

A Friend, in sending £10 towards the C.M.S. Indian Famine Relief Fund, writes:—

"It is a sum I had saved and intended to invest in a bicycle, but from the accounts recorded in the daily papers of the terrible sufferings endured by my brothers and sisters, I feel that it would be a gross misuse of what God has given me to make any such purchase in the face of such facts, for surely there is no comparison between my want and theirs, seeing that they are dying for want of food."

"The reason I send the subscription to the C.M.S. Fund is, that, while your hands are strengthened to supply the 'meat which perisheth,' your agents will have an opportunity of pointing out how the hungry soul may feed on the 'Bread of life.'"

A correspondent sends us the following suggestion for raising funds which seems to be worth trying:—

"DEAR SIR,—If a worker in each district in England, where the Vicar, Rector, or Curate is beloved, or even respected, would order from the constantly advertising London photographer, as we did 250 stamp photos at a cost of 7s. 6d., and sell at a penny each to the Church workers, officials, Sunday scholars, and others, they would please the purchasers and clear each a profit of 13s. to the C.M.S. We have tried it, and, as a plan, know it to be a very pleasing and paying one. Permission to copy the photo the Vicar lends for the purpose must be asked first from the photographer and from the Vicar. In our own case the first sale led to requests for little stamp photographs of vicars, then of the curate, then of the Bishop. We have sent up to you as a result already a clear £4, but the sale continues. People have requested that as the idea is somewhat original and very 'taking,' it may be passed on. I enclose an odd copy of the last pennyworth—Bishop Kyle."

We shall be glad of offers (addressed to the Lay Secretary, C.M. House) to purchase the following:—

Simon's "Horn Homiletic," 11 vols., 1819-20, half-bound calf, paper sides, fair condition.
Alf's Greek Testament, cloth, 1819-64.

The following anonymous contributions are thankfully acknowledged:—

Gl. 56,261, for O.O.M., 3s.; Gl. 453, by sale of the Sunday Game of "Scripture Lotto," for support of two village schools in Fuh-kien, £20; F. L. O. J., for training Africans as missionaries, £750; Gl. 52,932, 10s.; God's Tenth, 10s.; Friend near Windsor, £2; leader of GLEANER at Brinton, 2s. 6d.; Burr, for Bishop Crowther Memorial Church, 10s.; Friend, 3s.; Gl. 7,290, £2; St. Bride's, Liverpool G.U., sale of work (for St. chuen) £50; Thankoffering, £1; Thankoffering for journeying mercies, £2 2s.; Gl. 41,244, £3.

Sales of Jewellery, 4s.—Anonymous, £3; Anon., 2s.; Anon., 6s. 6d.; E. J. M., £1 7s. Towards *extinguishing the Deficit of 1895-6*—Hill, £2; Gl. 7,301, 10s.; Gl. 73,737, sale of jewellery, 17s.; a Friend, including sale of silver, £3 1s. 6d.; Gl. 34,393, sale of jewellery, 2s. 8d.; Gl. 21,421, 2s. 6d.; Old Subscriber, £2, M. A. S., £2; Prayerful Wellwisher, 10s.; Gl. 77,623, £1 9s.; Gl. 69,001, 3s.; Gleaner, 1s.; Gl. 33,895, £10; Friend, 1s.; few C.M.B. Clerks, £1 11s. 6d.; Gl. 33,030, 7s.; Gl. 28,128, 2s.

Towards the *Three Years' Enterprise*—Gl. 73,311, 10s.; Gl. 9,011, extra gleanings in the field of needlework, 6s. 3d.; A. E. W., sale of diamond ring, 10s.; Old C.M.S. Worker, sale of waste jewellery, 14s.; L. M. of T. E., 3s.; Gleaner, in loving memory of a sister, £3; A. B. C., sale of jewellery, £6 2s. 6d.; Gl. 20,364, the Lord's Tenth, 10s.; Lent, 1897, 3s.; Gl. 8,690, 10s.; Gl. 72,046, £1; Anon., £1 10s. 6d.; M. A. H. F., Carlisle, sale of ring, 2s. 6d.

