

which used to be erected over the dead.

(e) Away up at the north of India dwell many strange peoples on the slopes and spurs of the Himalaya Mountains. Some of the Assam hillmen are fierce, black, undersized, ill-fed. They are lazy and degraded. They reckon the length of a journey by the number of plugs of tobacco or betel-meant which they chew upon the way. Their very names show their wild life. The Akas, for instance, are divided into two clans, whose names mean "The eaters of a thousand hearths," and "The thieves that lurk in the cotton-field." Some of the men are now used by the English as bands of police to keep the peace of the border. They are paid in yearly gifts of cloth, hoes, and grain.

(f) The Gonds are the chief non-Aryan tribe of the Central Provinces. They are strong men, very skilful in shooting with great bows and arrows. They are rapidly advancing in civilization. The Maris are a very timid people. Once a year the local Raja goes to collect their taxes, a yearly tribute of jungle products. He beats a drum, then hides himself. The shy Maris creep forth from their huts, place their tribute at an appointed place, and run back again to their own haunts.

(g) North-east of the Central Provinces in Orissa, are the Patans, literally the "leaf-wearers." The women used to wear only a few strings of beads, and leaves. In 1871, the English officers called the clans together, talked to them, and gave out strips of cotton to the women. They passed before him in single file, wearing their new clothes, and bowing to him. Then very solemnly they gathered their bunches of leaves together and burned them.

What will be the future of these many different races? You have read,

perhaps, how ruder tribes have been crushed by their superiors in many lands, as in Mexico, Peru, Australia, and so forth. But these people are growing more civilized, more prosperous, under British rule, and protection, and seem to be increasing, rather than decreasing. Some, like the gallant Gurkhas, are among the bravest soldiers of the army. Let us watch for tidings concerning their entrance into the army of King Immanuel. Let us pray for the missionaries, who labor in these hard, hard places.

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ADDING

"I've learned to put together
The figures on my slate:
The teacher calls it adding,
And I like it first rate.

"There's one queer thing about it:
Whenever you get ten
You have to carry one, she says,
And then begin again.

"That's what we do with pennies:
When I have ten, you see,
I carry one to Jesus,
Who's done so much for me."

—The Child's Gem.

A note from Mrs. McLaurin in Rochester says: "Our church supports a missionary family in Africa. Over 30, who are now or have been members, went from this church as foreign missionaries. The Lakeview Baptist Church supports four missionaries in India, Africa, Japan and the Philippines. So Rochester Baptists are fairly busy at foreign missions."