

WE are told that of five hundred Chinese now living in Philadelphia, about one-quarter attend Christian Sunday-schools. One of the number is studying for the ministry, and expects to return to China as a missionary. As an illustration of the unselfish spirit of the Chinese, it is mentioned that when the news of the Charleston earthquake reached Philadelphia, the Chinese residents promptly subscribed \$1,200 as their offering to the stricken city. Such a fact as this ought to awaken a more kindly feeling towards the Chinese among us. It is very evident that the great hive of human beings who inhabit China are no ordinary race, and that they exhibit qualities which destine them to figure pretty extensively in the world's future. They claim to go back 3,000 or 3,500 years before our era—in other words, to have started with Egypt and Babylon; but they outlived those venerable monarchies—outlived the Phœnicians and Assyrians—outlived the Greeks—outlived the Romans—and stand before us to-day with no signs of decay. They will have a word to say in not many years in the affairs of Asia.—*Etc.*

THE RUSSIAN PEASANT who drove the sledge in which Napoleon the Great travelled from Moscow to the German frontier, has died in Bohemia, aged 98.

THE DEATH is reported at Margate of Mrs. Richard Jesse, to whom, when she was Emily Tennyson, Arthur H. Hallam was engaged, and was about to marry when he died. The memory of Arthur Henry Hallam is preserved for all time in Tennyson's "In Memoriam." Some years after Arthur Hallam's death, Miss Tennyson married Capt. Richard Jesse, R. N.

REV. HIBBERT BINNEY, Lord Bishop of N. Scotia, died somewhat suddenly on the 1st inst. in New York, whither he had gone to seek medical advice. He had looked forward with considerable pleasure to the celebration of the centenary of the Episcopal See in Nova Scotia, which occurs in August next, on which occasion it was proposed to lay the corner-stone of the new Cathedral which had engaged his serious attention for some years past. His funeral took place at Halifax on Friday, 6th inst., with due solemnity, and was witnessed by an immense concourse of people.

MONTREAL has again suffered very heavily by spring floods, a large part of the city being submerged, causing much loss and suffering. In New Brunswick the St. John river has also risen higher than ever before. Indiantown people were obliged to resort to boats and rafts for the purpose of transacting business.

KIRK MISSION AT SIALKOT, INDIA.

IN a letter of date 11th October, 1886, the Rev. J. W. Youngson, of Sialkot, has still to report progress in the remarkable work presently going on among the Aborigines of the Punjab.

"Last month our preachers went to the Gulu Shah *mela*, a fair at which thousands assemble every year, and proclaimed the Gospel to large and attentive audiences. Mr. Nathu Mal went along with them, and they took up their quarters in the Mission tent which I had sent on a week before, in order to secure a good position. The workers of the other Missions were also there, so an onslaught was made on the enemy, front and rear.

"I went out and joined them towards the close of the *mela*. Karm Chand accompanied me. We were seven hours riding seventeen miles. The night was dark, and the inhabitants of the sleeping village were unwilling to show the way. Sometimes we were near falling into wells left without fence or protecting wall although 100 feet deep, and altogether we had a memorable ride. I could not help thinking, as we passed silent villages and asked for information in vain, how helpless the poor Christians were, surrounded by unscrupulous Mohammadians and Hindoos. But then I recollected that the Lord said, 'Lo, I am with you alway.' It was pleasant to think that in some of the villages that we passed silently through, there were followers of the Lord Jesus, and I felt that I was among friends and in the very heart of great moral influences that would some day revolutionise the whole of the Punjab. Finding that the villagers would not show us the way, Karm Chaud called the *choukidar* or watchman, who conducted us to the next village, and so on, until we reached our destination. Had not the *choukidars* been servants of a beneficent Government, we should have called to them in vain, but the *Sirkar*, *i. e.*, the Government, is a word to conjure by in this country, at least among its own servants.

"Arriving at the *mela* we sought the tent, and found that some of our people had gone home. Hakim Singh and Mr. Nathu Mal had both caught fever and been obliged to retire. We went out to preach next morning. In the evening the Christians from Jhulki and Cheeanwali came in to see the magic lantern pictures. Those are of great use in impressing Bible characters and scenes on the minds of our Christian brethren, young and old, and I intend to take my magic lantern