Towards the *Indian Famine Relief Fund*—A. M., 3s.; a Gleaner, 3s.; E. M. C., £1; K. G., £1; Gl. 83,391, 10s.; a Gleaner, 3s.; a M. S., 2s.; few Brethren, 6s.; few Friends, 10s.; Thankoffering, Petersfield, 2s. 6d.; W. E. S., 1s.; £1; Gl. 75,537, 2s. 6d.; Gl. 20,564, the Lord's Tenth, 10s.; Gl. 304, 5s.; Gl. 88,798, 12s. 6d.; Gl. 1,230, 2s. 6d.; a Friend, £3; M. H., £3; E. J. F., 3s.; M. H. A., a Gleaner, £2 2s.; Anon., 5s.; J. M. P., £1; Gl. 21,421, 2s. 6d.; M. S. M., 3s.; Ada and Susan, Ealing, 3s.; Prayerful Wellwisher, 3s.; Gleaner, 2s. 6d.; Gl. 53,376, 3s.; Gleaner, 1s. 6d.; Anon., 5s.; Gl. 54,041, 1s.; A. S., 3s. 6d.; F. W., £1; Brighton Gleaner, 2s. 6d.; Anon., 10s.; P. G., 1s.; Gl. 42,023, self-denial offering, 5s.; Sympathizer, 2s.; Gl. 1,887, 5s.; Gl. 28,673, 1s.; Gleaner, 5s.; Anon., 10s.; Gl. 82,332, 5s.; D. A., £1; J. S. C., 3s.; Two Sisters, 3s.; Gleaner, 4s. 6d.; Fernbank, Ripon, 10s.; Hina, 1s.; Hana, 1s.; Anon., £2; Gl. 67,931, 10s.; M. C. B., 4s.; Gl. 10,307, 5s.; note from Member of Y.W.C.A., 5s.; Anon., 1s.; Reader of the GLEANER, 1s.; M. T. S., 3s.; Gl. 37,583, 3s.; Gl. 41,554, 1s.; Gl. 33,030, 4s.; Gleaner, 1s. 6d.; Rev. D. H., 3s.; Mrs. W. B. S., 3s.; Miss S. H., 2s.; L. D., 10s.; H. H., 1s.; Gl. 314, 2s.; Brunswick Court, coll., 10s.; Gl. 20,166, 2s.; Gleaner in Service, 1s.; Two Gleaners, 1s. 11s. 12s. 1s.; Gl. 20,537, 2s.; Liverpool, £10; Friend of the C.M.S., J. B. and L. C., 3s.; Gl. 20,539, 3s.; F. R. and P. H., 4s.; Three Readers of GLEANER, for J. M. H., 4s.; 'Whose I am,' 2s.; Gleaner, 5s.; Anon., 3s.; Gl. 20,410, sale of jewellery, 15s. 6d.

Packets of Foreign and Colonial, &c., used Postage Stamps are gratefully acknowledged from the following:—

Miss Harvey, F. W. Rose, Miss Ledger, Mrs. Wm. Forbes, A. B. C., Rev. D. R. Pelly, Gl. 21,933, A. J. Marks, Esq., £1 5s. 3d.; Rev. G. Chapman, Meta, Rev. F. Lillingston, Gl. 75,603, Gl. 23,191, Gl. 84,022, Mrs. King, Gl. 26,187, May, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jardine, Miss F. A. Khow, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Warner, Gl. 10,403, and one packet from an anonymous friend.

PUBLICATION NOTES.

PART III. of the *Extracts from the Annual Letters of Missionaries for 1896* is now ready. It contains letters from the Bengal, N.-W. Provinces (India), and New Zealand Missions; price 3d., post free. **PART IV.** will be ready by the time this number of the GLEANER appears, and will contain letters from the Ceylon Mission only; price 3d., post free. The letters from the *Persia* Missionaries have been published in separate pamphlet form as usual; price 2d., post free.

A very interesting story of a little Chinese boy, written by Miss F. R. Burroughs, of the C.E.Z.M.S., China, for the members of the Sowers'

Band connected with the Mariners' Church, Kingstown, has been published in booklet form for more general use. It is entitled *The Story of Little Gio*. Single copies can be obtained free, as specimens. For quantities, a charge of 6d. per dozen, or 4s. per 100, will be made, including postage. The booklet should be placed in the hands of all members of Sowers' Bands.

In connexion with the Commemoration of the Queen's Sixty Years' Reign, a Card has been prepared for the purpose of emphasizing, by means of Diagrams, "Our Duty" and "Our Responsibility" for the Evangelization of the British Empire. The Diagrams are printed in colours, and show the number of the Queen's subjects in 1837 and 1897, and the present proportions of Heathen, Mohammedans, and Christians. The card is court size, suitable for enclosing in envelopes, &c. Price 4d. per dozen, or 2s. 6d. per 100. A specimen card will be sent free on receipt of a post-card.

A further addition has been made to Miss Headland's series of *Brief Sketches of C.M.S. Workers*, by the issue of a Sketch of the Life of the Rev. W. A. B. Johnson, C.M.S. Missionary in West Africa from 1816 to 1823. Price 2d., post free. Two more "Sketches" are needed to complete the Series, viz., Bishop Crowther (Africa; 2nd day in the Cycle of Prayer), and Archdeacon Maundrell (Japan; 21st day). These will follow shortly, and the whole Series will then be published in one volume. A complete list will be sent on application.

