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MISSION NOTES.

SANDAKAN Church, in British North Borneo, had sufficiently advanced for the Bishop of Singapore to be able to consecrate a part of it on Easter Day.

THE Rev. W. J. Humphreys, the murdered principal of Fourah Bay College, is the first member of Ridley Hall, in England, who has met with a violent death in the mission-field.

BISHOP BOMPAS, of Selkirk, writes that the rush of gold-diggers to the Klondike is causing his diocese to change "from an Indian to a white man's country." This means many new problems to be faced.

MEN in India will march on foot from the source of the River Ganges to its mouth, cross, and walk back again, in the belief that by so doing they get rid of the terrible burden of sin. The journey occupies about six years.

In the diocese of South Tokyo alone there are over nine millions of Japanese, of whom only about 25,000 are baptized, including the converts of the Greek and Roman Churches, and of the various Nonconformist denominations.

NYASSALAND from its climatic and geographical condition is *par excellence* the land of industrial missions. The Zambesi industrial mission maintains some 600 acres of land under cultivation, and although small profits have hitherto been realized, owing to the coffee

shrub only attaining fruition after three years' growth, yet from the harvest of 1897 the sum of \$18,000 is expected.

A HINDOO father brought his motherless daughter, six years old, to a mission school, and begged that she might be received. He had refused to give her in marriage to a man of forty, who offered 200 rupees for her. "For years," said he, "I have watched the 200 Christian girls of your school go back and forth, and I have never seen an unhappy face among them. I want my daughter to be like them."

THIS opinion of a Japanese newspaper probably represents the feeling of many thoughtful people in Japan: "The country feels deeply the necessity of morality and religion; the whole nation feels it; we ourselves have no direct connection with religious parties, but we do firmly believe that religion is absolutely necessary to society, and that along with materialistic progress spiritual progress must go hand in hand."

DINUZULU has been brought back to Zululand from his banishment in St. Helena. In a letter the Bishop, referring to Dinuzulu, whom he had lately seen, says: "I wish very much we could hear of some more clergy who would come and help us. I had an interesting visit to Dinuzulu last week. I like what I have seen of him, and I think he is very anxious to do what he can for his people. He has asked me definitely to send a teacher to teach his children and people."

THE Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, writing from Fukuoka in the southern-most of the four dioceses of Japan, says: "For three years this diocese has been stationary with about 700 adherents; now we have advanced to 835. So distinct a sign of progress for the whole area calls for thanksgiving for answer to prayer. We hear of new inquirers coming forward, and we feel our weakness numerically, most keenly. . . . We do trust that reinforcements may soon be on the way."

HERE is a summary of the work of two native catechists who were recently set apart for evangelistic work in the S.P.G. Trichinopoly Mission: "700 villages have been visited, about 72,000 people have had the Gospel preached to them, and about 2,000 have been treated medically. . . . To accomplish this the staff have travelled about 2,500 miles." The missionary in charge of the district (the Rev. J. A. Sharrock) rightly feels that "a tree which does not grow must wither—a Church which does not evangelize must soon die."