

Pundita delivered a long and eloquent extempore address with her wonted energy. She reports her work to be prospering.

—It is said that every week there are printed in the Bengali language in Calcutta, and circulated, 10,000 sermonettes written by Bishop Thoburn. If the funds are furnished, it is proposed to print them in five different languages every week.

—Dr. Pentecost writes: "An astonishing feature of the National Indian Congress was that there were lady delegates present; and on the last day one lady, a native of high caste, appeared on the platform unveiled, and delivered an address extemporaneously in pure English. This is an innovation so marked that it will do much toward shaking the foundation of the hateful and terrible Zennua of India. Once the women are set free in India, then away go the iron fetters of caste, and the whole empire will be freed from superstition."

—The report of the M. E. Conferences in Northern India for the past church year is cheering. There have been added to the churches 980 full members and 2935 probationers. There were 1256 adult baptisms. The number of scholars in the Sunday-school has increased over 3000, making the present number 28,400. The mission is embarrassed by its very success, for the large ingathering requires an addition to the native pastorate, while funds do not increase proportionately.

—Figures that are almost startling are given in connection with the Telugu Mission (Baptist) in India. The baptisms reported in five months of the last missionary year were over 5000. The work is still progressing.

—The native Christians of Kalimpong are themselves undertaking: "foreign" mission to Bhutan, within their country. It is to be supported by the prayers and money of the Christians within the Guild Mission District.

*Italy.*—There are in Florence two Waldensian churches, one Free Italian church, two Baptist churches, and one Plymouth Brethren church, all of which, except the Baptists, have good houses of worship of their own. The Waldensian Theological School, with three professors and a dozen students, is there; and the Methodist School, soon to be transferred to Rome, is there at present. Of the Protestant day schools the oldest and largest is that of the German Deaconesses, with more than a hundred pupils, all girls. Besides these institutions there are the Domenge Institute, for boys, the Mackenzie Institute, for the training of lay workers, two evangelical orphan asylums, a medical mission, a soup kitchen, and six churches for foreign Protestant residents.

*Japan.*—Foreign missionaries resident in Japan are now granted passports to reside outside of foreign concessions, on the ground that they are "employed in church work"—a concession which has hitherto been given only to teachers. Coming at this time, it indicates a special appreciation on the part of the Japanese Government of the beneficial influence of the missionaries.

—The Rev. Dr. William E. Griffis, writing on the outlook in Japan, asks the question: "Does Japan want philosophy or the Gospel? Missionaries capable of filling chairs of psychology at Harvard, or consecrated Christians and ministers of the pure Gospel?" And he answers unhesitatingly, "The latter." He says a few of the Japanese will "seek after wisdom" of the Greek sort, but that the majority of the 40,000,000 crave the Gospel, while the majority of the 30,000 Protestant church-members will give the best proof of their discipleship in holy living and moral reform rather than in formulating theories or nursing speculation.

—The recent annual meeting of the Congregational churches in Japan marked a real advance toward unity. An earnest spirit pervaded the gathering, and the theological tone was more