

RIVER JOHN CONGREGATION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—When on a visit to River John I learned a few facts in connection with the Congregation to which Rev. R. McCunn ministers that I think proper to communicate to you. The ladies of St. George's Church some time ago, in grateful remembrance of the late Mrs. McCunn solicited subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a monument to her memory. The result of this effort is that a handsome and costly monument, which I this morning had the privilege of visiting, has been erected. The monument which is the workmanship of Messrs. McDonald, of River John, and which reflects much credit on the workmen, bears the following inscription:

In memory
of
Marion Drummond
wife of
Rev. R. McCunn
(First Minister of this Church)
Born at Greenock Scotland
Dec. 16th 1838
Died at the Manse R. John
June 15th 1879

Erected by the ladies
of the Congregation
in loving remembrance.

The ladies also lately presented their pastor with a good new pulpit, and during Mr. McCunn's absence on a tour through Canada, the congregation very kindly ploughed a large part of his farm and committed a good crop to the soil.

These facts speak volumes for the hospitality of the people and the warm mutual affection which exists between them and their pastor.

The congregation of River John though a self-sustaining certainly deserve credit for the strenuous exertions they put forth for the support of the Gospel. And the fact that they have been enabled to retain the services of an earnest and devoted minister for 36 years, while perfect harmony prevails reflects much credit upon the pastor and people.

Yours, etc.,

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MISSION TO LEPERS IN INDIA.

There are ninety-three thousand lepers in India! To those who are acquainted with the character of this disease, this fact represents a fearful mass of human suffering, while at the same time it attempts to lead the poor afflicted ones to Him who is able to purify, and save, both body and soul.

This Society works in harmony with the Missionaries of various bodies, especially helping or sustaining the Leper Asylums at Almorah, A'balah, Chumba, and Subthi. There is reason to believe that many of the lepers have been led to hear the Master's blessed words, "I will; be thou clean."

We give the following as a single illustration of the Society's usefulness, as reported by Dr. John Newton of the Subathu Asylum:—

"Keru was only nineteen years old when he was taken into the Asylum. The symptoms of disease were then so slight, that it was with some hesitation that I admitted him, as we had no room to spare. But it was the tubercular type of leprosy that had smitten him, and in eighteen months he was dreadfully changed. His case was a striking illustration of two peculiarities which generally characterize tubercular leprosy—its rapid course, as compared with the mutilating or anæsthetic type, and its lingering end. He rapidly lost health and strength, his face became frightfully deformed, and the end seemed to be close at hand. Up to this time he had remained, like most of his companions, callous to all spiritual impressions. He was of good family and caste (being a Kanait, which caste ranks next to the Brahmans in this part of India, and includes most of the respectable landowners), and had looked down with contempt on those who had given up caste for Christ. But from this time a change came over him. For more than two months he was literally in a dying state. From day to day it seemed certain that he would be dead before the morrow. During all this time his condition was very dreadful. His whole body was affected with patches of ulceration and gangrene, so that it seemed more like a corpse than a living body. At times he suffered intensely; yet thor-