

DROPS IN A DRY LAND.

Every now and then there is something to cheer us amid the general darkness. Lately a young man was baptized by the mission of another church who had received his early bias towards the Bible in our institution. A fortnight ago, two young men were baptized in our own Mission chapel,—one a student in our institution, the other an assistant to a Calcutta druggist; the former a Hindu, the latter a Moham-medan. Thus we have occasional drops—not droppings—indicative of the shower which will some day descend upon us and put all right.—*Rev. Dr. Duff.*

DONT THROW STONES!

"Do not throw stones, my boy; you may hurt some one."
"I do not throw them at anybody, sir. What hurt does it do for me to throw stones at the fence?"

"You cannot tell, my young friend, who may be behind the fence; and the stone you throw for sport may cause a serious hurt."

"I do not see any harm in throwing stones."

"I am very sorry to see you persist in doing a mischievous thing, and and bad manners to a bad habit. I have just seen accounts of two sad accidents from throwing stones, which ought to be a warning to boys against this foolish and dangerous habit. A young man was riding on horseback, when a stone thrown by a little boy, hit the horse and frightened him, so that he started and threw the young man on the ground, and injured him very much. The horse ran on through the street, and struck a woman, knocking her senseless upon the curb stone. She was sadly injured in the head and so bruised that it is doubtful whether she will recover. It seemed a very small thing for the little boy to throw a stone; but the result was dreadful. If the woman should die, do you suppose that boy will ever forgive himself for throwing the stone!"

"But the other story is still more sad. A youth was returning home from school. Just as he was entering his father's gate, he heard a sound in the street, and, turning his head, was struck by a stone thrown by a little boy, which hit him in the eye, and at once destroyed his sight. Now, that poor youth must go all his days with a blind eye,