

125 BOW BAZAR STREET,
CALCUTTA, INDIA, April 26, 1887.

MY DEAR MRS. CAMERON:—It gave me much pleasure to receive your kind and interesting letters. They are much appreciated, and I hope you will continue writing and giving me some idea of the strange country that I am ignorant of; and I shall not fail in replying soon. I am very sorry indeed to let you know that since the hot weather began I have not been myself; suffering off and on with some ailments or other. My youngest sister 6 years old, whose name is Keron, has been put to school here. She is very nice and quiet at school, listens and does what she is told; but I am sorry to say she is a little mischief at home. Our baby Shorojini is a sweet little creature, says a great many words, and is getting nice and interesting. We all love her; she is a little doll amongst us. Miss Longhurst, the new missionary who joined a few months ago, is getting on very nicely with the language, considering the short time she is learning. She reads the Bible at prayers, and during Mrs. Smith's absence she took our Sunday class. We are obliged to have morning school from 6 to 11 o'clock on account of giving a rest to the horses, as the weather here is extremely hot. I do not like the time when we are returning home from work, as the sun is trying then, but since my superiors who belong to Europe can put up with it, I must learn to do the same. As it is the custom of our country to marry young, several of my Hindu girls have got married and left the school. I feel very sorry for them, they were my brightest ones; they did very well at the government examination. It grieves me more to think that the poor little creatures will probably not have a chance of hearing the word of God read to them. What can we do but simply ask our Heavenly Father, who is the giver of all good things, to help these poor ignorant souls to turn to the right path? The annual distribution of prizes and presents to the children attending the seven city Hindu schools took place on February 8th. The Earl of Aberdeen very kindly presided, and Lady Aberdeen gave away the prizes. Lord Aberdeen, through an interpreter, told us a little story which was very interesting. Our kind superintendent very thoughtfully gave us the privilege of going and seeing the Jubilee illumination which took place in honor of our Empress. We could not join the procession, as the crowd was so great; however, we enjoyed the grand illumination. We did not have our usual Christmas-tree, owing to poor Mrs. Hamilton's death, who has left us

to join a better land; and may we go where she has gone, and rest and reign with GOD forever. With respect,

HEMONTO BANERJE.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.



ATTEMPTS have been made to assassinate the Czar of Russia and the Sultan of Turkey, but failed.

FRANCE has had a change of Ministry, and is still restless. General Boulanger is very popular, but counted dangerous, as fond of war and waste of funds.

BRITAIN is prosperous. The Government grows stronger, and Law and Order gain ground. Liberty is not allowed to run mad with impunity. The Queen's Jubilee creates activity and enthusiasm.

AFGHANISTAN is in trouble by a rebellion of border tribes on the Russian frontier, incited by Russia very probably.

A PARIS THEATRE took fire and some hundreds of the audience perished in the disaster.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES of the Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, Ireland, England, Canada, the United States, etc., have been taking place; and much has been done in the way of Temperance, Education, Organization, Missions, and Evangelization generally. The full Reports begin to arrive.

THE old Edinburgh University Buildings have just been completed, after the lapse of nearly one hundred years, by the erection of a graceful dome over the massive portico of the front entrance. From the Calton Hill and the Castle Hill, in particular, it may be seen to great advantage—giving a dignity to the whole neighborhood in which it is placed.

WE are pleased to learn that Mr. Dugald Macechern, son of the Rev. Mr. Macechern, Inverness, has been successful in obtaining his degree of M. A. at Edinburgh University. His success is all the more conspicuous inasmuch as this is only his third session at college. Mr. Macechern was a student of Raining's School, and while there gave promise of the success which he is now realizing.

THE POPE derives \$540,000 from capital left by Pius IX. and deposited in English banks, \$2,000,000 from rents, and \$3,000,000 from "Peter's pence," the gifts of Roman Catholics in all parts of the world.

MR. DEFOREST, of the A. B. C. Mission, Sendai, Japan, writes:—"We have a magnificent opportunity here. We are running at full speed. Every day and evening we are engaged, with prayer-meetings, Sabbath schools