

afflicted, and bowed down, by the entrance of the cholera among our lads at the close of the year. Suddenly, at night, it came upon them, and though the school was dispersed a few hours after its appearance, the work was already done. Three of those who went to their homes, in apparent health, were soon prostrated and carried off, and two, after lingering a few days here, passed away. The death of one of them was especially trying, it having occurred after a week of noble self-sacrifice, on his part, in looking after his sick companions, day and night, with even more than a brother's love. He left us to visit some friends ten miles distant. We felt fearful to let him go, but after his labours of love were unable to resist his entreaties. In a few hours we were shocked to hear that he too was gone. Never have our hearts so overflowed with sorrow, as over the death of these dear boys. They were promising lads, uniformly well conducted, and had endeared themselves to us in many ways."

A BIT OF ROMANCE.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the U. P. Church, U. S. A., for 1877, contains the following item:—"In this connection the Board cannot forbear making special mention again of His Highness, Dhuleep Singh, who presented the mission in Egypt, last year, his usual noble offering of one thousand pounds for its work. Such acts go far to make us admire the wonderful grace and providence of God, and also, to realize what might result for good to the world if every prince was thus as a nursing father to the Church and the cause of God."

The Venerable Board gives no hint here of the romantic origin of this annual gift to their mission in Egypt, because we suppose the matter is already of world-wide fame. Every one has heard how an Indian Prince saw, loved, wooed, and won, a young and beautiful girl, a pupil in the Mission School at Cairo, and a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. In token of gratitude to God and the Mission that gave to him a boon whose price is above rubies ("for favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised"), the prince, on each anniversary of his wedding-day, makes a present of \$5000 to the missionaries, to be used in the Mission to which he and his wife are so much indebted.

A LIGHT SHINING IN A DARK PLACE.

At Latakijeh, famous for its tobacco, on the coast of Syria, at no great distance from that Antioch where the disciples were first called Christians, the U. P. Church, U. S. A., has a mission some twenty years old. The missionary there gives the following account of evangelistic effort by the native converts:—

"The growth of the Gospel among the native population does not appear to be merely in the number of its adherents, but also in the measure of its influence and force upon their hearts. A most encouraging evidence of this has been furnished in a practical resolution of the members of the Syrian church to engage in evangelistic and missionary work. A very interesting scene occurred at the close of the services of the public thanksgiving in the month of November last. The sermon delivered on the occasion had reference to the duty and grace of giving

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