

itself a condensation. A few points will indicate its interest.

1. Population of India, 287,000,000.
2. Annual increase..... 2,700,000.
3. Children under 5 years..... 45,000,000.
4. Widows..... 22,600,000.
5. Widows under 15 years of age..... 250,000.
6. Native Protestant Christians..... 592,612.
7. Roman Catholics... .. 1,243,529.
8. All, called Christians..... 2,234,360.

These are a few points out of a volume of 399 pages which are full of interest. A striking fact is that in all that vast population there is not one city that has a million inhabitants—Bombay, the largest having with its suburbs only 821,764, only 27,200,000 of the whole population of 287,000,000 live in cities.

THE LONDON MISSION IN TRAVANCORE.

An article from the late Samuel Mateer, gives an account of the condition of the country and natives in this part of India first visited by Europeans. There is in that country a marvelous diversity of race and religion, Jews, Mahometans, Catholics, Syrian Christians and Mohammedans. Among the Hindu population there are 420 distinct castes. The people are exceedingly degraded as might be inferred from the fact that the marriage relationship does not exist. There has been much labor and satisfactory results. In the South Travancore Mission of the London Society there are 299 congregations of 50,637 native Christians and 16,393 children.

There is an interesting article on the "Parish Outcasts" in India, and another on "Family life in India," to which no reference can be made in this review.

Letter from India

IN CAMP, PIPLIA, C.I., FEBY. 20, 1895.

DEAR REVIEW,—We are still preaching in the Valley of the Narbuddea, and everywhere it is the same story—crowds ready to listen, and always anxious to hear more. No sooner is a thirst for the truth created than we have to push on and leave. Several names have been entered as enquirers and several have requested us to send them books that they may see more of this way. Nearly every village expresses regret at our leaving them and all will welcome us back again. I wish I could have taken your readers with us to-day on our tour. In the morning we preached in three villages, in one of which we were a little late and the men had gone to the fields; but in the other two we got probably the majority of the villagers. The interest in both cases can be well judged by the fact that crowds accompanied us on our way when we were leaving, as far as they were able to keep up with us.

We spent a good part of the week in Mandalesar, in which place the meetings were a repetition for interest and attendance of those held in Maheshwar. There is a company of native soldiers stationed there and they were especially interested, one of them has expressed a desire for baptism. The whole town and surrounding villages were also reached by our morning trips. In Dargaon a large town near Mandalesar, besides the large meetings in the Gospel Tent many people came to our small tents to talk with us.

I might give you many interesting incidents of our trip, but my purpose in writing is rather to keep Central India before the Church and to remind you again of the wide open doors.

No other part of the Church of Christ except the Roman Catholics has entered this part of Central India. The burden of these waiting people and open doors is resting on us. Nor can we expect these doors ever to remain open. God in His grace is giving us abundant entrance in answer to years of prayer. I plead with you to send us men to teach these willing hearers, and to enter these open doors.

Yours very faithfully,

NORMAN H. RUSSELL.

Letter from Formosa.

Editor Presbyterian Review:

Sir,—I send translation of a letter lately received from Rev. Tan He', pastor of Sin-tiam church in Formosa. To many of your readers who heard my own words and have a right to know permit me to say that thus far I have not failed in fulfilling my vow to send to Dr. Reid yearly, while I remain on this side the ocean, the fifty dollars necessary to support a native Bible-woman. Humbly and with full heart do I thank the personal friends who have freely, voluntarily, and all unasked helped me in this. The God of Formosa will reward you, 1895 is before us and fast fleeting. Any

way, every way, let us work on and try to help the Lord's work all over the world.

Yours, etc.,

Chatham, Ont.

ANNIE STRAITH JAMIESON.

Following is translation:—

DEAR MRS. JAMIESON,—I have received your letter asking about the Bible-women. The two here at Sin tiam, Ko Ha-so' and Kho' Jim-so' are very zealous Christians, unless seriously ill or otherwise impossible for them to come they never fail to be with us on Sabbath. They visit families in the neighborhood and conduct worship with them, singing and praying in the houses. I give you one example of their work. A woman here had been in poor health for three years; her relatives spent a great deal of money on native druggists, priests, etc., but all in vain; she was constantly ill. The Bible-women visited there and witnessed for the truth. They told the family it was because they worshipped idols and loved sin that such trouble was brought on them, and that if they would repent, put away their idols and worship the true God He would help and they would have peace. They gave up their idols, did as the women exhorted them to do and soon the sick one recovered. Thus our Saviour Jesus used these two Bible-women as His instruments to bring that family to Him and help His Church here.

Wishing peace to you and yours,

TAN HE'.

Student Missionaries.

Following are the appointments made by the Knox College Students Missionary Society for the coming summer:

(For six months):—British Columbia: Midway, J. T. Hall Field, W. A. McLean.

North-west Territories: Gleichen, R. S. Scott; Longlaketon, J. R. Harcourt.

Manitoba: Brookdale, W. C. Dodds; Dongola, J. R. Elmhurst; Gilbert Plains, W. J. McBean; St. Eno, R. C. McDermid.

Ontario: Collin's Inlet, A. W. McIntosh; Bala, H. T. Kerr; Cook's Mills, F. D. Roxborough; Massey, J. H. Brown; Kilworthy, W. Wallis; Black River, W. D. McPhail; Muskoka Falls and Buck Lake, D. Johnston; Bethune, D. M. McKay; French River, D. J. Ellison; Loring, J. L. Cameron; Warren, D. Buchanan; Wahnipatac, W. Beattie; Proton, W. H. Farrer. (For four months): Berriedale, T. Dodds; Commanda, W. G. Richardson; Dunchurch, J. Barber; Franklin, W. A. Campbell; Squaw Island, H. McLean; Iron Bridge, W. J. McDonald; Port Carling, P. Scott; White Fish, J. McCrea; South Bay, J. R. Ross; Tamiscamingue, M. A. Shaw.

Trinidad Mission.

A large audience, composed of members of the four Presbyterian congregations, assembled in United Church, New Glasgow, to listen to Dr. Grant, of Trinidad. It was one of the best missionary meetings held in that place for many years. On the platform were Drs. Grant and Patterson, Rev. Messrs. McLean, Bowman, Caruthers, Robertson and Rogers. Mr. Rogers, on behalf of the ministers and people of New Glasgow, welcomed Dr. Grant back again. He remarked that in the distant past, our forefathers were blood relations of the ancestors of these Coolies among whom our missionaries labor. While God hath made of one blood all nations of men, kinship binds us more closely to the East Indians than many other people, Dr. Grant was in grand spirits. He made no attempt to conceal the gladness of his heart that the Church at home is growing in spiritual power, and her interest in missions ever deepening. He told in his own effective way of the successful establishment of the college in San Fernando, funds for which he collected when home five years ago. Two classes of catechists, on alternate weeks, are instructed by our missionaries in systematic and Biblical theology, Hindoo and Mohammedan history, etc. Close beside the college has been opened by our missionaries a training school for teachers for the public schools. The aim henceforth will be to educate a native ministry on Trinidad soil. With just satisfaction, Dr. Grant spoke of the recognition of the work of the Presbyterian Church among the Coolies. Appeals have been made from Dutch Guiana, Jamaica and elsewhere for trained Christian East Indians to open up work. The collection for Foreign Mission amounted to \$27.00.

It is quite possible to so associate giving for the Lord's work with the publication of the names of the donors, as to quite change the character of the gift. Cultivate the quiet and unobtrusive spirit in giving which we so much love in other things.