

**MISSION FIELD.**

**THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD FIGURES vs. FACTS.**

It is difficult to imagine, says the 'Mission Field,' that a statement reported in the newspapers to have been made by a Dr Casartelli at the Conference in Westminster Hall was actually made. If he said it, believing it to be true, his ignorance on the subject of his own address is remarkable. That he should have deliberately made a false statement we would not say, both because such an imputation is one we would desire to avoid, and because the error is too outrageously gross. A fabricator aims at likeness to truth, Our only difficulty in attributing the blunder to the reporters is that the context implies that some such passage did occur in the speech. However, the question between the speaker and his reporters does not concern us much. We only mention the matter, because friends have written, expecting a refutation. The following is the passage: 'In India last year all the Protestant missions numbered 841, and they managed to secure 298 converts at an expense of £48,000, while in one Catholic diocese alone, which contained seven millions of people, the Church had received double the number of adults received by all the Protestant Churches put together.

We have not returns of all the missions in India for last year. The S. P. G. Annual Report (of the Society's Missions alone) will give us quite enough information to enable us to answer this peculiar statement. In one diocese alone, that of Chota Nagpore, where the Society's grant was only £2,704, and where there are only five European missionaries besides the Bishop, there were in the year 888 baptisms in the Church of England Mission, and of these no less than 377 were converts from heathenism. That is to say, there were in this one Mission 79 more converts in the year than the speaker is reported to have said there were in 'all the Protestant missions' in the whole of India.

Perhaps this is enough. A reference to the Society's report will supply plenty more of such eloquent figures if they are wanted. For instance, besides these baptisms in Chota Nagpore, there were 577 catechumens preparing for holy baptism. In Madras, in the Society's Missions alone there were 646 baptisms of adults, 1,690 of children, and 11,375 catechumens. Probably Dr. Casartelli's speech will be quoted by those who must be finding it difficult to give a reasonable look to their declaration that they do not believe in foreign missions.

[From the S. P. G. Mission Field for June]

Canon Cadman's death removes from the list of the Society's friends one who had served it in various positions. Elected a member of the Standing Committee in 1869, he was in 1884 appointed a Vice President, and he had been since 1878 one of the Society's Board of Examiners, appointed annually by the two Archbishops and the Bishop of Lon-

don, of which at the time of his death he was the senior member.

But Canon Cadman's services to the Society were not limited to attendance at its councils. His acknowledged position in the Evangelical party in the Church of England served to attract to the Society the support of those who but for his sympathy would have been apt to ignore the Society's comprehensive character. In a speech at Liverpool in 1884 Canon Cadman thus stated his relations with the Society and cordially advocated its claims to a larger measure of support from Liverpool:

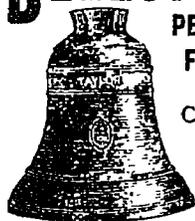
'I am here not because I have given up or departed from any principles or views that I held when I first started on my public ministry. I have quite as hearty and firm an attachment now, as then, to what are usually called the Evangelical principles, which are held and professed in the Articles and Liturgy and Homilies of the Church of England. I have had no occasion and have seen no reason to alter my opinions. At the same time I am aware that amongst many persons there is a sort of feeling that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel cannot be heartily and consistently supported by Evangelical men. Indeed, pamphlets have been published and statements made with the view of discouraging support.

My inference is that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, according to its theory and principles, wishes to be a faithful representative of our Church of England—as distinctive in doctrine as broad in comprehensiveness, not more and not less; as simple in its aim, 'To promote the Glory of Almighty God.'

'On the whole, my conclusion is that it is to be regretted that attacks on the Society and complaints of its action should be made by Christian brethren, members of the same Church, who neither help its counsels, nor contribute anything to promote its efficiency, nor open their eyes and ears to see and hear the great and manifest blessings which God is pleased to pour upon its imperfect instrumentality.

As Canon of Canterbury, he took a warm interest in St. Augustine's College and he always sympathized with the progress of those who went out from it to fight the battle of the Church in foreign parts.

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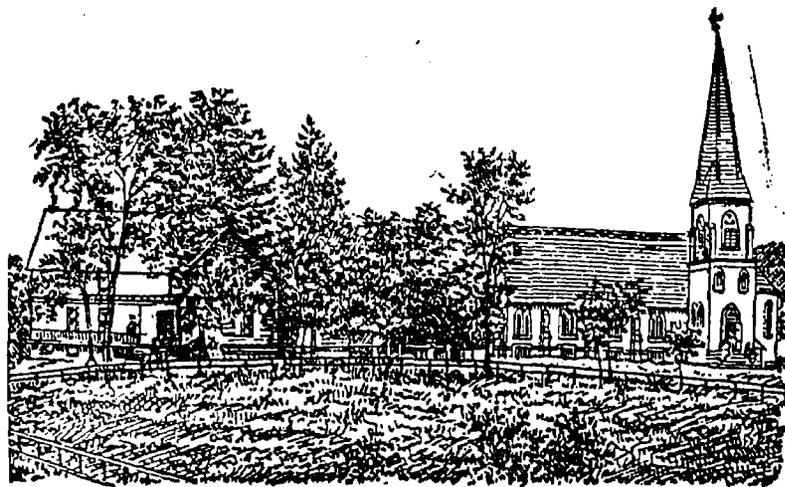
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