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NOTES FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

The S.P.G. in the *Mission Field*, for May, says that there are some missionary vacancies in India for unmarried clergymen.

The C.M.S. announces in connection with its Three Years' Enterprise the receipt of 2254 *birthday* offerings on April 13th, amounting to £1089 19s. 7d.

The term "Nigeria" has been substituted for the unwieldy designation hitherto descriptive of the Royal Niger Company's possessions in the Dark Continent.

In ten years from the commencement of the S.P.G. Society's Missions at Quop (or Kuab) in Borneo, the entire population of the village, with the exception of five old people, have become Christians.

The Rev. Percy H. Grubb, who visited Canada in 1895 as one of the C.M.S. deputation, has after 12 years service for that society been appointed to, and has accepted, the Vicarage of Oxtou, in Nottinghamshire.

Provost Mather, of Inverness, has been appointed to the See of Antigua. In 1870 he was Chaplain to the Bishop of Newfoundland and incumbent of the Cathedral. He was afterwards Chaplain to the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

An Indian deputation consisting of a Macusi Chief and several Macusis recently visited the

Bishop of Guiana to ask him to send a missionary to the highlands of the Brazilian frontier. They have built a church and a parsonage and promised to settle near them if a missionary comes.

Last December a Confirmation took place in the Diocese of North Queensland at which the nine candidates were all blacks. One was a Melanesian, the rest Australian aboriginals. Of these eight all except one were a few years ago wild blacks. Three of the seven were women. The Confirmation was held in St. John's Church, Cairns.

The faith and courage of missionary workers in Persia have been sorely tried of late: an outburst of Mohammedan fanaticism resulting in the cruel treatment of several converts, all of whom have been, however, set at liberty for a time with the exception of Benjamin Bedal, a Colporteur of the Bible Society, whose life it was feared was in great danger.

Plans for a new mission to Maputaland (or Tongaland) are being matured and the Bishop of Zululand, after a visit to this place in August last, proposes to begin work in the country of a chief called Umbegisa, where he hopes to establish a fairly strong centre for the whole region. It will not be more than 70 or 80 miles from the S.P.G. station in Swaziland.

The C.M.S. finds in its receipts the following bright examples of individual self-sacrifice in behalf of missions. It says, "A bank-note for £10 was received a few days ago from 'a servant who longs that all may know the wondrous love of God.' Another servant sent £1 1s., which had been given to her as a reward for faithful service. And some Yorkshire navvies dedicated £1 out of their hard earnings to the C.M.S. Indian Fund. We doubt not that these instances of joyful self-sacrifice are but types of many more."

Mrs. Isabella Bishop, the great traveller, has lately returned to England after three years of journeyings in China, Japan, Corea, Manchuria, etc. She gives most encouraging accounts of what she has seen of the missionary work of the Church, specially of the work in the medical missions, in which she was particularly interested, her late husband having been a doctor. She returns more deeply convinced than ever of the value of missionary work and of the overwhelming need of it. She was announced as one of the speakers at the C.M.S. evening meeting on May the 4th and at the special meeting on May the 11th last in London.