

CHINESE SUPERSTITION.

BY MISS LILLAS GRAHAM.

At Go-tau I visited a poor old blind woman whom I had to see the previous year. She is quite blind and very poor, and all her people are heathen; but she told us that since our last visit she had never worshipped idols any more, and had prayed night and morning to the "Heavenly Father." You will be amused to hear what her blindness is ascribed to. The fortune-tellers had been consulted, and had informed her, that long years ago, when she was quite a child, she had once eaten some dog's flesh on the birthday of Koe-seng, an idol to whom the dog is sacred, and some sixty years after, this offence brought on blindness! The poor old lady asked anxiously whether God was angry with her for having eaten dog's flesh.

THE END OF AN IDOL.

At Ho-chi I visited a family who have been Christians for more than a year. They told me how they had first thought of going to hear the gospel. The whole family, and especially the man, were very earnest worshippers of idols. The wife was taken very ill, and they sent for an idol from the nearest temple to ask what they should do. The idol demanded a large payment, but the family were very poor, having spent large sums on their various idolatries. The man thought it was so cruel of the idol to take advantage of their distress to make such a demand, that he smashed the idol in bits, and when nothing happened, he concluded it was all a cheat and went off to the "worship hall" to inquire about the true God. From this he himself and family became Christians.—*Messenger for Children.*

FAMINE FUND.

The total was incorrectly printed in the September "Tidings." It should have read, \$7,641.62. Previously acknowledged \$7,641.62

AUG.	—Two Friends, Egmondville.....	5 00
10	—Mrs. Bleakley, Bowmanville, (additional).....	5 00
13	—W.F.M.S., Kenyon	39 00
13	—North Caradoc Aux.	8 14
13	—N. Westminster	9 40
13	—Melville Ch., Caledon, W.F.M.S. and friends (additional).....	31 00
22	—Gauld M.B., Colborne.....	1 25
25	—King St. Aux., London.....	12 25
25	—Mount Forest	32 50

Famine Fund.—Continued.

31	—Some Ladies in Chatham.....	5 00
31	—A Friend, Renfrew.....	1 00
31	—Eburne W.F.M.S., British Columbia.....	32 45
31	—W.F.M.S., Knox Ch., Dundas (additional).....	2 00
31	—Mrs. Tower, Belleville.....	1 00
31	—Mrs. Panter, Belleville.....	1 00
31	—Three Little Boys, Willie and Jimmie Tower and Louie Sanders, Belleville.....	93
31	—An Erin Friend.....	1 00
SEPT.		
1	—Mr. Malcolm Campbell, Glencoe.....	5 00
1	—Kenyon W.F.M.S., (additional).....	3 00
5	—W.F.M.S., Sarnia (additional).....	5 00
Total paid Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D.....		\$7,842 99

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

AUG. 1900 RECEIPTS.

1	—To balance from last mon.	\$2,166.33
4	— " Hamilton Pres. Society	600.00
7	— " Sarnia Pres. Society....	429.71
27	— " Winnipeg Pres. Society	172.40
30	— " New Westminster Pres. Society	114.40
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		\$3,482.84

EXPENDITURE.

9	—By Rev. R.H. Warden, D.D.	\$2,500.00
31	— " Balance in Bank.....	982.89
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		\$3,482.89

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TREASURER.

INCREASE.

Presbyterials—

- Bruce—Southampton.
- Bruce—Malcolm, North Brant Aux.
- Glenboro'—West Hall Station.

LIFE MEMBERS.

- Miss Lena Wilson—Seaforth Auxiliary.
- Mrs. Alex. Stuart—Glencoe Auxiliary.
- Mrs. Ferguson—Eversby Auxiliary.
- Miss Jessie W. Mochan—Knox Church Auxiliary, Mitchell.
- Mrs. Wm. Dowd—North Mornington Auxiliary.
- Mrs. Alward—Parkhill.

A poor farmer in the north of India said to a missionary, "I believe in Christ and His religion, for it must be the true religion which makes your people so kind to the poor and the sick."