

MISSION FIELD.

INDIA.

The following extracts from a report of a colporteur in India will be read with interest:

"At a great Mussalman fair was going on, so I went. I fastened my horse in the Police station, took my books and sat down in the *mela*. I stayed from morning till evening. In four days I sold 600 books. From there to —, 16 miles. Although the village is small, the people were very well disposed. When I showed the books to the people, they began to buy them gladly. No book-seller had ever been there before. I arrived at night, every one asleep; had no place to unload. Near the city was a garden and a well, so I laid down under a tree. When I had fastened the horse and taken off the horse bags, the owner of the garden came to me and asked me who I was. I answered, 'I am a traveller, and I wish to stay the night, and in the morning go into the city; if you will allow me I will stay here, otherwise I will go on.' He said: 'Certainly stay,' which I was glad to do. When I was resting, the man asked me of what religion I was. I said: 'I am a Christian, and I have some good Christian books, in which there is much advice very good for people to read.' Then he asked me to tell him about these things. I read to him the 1st and 2nd Chapters of Matthew, and talked with him. He gladly listened to what I had to say, and then said: 'Stay with me a few days; do your work in the city in the day-time, and stay with me at night.' I agreed, and as long as I was there used to hold conversations with the man and visit the city. In the city I met a Jewish doctor, who bought a Marathi Bible. I stayed there four days. After that went on to —. Many mullahs and learned Mahommedans live there. I stayed two days and held conversations, but sold only a few books. A mullah bought a *Talim-i-Mahomadi* and a few other small books. Went to —. I found the people very friendly and well-disposed, and they gladly bought my books. In this place a young man who had been educated in the Karachi Mission School met me. He knew a good deal about the Bible, and gave me a hearty welcome, and we had much conversation. I returned to Hyderabad after 35 days."

THE BISHOP OF LAHORE AT SANAWAR.

We take from the *Lahore Church Gazette* the following interesting account:

The Bishop arrived here on Saturday morning, the 18th inst., and held a Confirmation the same evening at 5 o'clock. Evensong was sung by the Rev. W. C. Noyes, the Chaplain of Dagshai, the lessons being read by the Rev. A. H. Hildersley, Principal. Thirty-eight candidates were presented to the Bishop, who, after the customary address, confirmed them. The service was bright and im-

pressive, the choir leading the singing, which was taken up by the whole congregation. Many alterations have been made since the Bishop's last visit, the three-decker arrangement for parson and clerk has been removed, choir stalls have been placed in the chancel, the organ has been brought to the east end, the choir has been provided with surplices and cassocks, the altar has been raised, and is now approached by four steps. Many things yet remain undone, but the difference already made is very great. We hear that a new organ, specially ordered by the Principal, is on its way from England. At 7.30 a.m. on Sunday there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion, when the Bishop celebrated, assisted by the Principal. There were sixty-one communicants, of whom all but three persons (the Bishop, the Rev. R. J. Langford and a lady) were either wards or officials of the Asylum. The singing was excellent, as might have been expected with the Principal as choir master, and Mrs. Hildersley at the organ. At 11 a.m. matins were sung, when the Bishop preached a telling sermon (text, 1 Thess. iv. 17). After evensong at 5 p.m., which was sung by the Principal, the Bishop visited the Hospitals, etc., and expressed satisfaction at all he saw there, which bore ample testimony to the energy and thoughtful care of the medical officer, Surgeon-Major Mackenzie, who so ably seconds the Principal in his endeavors for the well-being of the whole community of the Asylum. On Monday, at 4 p.m., the Bishop consecrated a piece of ground, about three quarters of a mile east of the Asylum, on the Dagshai Road, for the purposes of a cemetery. The space had already been enclosed by a substantial stone wall. The Rev. A. H. Hildersley and the choir received the Bishop at the gate, where the petition by the inhabitants of Sanawar, praying for consecration, was read by the Rev. R. J. Langford (Chaplain of Sabathu), Registrar Assumed, and Lordship having signified his readiness to comply, the ceremony was proceeded with in the usual manner. After marching in procession round the inside of the wall, the Bishop, choir and congregation halted near the gate, and after his lordship had spoken a few earnest and appropriate words, the choir, accompanied by the band, sang Hymn No. 140, "Jesus lives." A table with writing materials having been suitably placed, the Bishop affixed his signature to the consecration document, and the same having been attested by the Registrar Assumed, the ceremony was complete. The Bishop left on Tuesday morning. It is gratifying to record that his Lordship expressed himself entirely pleased with all he saw—with the arrangements of the Asylum generally, and particularly with the hearty services, and the orderly manner in which everything in and about the church was conducted. Everybody in the place—officials and children—were delighted with the Bishop, and few are likely to forget his good words.

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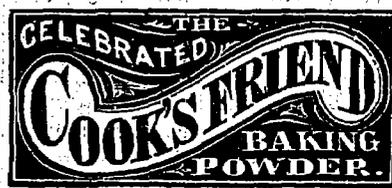
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