

LETTER FROM CALCUTTA, INDIA.



HE Principal of the Institution writes, expressing disappointment with the results of the Examinations.

"We have been disappointed in the results obtained at the last B. A. Examination. We passed only forty-seven out of the large number sent up; one of these got second-class honors in English and one in Philosophy. I am grievously disappointed, as we are considerably under our neighbors. We sent up thirty-nine for the B or Science Course, and of these only eight passed. The F. C. Institution sent up only three for Science, and of these only one passed. Their students were all for the A Course, with the exception mentioned, and their result is very much better than ours. When the College Council meets in June we will go into these results thoroughly, and take such measures as may be possible for us to prevent a result like this happening again. I take no consolation from the fact that it is the largest number passed in one year from this Institution.—it is so far below what we ought to have had. We must all work harder next session."

BAPTISM IN NATIVE CHURCH.

"I have much satisfaction in reporting my first baptism of a convert from Hinduism. Megbar Singh, a young man about 20 years of age, has been studying in the Institution during the last two sessions. He has been living in the institution with two Christian lads like himself from Darjeeling. Megbar attended the Sunday school and the native church, but seemed often rather proud of the fact that he was not a Christian. Last Christmas morning he refused to take breakfast with us, as he had not yet lost his caste. About two months ago a great change came over Megbar, and he wrote without my knowledge to his brother in Kalimpong that he wanted to go home to be baptized. Mr. Sutherland wrote to me, and generously advised that the baptism should be here, and that I should do it. Megbar agreed, and after a time of instruction and preparation given both by Mr. Laha and Hiralal De, on Thursday last, in presence of the Session, he answered most satisfactorily all the questions put to him. It was my first experience of the kind, and I resolved not to proceed till convinced that Megbar thoroughly understood the nature of the step he was taking. His answers were no mere monosyllables, but decided and full expressions of an intelligent faith. I baptised Megbar on Sunday last, just before dispensing the sacra-

ment of the Lord's Supper. It is a day to be remembered by me with gratitude to God for his great mercy and loving kindness toward us.

"The heat is very great; a glass on my table under the punkah, registers as I write 98°.

"WILLIAM SMITH."

EXCELLENT CHINESE LETTER.



THE MARQUIS TSENG, who nobly represents China, is probably the ablest statesman of that vast and mighty Empire. At a meeting in connection with the Presbyterian China Mission, held in Edinburgh on the 22d of May, it was resolved that a memorial should be presented to the Marquis Tseng, who was on a short visit to the Northern Capital, welcoming him to Scotland, as the native land of many who had gone forth to work for the highest good of the Middle Kingdom. The following reply was received from the Marquis:—

"I feel highly honored by the address which the friends of China have so kindly presented to me. I now express in writing my grateful feelings to you and the numerous friends who have signed the address for the appreciation of the humble services which I have done to cement the most cordial relationship now happily existing between China and Great Britain. Both myself and the people of China have been, and are still, alive to the good motives which the Scotch missionaries have entertained towards China. I am, moreover, singularly fortunate to have been able to come to Scotland, where by personal contact with you, I become more conversant with the very high and noble nature of the Scotch Mission, which my countrymen in China may not be able fully to appreciate.

"The high opinions which you form of Chinese people in general, and of myself in particular, show that we, as Chinese people, have tried and are trying, to do our best to be deserving of your esteem. These opinions will encourage us to double and quadruple our efforts to draw the two countries which you and I represent into still closer relations.

"Before leaving Edinburgh, I beg respectfully to send you this reply.—I have the honor to be, yours sincerely.

"TSENG."

THE Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland have purchased, for £6,000, the Church in the rue Bayard, Avenue Montaigne, Paris—formerly used for Episcopal services—for the accommodation of Scotch residents and visitors to that city.