The Mission Field.

MEDICAL MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN.

A PUBLIC meeting in connection with medical missions to the heathen was recently held in the Molesworth Hall. There was a numerous attendance which included many eminent in the profession. Dr. John K. Barton, ex-president Royal College of Surgeons, presided. Rev. C. Valentine F. R. C. S. E., Medical Missionary in India, delivered an interesting address with regard to the progress of missionary work in that vast empire. He pointed out that Suttee and Juggernaut were established institutions in India a hundred years ago, yet at the present time they were not to be found anywhere, and these and other reformations had been brought about directly by missionary enterprise. In 1831 there were 91,000 native Christians in India; and in 1861 there were 138'000; in 1871,224,000 and in 1881' 417,000 native Christians. As indicative of the wonderful field there was for missionary labour, he might mention that in Bengal there were one and a half million of people and only three missionaries, while in other districts there were 21,000,000 without a single missionary at all. He hoped the medical students of Dublin would enter largely into the good work, for, after 22 years' experience, he knew no service more enjoyable than that of preaching the Gospel amongst multitudes of people.

A MISSIONARY of the China Inland Mission, in the province of Kan-suh, says that in Thibetan families every other son is given up to the service of the gods, and is supported by his family. A principle temple has 300 priests: another has 100. Is there not a suggestion here for Christian parents as to what they might and should do in the service of Jehovah? Every Christian household might well covet the honor of having one of its members connected directly with the misistry of the Gospel.

BISHOP Caldwell, of Tinnevelly, at a meeting of the S. P. G. Ladies' Association for the Promoting of Female Education, said that forty-five years of labor in India he had come home for entire rest, yet he felt he must be present at the meeting of the Ladies' Association. "There was a pressing need for Christian education amongst the women in India, as any lady who had been in India would know. The women were, as a rule, lazy, ignorant and apathetic, but yet considering they knew nothing of Christianity, their moral life was remarkably pure, and they were amiable, well-behaved, contented people, whom it should be their pleasure to elevate in every way.

HONOLULU.—The Christian Knowledge Society has made a second grant of £20 towards the maintenance of Wong-Syak-En, a young Chinaman studying under the supervision of the Bishop with a view to his being ultimately ordained to minister to his own countrymen, of whom there are a great number in the Sandwich Islands.

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