

## THE I. M. U. MEETING AT CLIFTON SPRINGS.



ISS Zimmerman and I have just returned from Clifton Springs where we had the pleasure of attending most of the meetings of the International Missionary Union, which was in session from June 3 to 10. As we were a day late in arriving we missed the address of welcome by Mrs. Foster, Wednesday evening, the Memorial Service the next morning, and the Anniversary Exercises that afternoon, but we were there for the "Review of the World," by Mr. David McConaughy on Thursday evening. This was a very interesting and comprehensive review of what has already been accomplished.

Each morning from nine to ten there was the "Quiet Hour," when doors were closed and no one allowed to interrupt. Mr. J. Campbell White was frequently the leader, and he led us into green pastures and beside still waters, and we were greatly refreshed and strengthened. Especially was this the case on Sunday morning when the service was held in the beautiful chapel in the Sanitarium. The other meetings were held in the tabernacle in the grove.

Friday morning we had the "Changed Attitude of Non-Christian Religions" for discussion, and it was very encouraging to listen to the different missionaries as they told of the advances that had been made in the countries they represented.

The Women's Meeting in the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Alice M. Williams, who went to China in 1891, and whose husband was killed at the time of the Boxer rebellion. She and her three little girls were in America at the time, or they might have met with the same fate.

Mrs. Hoskins, who labored in India in connection with the M. E. Mission from 1867-85, gave us some of her early experiences, amusing and otherwise. She was followed by Mrs. Harriet Phillips Stone, whose family has given about four hundred years of service to India, mostly in connection with the Free Baptist Mission in Orissa. Besides telling us something of their mission, she gave a brief sketch of the wonderful life of Chandra Lela, and of her death, which occurred only a few months ago. It was her sister who had the privilege of first explaining the way of life to Chandra Lela and of leading her into the light.

We next listened to a young girl—a native of India—who had been brought to America fifteen years ago by her parents and left here for her education. She has begun the study of medicine and expects to spend four more years in preparation before returning to India to work for her countrywomen. She was bright and pretty, and gave in beautiful English a very touching account of child marriage and enforced widowhood, and quite won the hearts of her listeners.

The next speaker was Miss Root, of Ceylon,

who had charge of a large boarding school for girls. She told us of some of the persecutions they had to endure when they decided to open the school to outcasts as well as caste girls.

Mrs. Grace Scott, who first went to China in 1869, gave us a brief sketch of the great strides the work has made since those early days, and of the way the Christians had grown in grace.

Miss Brackbill, of the Can. Meth. Mission in West China, told of their pioneer work and of what had been accomplished in fifteen years in boarding school, hospital, orphanage and evangelistic work. A Chinese girl next sang for us, and she was followed by Miss Straeffler, of Korea, who gave an account of the marvellous changes in that Hermit nation. She told of a young man who stoned one of their first missionaries, and who is now a home missionary himself; of the growth of the church, necessitating separate meetings for men and women, and all in less than twenty-five years.

Miss Mabie, M.D., and a niece of Dr. Mabie, of the A.B.M.U., told of her medical work at Banza Manteke, in Africa, and of the marvellous changes there. Miss Davis, also of the A.B.M.U., but a worker in Burma, gave a thrilling account of the Musos, and of their readiness to receive the gospel as soon as it was carried to them. She also told of their boarding schools, where they have all races and no castes, and all religions in one class—and of the college at Rangoon, where they teach from the kindergarten to the end of the second year in the University.

She was followed by Miss Dean, of Persia, a veteran in the work in Fiske Seminary, who gave a very interesting account of the Nestorians and Armenians, as well as of the Mohammedan girls. Another veteran, Mrs. Mumford, who has labored in Bulgaria for thirty-five years, gave us some very amusing incidents in her early life there. She told of a ride on a donkey at one time, and on a Turk's back at another; of how she was knocked down by a Turk once, and by a Greek priest at another time, and of escapes she and some of the Christians had experienced.

The national anthem of Japan was sung by a Japanese girl, assisted by three of the missionaries. It was a feast of good things from beginning to end.

The evening meeting was taken up with "Mass Movements," when we heard from Mr. Moody on "The Opening of Equatorial Africa" and the wonderful work in Uganda; from Mr. Lenington on the Latin nations and Brazil; from Mr. Nichols on the Karens and Musos of Burma, and from Bishop Harris on Korea, who told of women walking 150 and 200 miles in order to attend classes for the study of the Bible.

Saturday morning we had "The Progress of Medical Work in a Quarter of a Century," and when we remember that in our own mission we had no medical missionaries 25 years ago, and that now we have two men and three