cheap form, of a really exhaustive paper on "Foreign Missions: Their Progress During the Reign of Queen Victoria." It is one of

the most forcible pleas for foreign missions ever issued.

THE REV. L. H. ROOTS, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, (U.S.) at Shanghai, writes: "Those who probably know all that can be known on the subject, place the number of Christian communicants in China at about 80,000, while in the memory of a missionary still living, there were less than one score. In our branch of the church in China, there are about 1,000 communicants, with twenty-seven native clergy."

PROF. W. M. RAMSAY, of Aberdeen University, who has spent twelve years in archaeological study in Turkey, speaks of "the great educational organization which the American missionaries have built up in Turkey with admirable foresight and skill," and adds: "Beginning with a prejudice against their work, I was driven by the force of facts and experience to the opinion that the mission has been the strongest, as well as the most beneficent, influence toward civilization which has been perceptible among all the peoples of Turkey."

WHEN Archdeacon and Mrs. Thomson left Shanghai for a visit to the United States, many of their friends were on the wharf the morning they sailed, to say good-bye. Among them were numbers of Chinese with whom they are connected by their work and who hold them both in great esteem and affection. It is only one man in a great many who has the patience and faith to work in China for thirty-eight years as Archdeacon Thomson has done. Everybody in the mission, both native and foreign, regrets that he is temporarily disabled, and hopes for his complete restoration to health and speedy return to China.

BISHOP GRAVES of Shanghai, in his report to the board of the D. & F. missions of the Church in the United States, in December last, refers to the rapid growth of the work in the Up-River district in his diocese, and adds, "If I am to be responsible to the church for the proper carrying on of this growing work, I must *have men, and that at once*." Ten years ago, he said, they did not bring in as many people in two years as they get in a month now, and he suggests that the board should say to the young men of the seminaries, "You are wanted at the *front*," and there would be no lack of volunteers. Five or six new men are required at once to carry on important work and re-enforce what he calls the Up-River work.

THE Bishop of Kentucky (the Right Rev. Dr. Dudley, known to many in Canada) has