

shortly Techome, a youth of 16, will come to the throne. In character he is shy and unprepossessing, though credited with ability, and may possibly fill the position in a satisfactory manner. He is a half-brother to Moremi, being a son of Leshulatebe by Khama's sister. He is not a Christian, but, like Khama, a strong teetotaler. For two or three years his reign will be subject to the guardianship of Dithapo and the headmen. The company alluded to, represented by Messrs. Strombone, Hicks, and Nicolls, has obtained valuable concessions, and may not unlikely urge the friends of missions to extend their influence in that quarter. In the vicinity of Ngamitand are the wild tribes of the Namagna, Damara, Bakwena, and others. The company's agent, Mr. H. O. Buckle, is duo in England.

Miscellaneous.—The North African Mission funds are much below receipts of the corresponding period last year.—Grave charges of mismanagement have been made against the directors of the Baptist Congo Mission.—It is contemplated by the London Missionary Society to dispense with their district deputation agents. The society is seconding a private appeal for a re-enforcement of 100 missionaries.—The Rev. Silvester Whitehead, formerly of China, has been appointed a secretary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.—Thrilling accounts have arrived of the extraordinary hardships endured by the missionary party of the Primitive Methodists on their journey across the Zambesi, and of M. Coillard's timely succor of the gallant little band. Work has been initiated at the station. Strange to say, this new missionary campaign is causing a revival of home missionary work.—Messrs. Harris and White, of the mission to the Central Soudan, have completed a preliminary missionary trip on foot from Tanis to Gabes, a distance of 200 miles. They write of the hospitality accorded to them by the Arabs, who are in great need of the spell and medical skill. The two friends are at Tripoli making arrangements for an early march inland.

—There is no marked decline in the African slave trade, according to current blue books. It seems to be diverted rather than reduced.

Every missionary tells us that no peril that beset him was half so great as the chilling influence of surrounding heathendom. We should pray that in that stifling atmosphere they may be kept in the fresh air of the influence of the presence and power and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Rev. H. G. Moule.*

Rev. Dr. Narayan Sheshadri, the famous East Indian convert and preacher, whose turbaned head and imposing presence in his native Indian dress attracted so much notice in the Evangelical Alliance, etc., died on the *Circassia* on July 21st, at sea, on the passage to Glasgow, and was buried at sea. The loss of this man will be very keenly felt in the missions in India. Dr. Sheshadri was a very keen-minded Brahman priest, who, when converted, became the founder of a community of native Christians, and has done as efficient work as any man in Hindustan. He had such a command of English and was so highly educated that both in his own country and in Great Britain and the United States he was among the most eloquent of men.

It is a highly creditable fact that the contributions of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Home and Foreign Missions have during the last ten years annually increased about \$50,000. This is separate from the income of the Woman's Board. The increase over the corresponding eight months of last year, to July 1st, is \$124,000. There is little doubt but that the \$1,250,000 apportioned will be raised this year, and the Woman's Society will add a quarter of a million or more for foreign missions to that.

Out of Debt—Let us Keep Out.—For the second time in a quarter of a century—once in 1887 and now again in 1891 unless all signs fail, the Missionary Society will be out of debt on November 1st, 1891.