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It will be remembered that the Foreign Society asked Canada to contribute this year \$1,500. Up to September 2nd \$704.40 had been paid, not quite half the sum asked.

We have frequently called attention to this matter during the year, and have laid before our readers letters from our missionaries calculated to develop an interest in the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands.

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FORMOSA.—The Rev. Mr. Mackay has recently written from the island of Formosa concerning an extraordinary turning from idols on the part of the people of Kale-san, a village, or rather a congeries of villages, recently visited by him.

LAST WORDS FROM MACKAY OF UGANDA

A touching sequence has appeared in the C.M.S. Intelligencer to a paper by the late devoted Mackay, of Uganda, on "The Solution of the African Problem" Part I. was given in January, 1890, marked "To be continued," but the death of the writer intervening, no further instalment appeared.

nothing but ore, but by means of which alone it is possible to convert the raw African ore into implements exactly similar to themselves, and capable of replacing them in future work of the kind—so the untrained African mind is absolutely powerless to effect any beneficent results unless first thoroughly trained by those of European tempering.

The paper we have thus noticed is not only important in itself, but deeply pathetic as a mournful memorial of a noble and whole-hearted man.—Word and Work.

A medical missionary expedition across Central Africa has been fitted out under the direction of Dr. Johnston, of Huntly, Scotland, who was a medical missionary for sixteen years in Jamaica, where he established a successful mission.

More than any other cause, the influence of Christian missions in India is telling powerfully against the power of caste. Christianity and caste are diametrically opposed, and in the rapid decay of the root principle of the Hindu social state we may look for an immediate increased spread of the Gospel.

One of the most remarkable works of grace known in foreign missions is that among the Koreans. Without having heard or seen a missionary, thousands have become believers in Christ.

April 30.—Arrived in Hang-cheo last night, but remained on our boats all night. This morning we started with our boxes and bedding to the C. I. M. (China Inland Mission)—Je su Tang (Jesus' Hall), where we spent part of the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ren, our native pastor and his wife.

for a very high hill, on the summit of which we were to get a full view of the city. We had heard that its population was not less than half a million; that there are twenty-three missionaries, including two native pastors of the C. I. M.; that in the city are 250 Christians, and in city and country together there are about 483 Christians.

Obituaries.

WILLS.—Died Aug. 31st in Wainfleet, Wollaud, Co., Ont., Eliza Ann Wills, aged fifty-one years and two months.

Again, in recording the death of Sister Wills, we have to chronicle the loss of another member of the Wainfleet church. In little more than a month we have been called upon to mourn the loss of three of our members and those, too, whom we will sadly miss.

Sister Wills was born at Port Colborne, Ont., July 1st, 1840. In January, 1862, she married Henry Wills who, together with their five children, John G., Paul, Charles H., Alice M., and Sarah Ellen, survives her, both husband and children mourning their loss.

Sister Wills became a member of the church at the age of seventeen, and since that time she has been a faithful follower of the meek and lowly Saviour, an earnest conscientious woman and a noble though modest Christian.

For more than a year the mother has been afflicted with consumption brought on by la grippe, and during this time it had been a slow but unremitted weakening until she quietly passed away.

The writer since he was called to minister to the church at Wainfleet had the pleasure of visiting her often and was deeply impressed with the spirit of patience and resignation that never failed to show itself.

Her gentle nature and her kind disposition had made her beloved not

only by the immediate family but also by the entire community.

From the beginning of her sickness until the time of her death her life was an example of the last days of the righteous bearing up under it all with true Christian fortitude, uncomplaining, trusting all to her unseen Father, patient, drawing from God's Word strength and spirit to meet that which came full of hope to the lost, as the dying Christian ought to be.

After a short service at the house, her remains were taken from the home where she had been wife and mother to the church where she had loved to attend the worship of the Master, and from thence to the grave, and—

There in the place where once the Saviour lay, Where He shall wake her on a future day, We laid her away to rest, and friends, to whom she had been dear, sang

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely, Gentle as the morning breeze, Pleasant as the air of evening, As it floats among the trees.

Perhaps never did those words fit better to a service. "Mild and lovely," she was winning the heart by her unpretentious ways and pure motives; "gentle," she was winning your sympathies by the patience and resignation with which she bore her sufferings; "pleasant," she was forgetting her trials and afflictions in the cheerfulness of her own nature.

Rest spirit free! In the green pastures of that heavenly shore, Where sin and sorrow can approach no more; With all the flock by the Good Shepherd fed, Beside the streams of life eternal led, Forever with thy God and Saviour blest, Rest, sweetly rest!

R. BENTLEY RAY. Wainfleet, Sept. 10, 1891.

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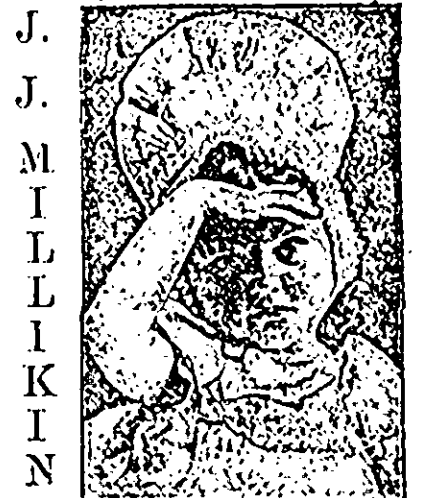
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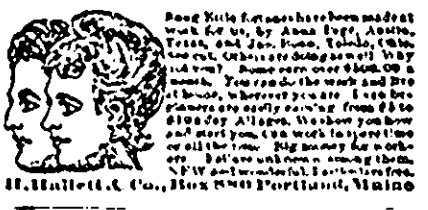
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