

We extend a welcome home to the Misses Edith and Laura Craig, who have spent several years in India, where they shared the burdens and joys of the missionaries in Cocanada, although they were not under our Board.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Benson, with their children, are summering at Victoria Island, Lake Muskoka, the summer home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton.

The Mission Home, 105 Ellsworth Avenue, Toronto, will be occupied this winter by Rev. John Craig and family, while 103 Ellsworth will be occupied by Rev. H. E. Stillwell and family.

INDIA.

THE UNOCCUPIED FIELDS OF INDIA.

The Indian Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Missionary Conference has put forth certain "findings" with regard to missionary work in the great Indian peninsula.

1. Large tracts of territory in each province are wholly unoccupied by witnesses for Christ.

2. Entire communities, classes and castes are almost untouched, even in so-called occupied areas. In Bengal there are 159 thanas, or police circles, containing a total population of 19,000,000, without a single Christian living in them. There are six divisions in the southeastern portion of the United Provinces, with a population of 30,000,000, and Behar, with 23,000,000, very inadequately occupied. Bombay reports 10,000,000 of its 29,000,000 in areas but slightly touched by missionary effort.

The Mohammedans of the Empire, 66,000,000 strong, are not being effectively reached, especially in South and Central India.

A large number of the native states, with a population of many millions, are still without a single Christian.

The Immense Field in India.

If Christ had started on the day of His baptism to preach in the villages of India, and had continued up to the present, visiting one village each day, healing the sick and proclaiming the Gospel, He would still have left unvis-

ited 30,000 villages in India. The villages in India contain nine-tenths of the population of the land, or more than 280,000,000 people. It is amongst these villages that the great Mass Movement is taking place.

REV. R. H. CLANCY.

Mass Movements in India.

There were 40,000 persons refused baptism by the Methodist Episcopal workers in India last year, and possibly 150,000 enquirers were put off. Very few in America realize the urgency of such a statement. Are these multitudes to be left untaught, unshepherded? If not, then more workers must be found. More Indian Christians must deny themselves in order to teach these lowly fellow-countrymen of theirs, who hardly know their right hand from their left. Do the Indian Christians know and realize the urgency of the situation, and will they volunteer?

The appeal to the home churches is quite as powerful. When will the home churches realize the needs of India and send adequate help? Must the thousands perish for lack of knowledge, and the present opportunity be forever lost? God is working among the nations. May the churches read the signs of the times and be ready to press on.—The Harvest Field.

Indian Christians in the Army.

For the first time, Indian Christians have been recruited to form distinct companies of Indian regiments. This step has been taken in response to the earnest desire of young men belonging to Christian families in the Punjab to serve in the war. The growth of the Indian Christian community in the last census period was 32.6 per cent. for the whole of India, but in the Punjab the number of Christians increased threefold, though it is still relatively small, contributing in 1911 only some 200,000 of the 3,876,000 Christians in India. Three double companies have been formed accordingly, consisting of Punjabi Christians. One of them, comprising Anglicans, has been put in a light regiment now in service, while two doubt companies of Presbyterians have been attached to a regiment of light infantry at Bangalore.—The Christian.