The *C.M. Gleaner* may be ordered through local Booksealers, or direct from the C.M. House, Salisbury Square. Price One Penny (1½d., post free). Annual subscriptions, including postage:—one copy, 1s. 6d.; two copies, 3s.; three, 4s.; six, 7s.; twelve, 12s.; twenty-five, 24s.

All orders for Books, Magazines, and Papers should be addressed to *The Lay Secretary, C.M. House, Salisbury Square, London, E.C.*

THE SOCIETY'S NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

PRAYER MEETING at Sion College, Thames Embankment, on Monday, May 3rd, 1897, at 4 p.m.

THE ANNIVERSARY SERMON will be preached (n.v.) on Monday Evening, the 3rd of May, 1897, at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon, V.P. Divine Service to commence at Half-past Six o'clock. Doors to be opened at Six o'clock. (No tickets required.)

CLERICAL BREAKFAST at Exeter Hall on Tuesday, May 4th, 1897, at 8.30 a.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held (n.v.) at Exeter Hall, Strand, on Tuesday, the 4th of May, 1897. Doors to be opened at Ten o'clock; Opening Hymn at 10.35. Chair to be taken by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Vice-Patron, at Eleven o'clock precisely.

A **PUBLIC MEETING** will also be held (n.v.) at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on the same day, at Eleven o'clock; Chairman, Col. ROBERT WILLIAMS, M.P. Doors to be opened at Ten o'clock. A limited number of *Reserved Seat Tickets* (numbered), at 1s. each, will be issued for this Meeting.

A **MEETING FOR LADIES** will also be held (n.v.) in the afternoon of the same day (place of meeting will be announced later on). Chair to be taken at Three o'clock, by the Rev. H. E. Fox. Doors to be opened at Two o'clock.

THE GLEANERS' UNION CONFERENCE (for country members, London Branch Secretaries, and London clergy only) will also be held (n.v.) at the Church Missionary House, in the afternoon of the same day, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. (Only a limited number of Tickets can be issued for this Conference, application for which must be made not later than April 23rd.)

A **YOUNGER CLERGY UNION CONFERENCE** (including a Conference with the Lay Workers' Union for London at Four o'clock) will also be held (n.v.) at 4.35 the same afternoon at Sion College, Thames Embankment. No Tickets required. All Clergy welcomed.

A **PUBLIC MEETING** of the Society will also be held (n.v.) at Exeter Hall, in the evening of the same day. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock. Doors to be opened at Six o'clock.

A **PUBLIC MEETING** will also be held (n.v.) at Exeter Lower Hall, in the evening of the same day. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m.

TICKETS of admission to Exeter Hall, St. James's Hall, and St. Martin's Town Hall may be had on application at the C.M. House, Salisbury Square, daily, from Monday, April 26th, to Friday, April 30th, 1897, from Eleven to Four o'clock; on Saturday, May 1st, 1897, from Eleven to One o'clock; and on Monday, May 3rd, 1897, from Eleven to Four o'clock. No tickets will be issued before the time here specified. It is particularly requested that persons applying for Tickets will confine their application to the number actually intended to be used, and state for which Meeting they are required.

If applications are made by letter, please address "THE LAY SECRETARY."

PRAISE AND PRAYER.

PRAISE.—For the work of the first year of the T.Y.E. (pp. 49, 61.) For the example of the late Hon. Secretary of the Society (pp. 49, 51). For the safe return and the work accomplished by the Deputations to the West Indies and Sierra Leone (pp. 50, 51). For the faithful work of a typical "Mother in Israel" (pp. 54, 55).

PRAYER.—For the Ninety-eighth Anniversary of the Society: that April 12th may be observed by all friends of the Society as a day of thanksgiving and intercession (pp. 62, Gl. 64). For the workers and converts in Mohammedan lands (p. 50). That advantage may be taken of the doors opened by recent events for the preaching of the Gospel in the Upper Niger regions (pp. 52-54). For offers of service—especially for Uganda (p. 54). That the unhappy devil-worshippers of Hevlen lands may be released from the terrible bondage in which they are held (pp. 56-58). For the sufferers from famine and plague in India (pp. 59, 60). That all our readers may learn the true secret of Easter joy and blessing (p. 62). That sufficient funds may be forthcoming to carry on the Society's work (p. 64).

CONTRIBUTIONS to the Church Missionary Society are received at the Society's House, Salisbury Square, London; or at the Society's Bankers, Williams Deacon and Manchester and Salford Bank Limited. Post Office Orders payable to the Lay Secretary, Mr. David Marshall Lang.