

Though not completed, we are able to hold services in it. Bro. Brett, on invitation, visited the Quashella people, at Smith's Inlet, in August. He found a heathen village of about forty people, who seemed anxious to have Christian instruction.

## Facts and Illustrations.

REV. JOHN NEWTON, seventy-eight years old, and the oldest of missionaries in India, landed in Calcutta in 1835, and is still a hale and happy worker.

IN India a single church, whose members have a total income of \$1,800, gives annually \$400 of that sum for religious objects, a quarter of which is set apart for the support of a native missionary in another district.

THE field which the missionaries of the Persian Mission are attempting to evangelize embraces an area of 500,000 square miles, and comprises three ancient kingdoms—Babylonia, Edom, and Persia, the whole of the Persian Gulf, and the northern half of Arabia.

DURING the past decade the communicants of the Methodist churches throughout the world have gone up from five millions to six and a quarter millions. In the United States of America for every 100 communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church Methodism numbers over 1,000!

THE Canadian Presbyterian Church is meeting with excellent success in China. At the end of sixteen years' work with a small staff of laborers, they report 2,650 baptized members, two native pastors, sixty-four elders, sixty deacons, and thirty-seven native preachers. They maintain two mission-houses, fifty chapels, a girls' school, and a training-school. Grand result.

DR. THEODORE CUYLER, writing in one of the American Presbyterian organs, says: "Our last General Assembly at Saratoga sang a doxology over the peaceful adjustment of the controversy over revision; they might also have chanted a dirge over the lamentable fact that the two great boards of missions finished the year with a debt of \$140,000.

THE Rev. Dr. L. N. Wheeler, well known as a Missionary of the Methodist Church in China, has taken the agency of the American Bible Society in that empire, and has also become the editor of *Chinese Recorder*. These positions were left vacant by the departure of the Rev. Dr. L. H. Gulick, who has rendered such excellent service not only in China but in many other lands, and who is now an invalid, living with a son at Springfield, Mass.

DR. JOHN HALL preached last Sunday on the subject of Premillennium. He said the second coming of Christ was to take to heaven those who loved Him. It was a coming for judgment; it was not a coming to set up a throne on earth. It was for "concluding purposes." It was to bring His kingdom in its present form to an end forever. He would then deliver up that kingdom to the Father. If He did not have that kingdom to-day He could not deliver it up. That was the only Second Advent the Bible taught.—*Independent*.

IN the Chinese empire there are four hundred millions of inhabitants, or one-third of the world's population. Every third child born looks into the face of a Chinese mother. Every third marriage, every third death, is also in China. If arranged consecutively, every other human being will stand at the judgment, side by side, with a Chinese. In addition to these, think of the two hundred millions in India, and the two hundred millions in Africa. How few of all these have heard the Gospel, and what a mere handful have believed.—*Selected*.

It is rather humiliating, says the *Christian Leader*, to contrast the popular enthusiasm in certain cases with the pecuniary expression elicited when an appeal is made to the enthusiasts. We lately saw a melancholy example of this in the poor response to the movement in behalf of the widow and child of the late Prof. Elmslie. Now Mr. Stanley draws attention to the miserable sum that has been subscribed for placing a steamer on the Victoria Nyanza, a matter in regard to which there is some apprehension that the Germans will forestall us. Yet we might have expected, after the Stanley fever, that all that was necessary would be raised within twenty-four hours. This case may almost be bracketed with the fiasco of the Gordon Memorial, when the millions that went delirious over the fate of the hero of Khartoum failed to give as much as would set the proposed boys' training home fairly on its feet.

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