

MISSION FIELD.

Canon Beck preaching in a Liverpool Church for the S.P.G. read the following strong testimony in favor of missions: A wealthy Brahmin says, 'I have watched the Missionaries and seen what they are. What have they come to this country for? What tempts them to leave their parents, friends, and country and come to this to them unhealthy clime? Is it for gain or profit that they come? No; some country clerks in the government offices receive more than they do. Is it for an easy life? See how they work and then tell me. Look at the Missionary. He came here a few years ago, leaving all for our good. He was met with cold looks and suspicious glances. He sought to talk with us of what he told us was the matter of most importance in heaven and earth, but we would not hear. He was not discouraged. He opened a Dispensary, and we said, 'Let the pariahs (that is the lowest caste of people) take his medicine, we went; but in the time of our sickness and our fear, we were glad to go to him and he welcomed us. We complained if he walked through our Brahmin streets, but, ere long, when our wives and daughters were in sickness and anguish, we went and begged him to come, even into our inner apartments, and he came, and our wives and daughters now smile upon us in health. Has he made any money by it? No; even the cost of the medicine he has given has not been returned to him. Now, what is that makes him do all this for us? It is the Bible! I have looked into it a good deal lately in different languages I chance to know. It is the same in all languages. The Bible! there is nothing to compare with it in all our sacred books, for goodness and purity and holiness and love and for motives of action. Where did the English people get their intelligence and energy, and cleverness and power? It is the Bible that gives it to them. And they now bring it to us, and say, 'That is what raised us; take it and raise yourselves.' They do not force it upon us, as did the Mohammedans with their Koran, but they bring it in love, and say, 'Look at it, read it, examine it, and see if it is not good.' Of one thing I am quite convinced, do what we will, oppose it as we may, it is the Christian Bible which will, sooner or later, work the regeneration of our land.

—Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.

NOTES OF MONTH OF APRIL

[From the Mission Field S. P. G.]

It is a great cause for thankfulness that the creation of the Diocese of Chota Nagpore is at length an accomplished fact. The Society has made temporal provision for the see its care, and has been nobly seconded by the Colonial Bishops Council and the S. P. C. K., each of which bodies have voted £5,000 for this purpose. The Society made itself responsible for the Bishop's income, pending the raising of the required capital sum; it also voted £2,500 towards the endowment, and is now endeavoring to raise \$3,500 more, so that a total of £16,000

may be reached. Contributions for this important object will be gratefully received by the Society's Treasurers.

Rangoon Diocese embraces Missions in both Upper and Lower Burma. In the latter are the great Missions in Rangoon itself, Moulmein, and the fifty-four villages of the Tongoo Mission to the Karens; while the former includes two Missions, where success has been alarming and opportunity embarrassing. From these the workers have failed. Mandalay lost its devoted missionary, James Colbeck, by death; his brother is leaving Burma; and Mr. Sutton, whose beginnings at Shweybo have been so marvellously bright, has been compelled by the failure of Mrs. Sutton's health to come to England.

In the Diocese of Singapore there is urgent need for three clergymen. The vacancies are in the Straits Settlements, where the duties of those who go out will include ministrations for the benefit of small English communities, and superintendence of the missionary work among Orientals, chiefly Tamil-speaking people from India. A stipend of \$300 with residence is provided in each case.

Among the many discoveries of Stanley in Africa, the most noticeable is the divine illumination he has found in the Dark Continent. He went in search of Livingstone as an unbeliever, but in finding the object of his search he found a Christian example which won his heart. And it would appear that the endurance and anxieties and responsibilities of his recent tour have greatly deepened his spiritual life, for he is neither afraid nor forgetful to make repeated public acknowledgment of the guidance and care of Almighty God in his journeyings and discoveries in a marked way.

Dean Stanley speaks of death in these beautiful words: 'There the soul finds itself on the mountain ridge overlooking the unknown future; our company before us is gone; the kinsfolk and friends of many years are passed over the dark river, and we are left alone with God. We know not in this shadow of the night who it is that touches us—we feel only that the everlasting arms are closing us in the twilight of the morning, and we are bid to depart in peace, for by strength not our own, we have prevailed, and the path is made clear before us.'

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