

is very encouraging," says Miss Graham, "to see how many more women there are coming to church in these country places, compared with only a short time back. When I first visited Eng-chun, for instance, four years ago, there was not a single woman coming; last Sunday there were eighteen, all interested and willing to listen. In Chin-Chew we have sometimes nearly two hundred women, counting our girls' school."

*London Missionary Society.*—The Rev. Bowen Rees, writing from Matabeleland, tells of mission house wrecked and all clothing and household effects looted through the war. A hearty welcome was, however, accorded to himself and Mr. Elliott on their return. The behavior of the natives to the missionaries was the reverse of what it used to be. "All your words," they said, "have come true. When the war was on we were scattered among the mountains and the forests. In the dead of night, when we were encircled by our enemies and death facing us everywhere, then the words of Mr. Elliott and yourself came home to us. Before we only heard, but now we have seen, and all your words are true." The missionaries are resolved to build the new church this winter and to repair the mission-house, the graveyard, and the dam. "We ought," says Mr. Rees, "to start new stations all over the country. There are thousands and thousands who have never heard the Gospel of peace. The country is open, and there is nothing to fear. May God send us soon young men burning with the love of Christ—young men who will not be blinded with gold-dust, lands, and fame!"

*Urungu, Central Africa.*—Dr. Mather has completed a tour in the hill country of Urungu and along the lake shore between Liendwe and Niamkorlo. By this means four thousand people have had the Gospel presented to them. The journey occupied nineteen days, and

the missionary was well received, both by the people and their chiefs.

*Wesleyan Missionary Society.*—The mission on the Gold Coast district of West Africa is being energetically supervised by the Rev. Dennis and Mrs. Kemp. Mr. Kemp is conspicuous in his care for the young, and, aided by his excellent wife, has set on foot a greatly needed home and training institution for girls, toward the cost of which he has secured help from colonial funds and a grant from the Missionary Committee. The building, which is also to serve the purpose of a European sanitarium, is now in course of erection at Aburi, and a teacher is to be sent out by the Woman's Auxiliary—a lady who has volunteered for the work and who will accompany Mrs. Kemp when she goes next month to rejoin her husband.

*The Bahamas.*—The chairman of this district, the Rev. George Lester, during the short time he has served on the mission field, has done much to consolidate the work in his scattered diocese. With characteristic energy he has visited the out-islands of the colony, and, bent upon the extension of Methodism, has organized the Gulf of Mexico Mission, and proceeded through Cuba upon a tour of observation. A short but appreciative article on his labors appears in *Work and Workers*, a magazine ably edited by the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, and enriched by first-class illustrations.

*Southern India.*—In an able article on "High Caste, Low Caste, and No Caste," the Rev. W. A. Jackson Picken draws attention to the fact that evangelistic work among the low castes is by no means so easy and so universally successful as many critics of missions seem to suppose. In addition to the abominable vice rampant among them, "the bulk of the people are absolutely innocent of any desire for elevation of any kind." Still they are willing to listen. Mr. Picken reports good work done among the coolies employed at the Maharaja's cotton mill, and also in various parts of the gold field. Among