

Lord and frequently engaged in secret prayer. He had never conversed with a foreign missionary before. I made a subsequent but ineffectual attempt to secure him as a teacher for our boys' school, distinctly pledging myself that he should not in any way be compelled to act contrary to his convictions. On two occasions he actually engaged to enter upon the duties, but at the last moment he drew back. He is an artist by profession, and his home is in the west."

LORD SHAFTESBURY AT CARNARVON.

GREAT BIBLE MEETING.

The Carnarvon Auxiliary Bible Society was formed in the year 1812, and from that time to this it has been distinguished for its unabated attachment to and exceptional liberality towards the Society. It is also the parent of vigorous and flourishing offshoots, which, having separated from the mother Society, have started on their own account and have rendered invaluable aid by their very handsome free contributions. The Carnarvon meetings have always been famous for their popularity, and this year, Lord Shaftesbury having consented to take the chair, the Committee determined to make a special effort.

October 16 was the appointed day, and Lord Shaftesbury, having arrived at the Carnarvon station, was met by the Mayor and local Committee, and escorted to the Pavilion, a large building erected for Eisteddfodau and grand Welsh concerts, and capable of holding about 7,000 people. The streets were lined with Sunday-school children, belonging to the various Sabbath schools of the town and districts, and numbering from 3,000 to 4,000. These, accompanied by their teachers, assembled at the Pavilion and were addressed by his Lordship in appropriate and eloquent terms.

AN IMPOSING SCENE.

At half-past six o'clock the public meeting commenced when the chair was occupied by Lord Shaftesbury, who was supported on the platform by the Lord Bishop of Bangor, Lord Penrhyn, and a great many clergymen, ministers, ladies and gentlemen from the neighbourhood. The large hall, with its vast assembly numbering about 7,000 people, presented a most imposing appearance. After singing, reading, and prayer, the secretary, Mr. John Thomas, was called upon to read the Report, which showed that in spite of the great depression in trade, the small town of Carnarvon, with a population of from 8,000 to 10,000, had been enabled to send up a free contribution of £410. The Secretary also stated that he held in his hand two cheques, one for £50, the other for £100 (less duty), the former of which was a legacy left by the late Simond Hopley, Esq., who died a short time ago, and whose son paid the amount before the expiration of the legal year; the other was a legacy left by the late Rev. Thomas Hughes, and which was to be paid after the decease of his widow, but she elected to pay the sum in her lifetime, and chose the present occasion to mark her appreciation of the noble President's visit.

THE BETHLEHEM OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, on rising to address the meeting, was received with rounds of cheers, which lasted for some time. He then delivered an address of forty-five minutes' duration, which was listened to with the most rapt attention. The Chairman referred to the power of the Word of God, and adduced the instance of the learned Brahmin, Seshadri, who was converted by the simple reading of the Word of God without note or comment, and without the aid of any human teacher, and he said "if one copy had produced such a result, it could do so again." He also remarked: "Not only was it a pleasure to him to come among them as the President of the Bible Society, but it was also a duty devolving upon him, because he looked upon Wales as the Bethlehem of the Bible Society. He thought with gratitude of Charles, of Bala, from him sprang the idea which ultimately resulted in the