TRAINED NURSE FOR HONAN.

Miss Sutherland goes to Honan with different aims. The College Mission in North China is set to do a higher work. We rejoice at the strengthening of the staff. Mr. and Mrs. Goforth, Dr. J. F. and Mrs. Smith, Dr. McClure and Miss Sutherland will make a strong band. Under God we expect great things for them. In their missionary, medical and hospital work, all our readers and the whole Church will take the deepest interest. Honan will rejoice, the land of darkness and death-shade will be glad.

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SIR. W. W. HUNTER ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES.

N O living man has a better right to be heard on India and Indian affairs that has Sir William Wilson Hunter, K.C.S.I., LL.D. When he speaks about Christian missions and missionaries, as he does in the current *Nineteenth Century*, let the friends and the critics of mission give attention. We give Sir William's article, condensing less important parts :--

During a century Protestant missionaries have been continuously at labor, and year by year they make an ever-increasing demand upon the zeal and the resources of Christendom. Thoughtful men in England and America ask, in all seriousness, what is the practical result of so vast an expenditure of effort? And while the world thus seeks for a sign, the Churches also desire light. What lesson does the hard-won experience of the century teach? What conquests has that great missionary army made from the dark continents of ignorance and cruel rites? What influence has it exerted on the higher Eastern races who have a religion, a literature, a civilisation older than our own? How far do the missionary methods of the past accord with the actual needs of the present?

For the first time the Protestant Missionary Societies of the world have given an organized and authoritative reply to these questions. Their Centennial Conference, which assembled in London in June, devoted fifty meetings to a searching scrutiny into each department of missionary labor, and to a public statement of the results.

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