

The Mission Crisis.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

A British society called "The Mission to Lepers," is caring for the victims of this deadly disease at thirty-three different stations in China, India, Ceylon and Burmah. It has lately been asked to begin work in Japan. It has eight asylums of its own.

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The influence of Christianity in heathen countries extends far beyond its converts. A returned missionary recently told in Montreal that by his labours in a certain town in China, but few converts were made. But the influence of his work was such that while the population had vastly increased, out of six idol dealers when he began, only one is now in the business, and that dealer expressed the opinion that there would soon be a great revolution of feeling in favor of Christianity. And now comes the story from Guiana that the chief of a tribe of bush rangers has issued a new code of morals and religious ordinances to his subjects commanding them to pray only to the one great God in heaven and to destroy all their idols and charms, and enforcing severely laws founded on Christian morality. Truly history repeats itself

But all is not plain sailing for the missionaries. In August last Bishop Hughes and an Englishman belonging to the French Franciscan mission were dragged by a horde of fanatics through a public street, stoned, and left for dead. This was done in revenge for his attempt to get redress for a former outrage. The local officials took steps to pursue the ringleaders.

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The Rev. Dr. MacKay writes from Formosa of a wholesale turning from idolatry. By a unanimous vote the people of Ka-le-oan handed over a heathen temple for Christian service, and nearly 500 cleared their houses of idols and a great bonfire was made of the rejected gods.—(*Missionary Review*.)

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Miss Sugden's descriptions of the woful condition of Zenana women in India have awakened much interest in Montreal. Girls there are betrothed from infancy, and if the husband-elect die, they are regarded as widows and treated with the utmost cruelty. Children are treated as we would not use the meanest animal. During a smallpox