

Mission Field.

Queensland.

The Bishop of Brisbane in his address to his Synod in June stated that during the six years of his episcopate the number of churches had increased from 39 to 80. The number of clergy has also been doubled, and is now sixty. An endowment of £10,000 has also been obtained by the Bishop for his mission chaplains' fund. A fund has been commenced for the endowment of a new Diocese of Rockhampton, towards which grants have been promised by home societies. At the close of the session of the Synod a missionary conference was held which was interesting, notwithstanding the despondent tone of some of the speeches. The Rev. A. C. Hoggins, formerly working in British Guiana, Adelaide and new South Wales, has taken charge of S. Barnadas, Red Hill, Milton, in Queensland. A South Sea Islanders' Home has been established in Brisbane, and has been found useful in keeping boys from the temptations of gambling and drinking. Nine boys are accommodated in the home, and others resort to it on Sundays for meals, and conversation. The manager complains of the harm done by some of the boarding house keepers who draw the boys away, and bring them into trouble with the police through drink.

A baptism of a Chinese convert, who had been prepared by the Chinese Missionary Mr. David Sing, took place in Bathurst on Sunday, July 5, the Dean of Bathurst officiating; there was a large congregation present, including the Sunday Schools. The Dean presented the candidate with a Bible.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

A LETTER FROM MISS BUSBY TO MRS. RICHARDSON, MEMORIAL CHURCH RECTORY, LONDON, ONT.

My Dear Mrs. Richardson:—After much uncertainty as to whether the work of this Mission would be carried on after Mr. Trivett's departure, it is a great pleasure to me to inform our friends that we hope (D. V.) to re-open our Girls Home on Monday, though as at present we have no funds in hand, we shall not be able to take in many children at first, but we all are anxious that the work should be recommenced and trust that the kind friends who are interested in this particular portion of their Master's vineyard will come to our assistance.

Now that so much money has been expended in building the Home and

beginning made, it would seem a great pity to allow the work to be given up, but at the same time we must avoid getting into debt.

Do you think that your S. School could undertake the support of one of our little girls?

One has promised to help us and I wish that others would follow. The cost of maintaining a child is \$60.00 per year. Mr. Trivett left last Monday for his new parish in Manitoba and his successor arrived on Wednesday since when we have all been very busy getting the Mission house in order. Mr. Swainson is not a clergyman but has been engaged as a teacher at the Blackfoot Mission for several years, is familiar with the language and a zealous worker among the Indians, his wife is a sister of the Rev. Mr. Tims the devoted Missionary to the Blackfeet. I think it is a great blessing for the Mission to have Mr. Trivett's place filled by one acquainted with the character and language of the Indians as the work will thus be carried on, I trust without loss of time as could scarcely have been the case had a stranger been sent, and I do not think there will be any difficulty in persuading the parents to allow their children to come to us. I expect Julia, and Jessie, two of the little girls I had last year and probably one or two others next week. I do hope that we may be enabled to have a Christmas tree again this year. Gifts of any kind, suitable for it would be most acceptable and also clothing. The distribution of Xmas presents has become such an institution at Omoksene that unless boxes and bales are speedily sent in I fear there will be general disappointment this year. We are also in want of clothing for our girls, our most urgent need at present being shoes and stockings; underclothing, dresses, and aprons will be also very acceptable, sizes to fit children from seven to twelve years of age, will be the most useful. I am hoping that we may receive some more quilts for the dormitory beds as Mr. Trivett gave those we had nearly all away feeling convinced that the Home would not be re-opened.

.....We heard some time ago of Mrs. Trivett's arrival in England and of the birth of a little daughter on shipboard when five days out at sea. It must have been a terrible experience for poor Mrs. Trivett, though she met with much kindness from her fellow passengers and the gentlemen on board presented the baby with a cheque. Mrs. Trivett's sister-in-law met her at Liverpool, and she was able to continue her journey in two days. She wrote that she was progressing favorably and that she had been wonderfully sustained throughout by a sense of Christ's presence.

I hope that I may soon be able to write that I am once more engaged in the work on which I long to re-enter, of leading these little lost lambs into the Good Shepherd's fold and guiding them into the way of Eternal life. I trust that the W. A. will not forget to pray for this mission that God's blessing may rest on the work and the workers and that the new missionary may have souls given him for his hire.

I am yours very sincerely,

E. BUSBY.

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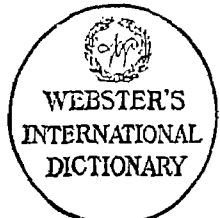
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