

the church and out of it. This is the question which continually comes before us, and for which we are making new plans and carrying them out. How shall we reach the uninterested, the children, the young people, the whole church? Some of the churches have adopted the plan of holding union meetings between three or more churches, and inviting all whether interested or not, male and female, to come. Thus the Circles are instrumental in interesting the entire community in the cause of missions.

Mr. Craig in his good-bye in the *Canadian Baptist*, makes the following request, which we would like for all our readers to remember: "We ought to have sent out a man a year ago, and the members of the Board voted to do so. The man is going only now. Meanwhile we have lost our tried and experienced Brother Timpany, and no one is going to make good that loss. A good many corresponded with our Secretary, but at present there is no name definitely before the Board. Shall we not pray that the Holy Spirit may lay it upon the heart of the right man to come and say 'Here am I, send me!' I have felt lately that we ought to have a day of special prayer in our churches concerning this matter. It is of vital importance to our work that another man should go to India before the end of the year."

The Story of Baptist Missions.

An elegant volume under the above title, written by Rev. G. W. Hervey, and published by Mr. C. R. Barns, of St. Louis, has been kindly furnished us for notice by the publisher. "The want of a history of our Foreign Missions has of late been felt, and occasionally expressed. In attempting to supply this want we have made the work as comprehensive as possible, including all Baptist Foreign Missions, as well British as American, and embracing every period, from the earliest date to the present time." "We have thought best to consult the wants of the many rather than of the few. And hence incidents which may be regarded as beneath the dignity of history find a welcome place in the simple and familiar annals of our own missionaries. Still, the more advanced student of missions will perhaps observe that we have not refused to solve any difficult problem, or to answer any living question that belongs to our subject." These extracts are from the Preface of the work, and will give our readers some idea of the author's aim.

The following extract from the Introduction deserves to be quoted: "The missionary spirit of the Baptist denomination is its greatest strength, and its missionary record its greatest glory. Without boastfulness, and with no fear of being misunderstood, or intelligently disputed, it may be said that Baptists, though perhaps having fewer missionaries, and certainly contributing less money to Foreign Missions than several other great denominations in this country and Great Britain, are second to none in missionary success. Their successes among the Karens in Burmah and the Telugus in India, are confessedly without a parallel in missionary annals, modern or primitive. A history of our missions, like this, covering the efforts and results of both English and American Baptists, of all designations, on foreign field, is a desideratum. It is needed to instruct the young in our

Churches, and the children in our Sunday Schools; in the greatest work our denomination is doing, and to familiarize our people generally with the inspiring facts of our signally successful missionary history."

With such materials as the subject affords, and with such a plan as that which our author has formed, it would be difficult indeed to make a poor book. The fact is that he has made a deeply interesting and exceedingly useful one. The publisher has done well his part. The beautifully printed volume of 840 pages is embellished with fine illustrations from beginning to end, 186 in all. The appendix contains a good account of Canadian Baptist Missions, and a good portrait, different from ours, of Rev. A. V. Timpany. We should be glad to give a full account of the contents of the volume, and to make many extracts of choice passages. We must content ourselves at present with heartily recommending the book to all who wish to know what Baptists have done and are doing in the great Mission field.

The work is sold by subscription only, (at \$3.00), and the publisher suggests that Circles take the agency for their communities, and sell the book for the benefit of Missions. The profit allowed is very large.

After Thoughts.

How weary grow I thro' the day!
I cannot rest beside the way—
The pathway rough and long.
But when I think, O God, in Thee
Awaits eternal rest for me,
My weariness is gone.

How dark it seems before mine eyes!
A flickering glimmer in the skies
The only light I see.
But when I cease to walk by sight,
And see light, Saviour, in Thy light,
The night is day to me.

Sometimes I fear my love is fled,
And all its sweet devotion dead,
The world so holdeth me.
But when I think that I am Thine,
And Thy great love, O Christ, is mine,
I cannot but love Thee.

IDA BAKER.

The Worship of the Ganges.

[Our illustration for this month will be explained somewhat by the following extract from the excellent volume whose title is given below. We trust the picture will make more real to our readers the depths of degradation in which the people of India are found, and their need of the gospel, which alone can deliver them.—Ed.]

The rivers in India which are reputed sacred, amount to as many as thirty-one; two are deified as males and twenty-nine as females. Among them, the Ganges is held to be the chief. All castes bathe in the sacred stream, and while performing their ablutions, offer the rites of divine worship to Ganga; with which are often blended ascriptions of praise to other deities. Bathing every day is enjoined, yet the religious benefit arising from it is believed to be greater in some months than in others, and at the full moon in those months than at other times. At certain stages of the waxing and waning of the moon, on the first, the sixth, the eleventh, and the last night of the moon's appearance, special merit accrues to bathers in every month throughout the year. On some occasions