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MISSION NOTES.

THE Rev. A. B. Hutchison, of Japan, writes: "For three years the diocese of Kiu-shiu had been stationary, with about 700 adherents. Now there has been definite progress and the numbers have advanced to 835.

At Galkisse, a suburb of Colombo, there are large schools in which more than a thousand boys and girls are being educated; and a like number in the district of Kalutara and more than twelve hundred in Matara at the extreme south of the Island.

UPWARDS of a thousand Jubilee *Birthday* Offerings, ranging in value from fifty farthings to fifty pounds, were received at Salisbury Square (C.M.S. office) on April 12th and the following days. The total amount which had been sent in up to May is about £1010.

IN the Diocese of Colombo, Ceylon, there are more than a dozen stations where missionary work is being carried on by means of grants from the S.P.G. Besides other workers there are six native clergymen and nearly 2000 catechists, readers and teachers working under the honorary superintendency of an English Chaplain in the Diocese.

AT St. Thomas College, Colombo, a hundred boys belonging to the best families in the colony are being educated. They include representatives of the Singhalese, Tamil, Burgher and English races. Since the foundation of the College, forty years ago, between two

thousand and three thousand boys have been educated therein who are now in different parts of Ceylon doing their part in spreading the Church of Christ.

IN a remote Welsh village, situated high up among the wild rocks of Merionethshire, great interest has been shown in the C.M.S. for some years. One box is particularly worth noting, since for several years it has raised on an average over £3 per annum. This year its contents reached over £4 11s. The holders of the box are a poor Welsh spinster and her little maid, who keep a tiny shop in a small Welsh mountain village. Their missionary information is small but their love large. The Welsh Bible has helped them to realize the missionary call. The Welsh Sunday Schools, thank God, show some bright examples of the "wealthy poor."

MR. T. E. ALVAREZ and two native African workers started for Sinkunia in March, of last year, to commence Mission work in that district—the "hinterland" of Sierra Leone. On the whole, the people welcomed them, and they have already many real friends. After a journey round the districts and interviews with the various chiefs, they set themselves to learn the language and itinerate, preaching by means of an interpreter. In the middle of December Mr. Alvarez wrote: "God has so far blessed us that we are now able to carry on ordinary conversations without an interpreter, and even occasionally to try to preach by ourselves from Scripture pictures; and by the end of this year we shall be able, I hope, to report over one hundred preachings in towns around us."

THE troubles in Uganda have occasioned an act of touching liberality on the part of the Christians in Toro. A few years ago this district was ravaged by the very Soudanese of whom some have lately mutinied. After Captain (now Colonel) Lugard left Uganda, these Soudanese so completely devastated Toro that the unfortunate inhabitants said they had "forgotten what the bleat of a goat was like." Even now the country is poverty-stricken to a degree. Nevertheless, when they heard that the Baganda, owing to the mutiny, had not funds enough to pay their own native teachers, the poor Toro Christians, out of their penury made a collection "for the poor saints in Uganda." They sent seventy-eight pounds of ivory and 7,000 shells, the value of the whole being upwards of £30. "What a cruel wrong," writes Bishop Tucker, "would have been inflicted on the Church in Toro, had European money removed the necessity for this act."