

the notable persons he met was a Rajah, or native chief, near Todgurb, of whom he gives the following interesting account: "Rajah Rao is the chief of three tribes of Rawats, a clan inhabiting Mairwara, but distinct from the Mairs. He lives on his hereditary farm, at a distance of fourteen miles from Todgurb. Fifteen years ago, when he was fifty-two years of age, he had only heard of the name of Christ, but had never conversed with any Christian teacher. One night, while lying on his bed awake, as he solemnly avers—and he is a sane and sober-minded man—he had a vision of the Saviour, who directed him to go to Ajmere, where he would find instruction. He went; inquired for a Christian *guru* (teacher); was directed to Mr. Robson; was sent to Mr. Robb, in his own neighbourhood, but of whom he had no knowledge; awakened Mr. Robb's interest by his intelligence and evident earnestness; became an eager student of the Scriptures; and, a few weeks later, on a solemn occasion, when, at the head of the Rawats, he was expected to take part in an idolatrous procession, he publicly renounced heathenism, and declared his resolution to be a Christian. He forthwith broke off all his heathen practices, sought admission to the Church, and in due time was baptised. Now, I have no theory about the alleged vision of the Rajah. Every reader may form his own opinion about it, remembering, however, the Acts of the Apostles, and remembering that Rajpootana is not Scotland, before he makes up his mind that such a story is simply incredible. But the Rajah himself is a fact: has been a notable Christian fact before the eyes of intelligent men for fifteen years. We saw him in Todgurb, where he arrived on Saturday evening to be present over the sacramental occasion. We saw him on the Sabbath, distributing the communion elements with all the propriety and gravity of a Scottish elder. He has been seen of all men, during all these years, bearing the white flower of a spotless reputation, and standing so high in the esteem of the very tribes whose idolatry he renounced that no member of these tribes refuses to share with him the hookah. Visit him at home, and you will find him poring over his Bible, which is all thumbred and lamp-stained from incessant use. Converse with him, and he will show the familiarity with sacred things of a ripe and experienced Christian. Hear him at prayer, and, as the missionaries say, you will wonder how full of the Spirit he is, and how near he gets to the throne. Is he not a trophy of grace; and shall we call a gospel effete which, in our own day, is producing such marvellous transformations? We were much struck with Rajah Rao; his fine bearing, his earnestness, his humility, his warmth of Christian love."

To kindle our zeal at home and abroad in Christian work, we need to keep ever before us these principles: This is a lost world; Christ Jesus came to save the lost; to the Church is committed the gospel of reconciliation.

## News of the Churches.

No column is more eagerly scanned by our readers than this. Will not pastors and members aid us in the work of stimulating mutual interest by forwarding to us, regularly, items of interest in their respective churches?

PINE GROVE. —Rev. R. Hay has decided to accept the call to Watford, and enters at once upon his new-old field of labour. The church he is leaving has had some tokens of true Gospel work. Several young friends have been led to publicly profess their faith in Christ, and our brother Mr. Hay leaves them with confidence unbroken, and mutual prayers for mutual blessings.

KINGSTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—The annual social of the members of this church took place on the 22nd ult. The Rev. S. N. Jackson presided, and gave a review of Church affairs during the past year. Mr. Geo. Robertson, Treasurer, submitted the financial statement, in which it appeared that \$4,151.10 had been raised for all purposes. He regretted that the consolidated debt of the Church amounted to \$928, and he hoped an effort would be made to wipe off the debt. It was done that evening, and a committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. George Robertson, G. S. Fenwick, L. B. Spencer and John McKelvey, who succeeded in getting subscriptions to the amount of \$710, so that the committee will have no difficulty in raising the balance. Mrs. George Robertson, on behalf of the Ladies' Association, read her report, which showed that they had \$2,250 on hand. They had a small bazaar that evening realizing \$50, which was handed over to the Treasurer of the Debt Fund. The report of the Sunday School was read, showing a prosperous condition, and a balance of \$22.42. The choir contributed to the evening's entertainment. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. K. Hendry for his gratuitous services as organist, and to the choir, under the leadership of Mr. T. Savage, for their services. Dr. Jackson, in his address, said that many changes had been made during the past year, through the removal of members, as in former years; but, on the other hand, valuable accessions had been made from the outside, so that the Church census had not been materially affected. "The busy hand of death," said he, "has not spared our fold, and among those gathered to the heavenly land were two young and beloved members, Robert Hendry and Jennie Hewton, while our faithful sexton, Erastus Sanford, who for so many years almost dwelt in the courts of the Lord, has, after an ordeal of painful suffering, gone up higher." There were on the roll at the beginning of the year 103 members; died, 3; removed, 4; dropped, 2; renewed, 8; number on the roll at the close of the