

permission for the burial in peace. Of the service, Mr. Stover writes :—

"The children came in softly and sadly, and looked once more on the face of her whom they had learned to love even in so short a time. We then had a simple service, consisting of singing, reading, prayer and a few words to the children. After this six of the lads carried the precious casket, and gently lowered it to its last resting-place as solemnly and decorously as if, instead of witnessing a Christian burial for the first time, they had all their lives been accustomed to such things."

Mrs. Currie was buried by the side of Mr. Bagster on the mission premises. The friends of the mission will not fail to remember in their prayers the afflicted husband, and the mission from which such a highly esteemed member has been taken.

THE PEOPLE.—THE KING.

The same mail which brought these sad tidings brought also a letter written by Mr. Currie some two weeks before his wife's sickness began. We give the following extracts :—

"My impression of the people is very good. They are intelligent, modest, and models of generosity and good nature. It will take more time, however, to uproot their superstitions, and lead them away from their present errors to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus; but the work is not an impossible one to us if led by the wisdom and strengthened by the power of God. Indeed it is a work bright with hope and pregnant with promise of a glorious issue.

"A short time ago in company with Mr. Stover, I paid a visit to the king. Seated on a rock at the door of a large hut, he received us, shook hands with us, and afterward in his little speech, declared that I should be well treated. He renewed his promise previously made that we 'would not have to pay tribute.' To me the king, far from being an ill-disposed man, appears to be possessed of a large measure of homely good sense, and a desire to act for the welfare of his people.

"The royal hunt took place a few days ago. The king and all his court were present. An invitation to take part in it was extended to me. On account of the home duties I was unable to do so. The hunt was cut short, and wailing took its place on account of the sudden death of one of the old men in our neighbouring village. After demonstrations of grief resembling in character a 'wake,' and lasting four days and nights, the old man's body was buried. On the day of the funeral the old man's son was charged with having caused his father's death by witchcraft. Some say because he was ill liked and was considered wealthy. However that may be, the son has to stand his trial, and will either be heavily fined or deprived of his life."

No letters came from the Sanderses and Fays, who left Bailundu, August 27, for Bihe; Mr. Stover reports that they reached Bihe in three days, and it was not expected that further news could come from them for a week or two after the mail left.

News of the Churches.

COBOURG.—The church here has recently united with the other churches of the town in a series of evangelistic services, carried on under the leadership of Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Crossley. The meetings were largely attended, most instructive, and likely to be followed by very cheering results. Steps have been taken lately to reduce the church debt, and it is likely that about one-half of the \$2,000 mortgage on the enlarged church building will be removed.

COLDSPRINGS.—The friends in this church are looking forward to the erection of a school room, and the newly organized Ladies' Aid cleared over \$100 at a sale recently, with that object in view. At the last monthly meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society, it was moved by Mr. R. McMann, seconded by Mr. R. McBride, and carried: "That this society has heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Currie, the devoted and beloved wife of our missionary in West Central Africa, and desires to express its profound sympathy with Mr. Currie and the sorrowing parents in this their terrible bereavement."

DURHAM.—The annual Sabbath school Christmas tree entertainment was held on Wednesday evening, December 29. The church was filled to overflowing with an appreciative audience. Beautiful mottoes and shields, showing artistic taste, adorned the walls. In this department special credit is due to Mr. George Miller for his time given, and taste displayed in the several mottoes, etc. After an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the church, the Sabbath school gave a choice entertainment. Short and appropriate addresses were given by Messrs. Gerrie, Lee and the pastor. The well-laden Christmas tree gladdened the hearts of both giver and receiver. Proceeds, about \$45.

FOREST.—Mr. W. H. N. Shannon preached his farewell sermons in this field on the last Sabbath of December, and removed on New Year's Day to his new field of labour, Maple Rapids and East Fulton, Michigan. We trust that our brother may be abundantly blessed in his new field of labour.

MANILLA.—Rev. George Whyte preached his farewell sermon to this church on the 9th inst. Before leaving the friends gathered in a farewell conversation, and bore testimony of their esteem for Mr. and Mrs. Whyte, with kindly words and a purse of \$50. We trust that our brother may soon find a field of labour where his energy and zeal may find a blessing and still more abounding success.