

cause of righteousness. The world would be a brighter place if there were more men with the courage of the editor of *The Ceylon Observer*.

China.—The Ching-Kiang Riot, Washington, March 21. The Department of State is in receipt of farther details concerning this riot. The trouble arose out of the stoning of the Sikh policemen of the British quarter by a crowd of boys and young men. It occurred on the Chinese New Year, when business was practically suspended in the town and when the streets were thronged with idlers. The quarrel of the boys was assumed by the men, and a general fight ensued. A Chinaman was knocked down by the police, and the report was current that he was killed. Immediately the enraged mob attacked and burned the police stations. The roadway was thronged with 20,000 rioters, who surged toward the United States and British consulates. When the situation became alarming 300 soldiers appeared upon the scene, but their presence served only to excite the derision of the mob. The gates of the United States and British consulates were assaulted and the British consulate burned, the Consul barely escaping with his life by climbing over a rear fence. With much difficulty the two Consuls, with their families, effected their escape, and reached a mail steamer which had arrived just in time to evade the fury of the rioters, who were in hot pursuit. The mob made various unsuccessful efforts to board the vessel, but it was repulsed in each instance. The arrival of a brigade of soldiers in the evening and of a British man-of-war the following morning had the effect of restoring quiet.

—The Chinese press is stirring up missionaries to undertake medical work. *The China Medical Mission Journal* contains articles by Dr J. G. Keer and Rev. A. W. Douthwaite, M. D. on the value of medical work as an aid to evangelization. Commenting upon them, *The China Overland Mail* says: "We think it is becoming more and more apparent to religious workers in this part of the world that the masses of China cannot be reached by merely preaching to them; that their best chance of success is in imitating the example of the Master they serve, who inculcated His teaching while going about doing good. Of course one does not wish to see all the missionaries turned into sick nurses, but only that they should realize that by discriminatingly helping the natives in their sufferings they can best reach their heart."

—The severity of the winter is increasing the distress caused by the famine in Shang-Tung and Manchuria. It is estimated that 1,500,000 persons are starving.

—Shanghai advices to January 19. The famine in Anhui and Kiangsu is worse. In one province 300,000 families are starving, and altogether several millions are suffering from famine caused by drought two years in succession.

—Our Consul at Peking reports that the total number of American citizens residing in China is 1,022, of whom 506 are missionaries.

—The English nation continues to derive an income of some £8,000,000 from the excesses and miseries of the richer part of the Chinese people; while the poorer classes of Chinese are creating a demand for a cheaper home-grown opium. And so the enslavement of the entire nation to this fatal habit appears to be inevitable.

—Chinese Christians are, almost to a man, ready to pray in public, to exhort one another at their meetings, and to speak for Christ to their neighbors. Rev. Hunter Corbett bears witness to their childlike faith in the power and willingness of God to fulfill every promise, to their unshaken faith in prayer, their love for the Scriptures, and their honest and faithful effort to live blameless lives. Not a few have persevered in the study of the Scriptures until they repeat entire chapters and sometimes entire books, from both Testaments, and, better yet, they are able to explain them.

—A narrow escape. Mr. Redfern, en route for Han-Chung, gives in *China's Millions* an exciting account of a remarkable deliverance from pirates, who landed on his boat with daggers and pistols, and began appropriating everything of value. The only weapon Mr. Redfern used was prayer, which proved so powerful that the robbers returned their booty and departed abashed, without hurting any one. The heathen boatmen were amazed, having fully expected both the robbery and the murder of the missionaries.

England.—The British and Foreign Bible Society has issued during the past year 4,206,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures, a larger number than ever before. The total income of the society for the past year was £253,300. Its grand work encircles the world, preparing the way for missionaries and strengthening their hands.

—A Mazarin Bible brought \$10,000 at a recent auction sale in London.

—"Our Day" contains a painful article on "Pagan Idols of English Make," showing that "it is not an uncommon occurrence for an East Indian man, from Liverpool, just through the Red Sea and the shadows of Sinai, to touch at Madras and Calcutta, then lie up at Rangoon, at each wharf landing a missionary from her cabin, and unloading a crate of graven images from her hold."

—The S. P. G. has taken up missionary work in the Nicobar Islands—a group of islands in the Bay of Bengal, and used as an Indian penal settlement. A hundred years ago the last of the Moravian brethren retreated, after the sacrifice of twenty-four of their number in nineteen years. The object is to reach Carnicobar, a populous island of over 3,000 inhabitants, on the north of the group. The field is at present occupied by merely one catechist—a Madras Christian—who acts under the direction of the Government chaplain of Port Blair. The plan adopted is to bring relays of the island children to Port Blair, and after the stay of a few months