

THE Rev. W. Ruthven Pym, Vicar of Rotherland, England, has been appointed Bishop of Mauritius."

THE See of Mauritius, is one that presents peculiar difficulties. The work of the Church has to be carried on in seven languages; the educational policy of the local government inflicts disabilities upon Mission schools; the Church has suffered severe monetary losses of late years; and the difficulty of getting men and means is great. The introduction of Indian coolie labour, constantly changing, but nearly always non-Christian, has been of late years a main factor in the problem of the evangelization of the island. These facts, too often forgotten, should give new earnestness to our prayers.—*Intelligencer*.

"Who rules India?" asked Keshub Chunder Sen, the famous Brahmo theist, some years ago: "Who rules India?" And then he answered the question in these words: "Not Lord Lytton in the Cabinet, nor Sir Frederick Haines in the field, not politics, nor diplomacy, nor the bayonet or cannon. Christ rules British India." India is unconsciously imbibing this new civilization, succumbing to its irresistible influence. It is not the British army that deserves the honor of holding India; if any army can claim that honor, that army is the army of Christian missionaries headed by their invincible Captain, Jesus Christ."

CANADIAN CHURCH MEDICAL WORK, NAGANO, SHINANO, JAPAN.

REPORT JANUARY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 1898.

WE are thankful to report that, by God's blessing, our Dispensary has been the means of bringing healing and comfort to many homes in Nagano, and the smaller towns of the district. Although we treat patients of all classes, and take fees when they are offered us, it is known by all that the Dispensary is especially for the destitute, and it is they whom we are most anxious to help.

The zeal and patience of our beloved Japanese doctor and nurses has done much towards the successful carrying on of the work, and I believe that all are actuated by a sincere love for Christ, and a desire to bring others to a knowledge of His love.

During the first six months of the year, five hundred and thirty patients have attended the Dispensary, paying three thousand four hundred and sixty visits. Four hundred visits have been paid by the doctor and nurses to patients in

their own homes, and wine and proper food has been given to about a dozen patients, during the acute stage of their illness. In many of these cases we have sadly realized that, without a hospital where we could take in and care for the sufferers, such help as we are now able to give is far from effectual.

Connected with the nursing department there are, at present, six young women. Two of these have been with me for five years, and received their certificates as nurses in Kobe, where the Canadian Church medical work was first begun. They are both very capable assistants, and English people in Japan, as well as their own countrymen, have many times given us proof of how their services have been appreciated. One is now in charge of a temporary hospital where eleven dysentery patients are confined, at Inan'yama, a town near Nagano, where the Canadian Church has work, and the other is nursing an American lady. Two of the younger nurses are from a Church Orphanage in Tokyo, and we are glad to be able to train them in a profession, which will enable them to gain an honest livelihood, should they ever wish to leave us and do secular nursing. The other two women have but lately come to us, and as yet are of little use in the work, but they are both fairly intelligent and diligent in their studies and duties. I might mention here that two former graduates of the Training School are doing private nursing on their own account in Tokyo, and two others who were once connected with us are happily married and are prominent church workers in Nagano.

Christian services are held every Friday and Sunday evening in the waiting rooms of the Dispensary which are fairly well attended by the patients, the interest displayed during the past few months has been especially noticeable. Tracts and copies of the Gospels (since the year 340) are given to the people who ask for them, and in this way a knowledge of the more important truths of Christian teaching is spread among the lower classes. We can only pray that God in His own good time, may cause the seed now sown in faith, to bring forth abundant fruit to His glory.

JENNIE CAMERON SMITH.

*Nagano, Shinano, Japan,
Aug. 16th, 1898.*

A DANGEROUS SYMPTOM.

We read in a well-known paper, the other day, a statement to the effect that works on practical religion, such as "Goulburn's Thoughts on Personal Religion," have practically no sale at the present time; and the writer added that people were too much occupied with work to