

tive of that noble society, may tend to cement and place on a surer basis, if that be possible, the good relation which so happily existed between the Church Missionary Society and my predecessors."

Personal Missionary Obligation.—Canon McCormick, in a sermon preached on the ninety-fourth anniversary of the Church Missionary Society, on the words, "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed," treats of missionary obligation in two connections: (1) the idea of unfitness for it; (2) a wrong estimate concerning the work itself. We subjoin what seemed to us the most forcible passage: "Not only is there a tendency to make excuses for not going into the mission field, but there is a danger of resisting, to some extent, the inward impulses of God's Holy Spirit. It is quite true that God's people shall be willing in the day of His power to obey His call. It is quite true that the voice of the Spirit, when heard as at Antioch, is obeyed both by churches and individuals; but it is equally true that the first whisperings of the Spirit ought to obtain earnest and prayerful attention, lest they should not be followed by a direct, clear, loving summons to holy work. It was in the darkness that Samuel was called. . . . What is to be dreaded is lest, when conviction possesses us concerning the state of the heathen world and our obligations in reference to it, we should in any measure stifle that conviction. If we do, it may not come to us again; or coming, may not have any power over us."

"A gentleman was sailing down a river under some high cliffs, and the loud report of a gun was heard. Immediately the air was full of birds; but it was noticed that there were thousands unmoved by the startling sound on the rocks and in their numerous holes. The secret was, the young birds were startled, while the old ones seemed to say, as the artillery practice went on, 'Fire away until your guns burst;

you won't affect us.' So is it with the hearing of God's Word: the young are startled, the old become indifferent. Resist its appeals and it loses its power."

Mohammedan Trophies.—The Rev. R. H. Tregillas, of the Baptist Mission, Jessore, has been much encouraged by the fruits of his labor among the Mohammedans of that district, particularly in the village of Dowlatpore. The first convert was a Mohammedan named *Dhonai*, generally known as the doctor. His mother and two brothers soon took up the same stand, and for over four years this family bore solitary confession for Christ in the village. During the last two years, however, accessions have come; and in particular during the last few months eighteen brethren and sisters have there professed their faith by baptism, thirteen of these being natives of Dowlatpore. In some other cases the persecution that followed the avowal of Christ has been so fierce that the constancy of the new disciples has quailed and broken before it. Let us hope that this is due, not to the entire absence of faith, but rather to the temporary weakness of it.

Missionary Institute, Harley House, Bow, London, E.—At a valedictory meeting recently held a bird's-eye view was given of the scope of this society's operations. In all, between 600 and 700 have been sent to foreign lands. Of this number 80 are scattered over the Empire of China; 31 are in India; 103 in Africa. Though greatly tried, this mission has been greatly blessed, "and at the different stations there are some where about 1300 natives who have confessed the name of Christ." Dr. Harry Guinness, commenting on the readiness with which £250,000 worth of presents had been given to the Princess May, appealed for increased financial support on behalf of the Institute and the Congo Mission, both of which need £20000 for carrying on their work.