

renders them harmless. "These two customs are all that counteract the spread of the disease. The authorities are helpless. The only remedy adopted by the government at Canton has been to suddenly declare the beginning of a new year. It is thought that the wicked spirits, which are responsible for the disease, will not be allowed to continue their work. Thus we have the rare spectacle that, while whole households have died out and there are wanting hands to remove the dead, the authorities order preparations for New Year festivities, to cheat the gods out of their prey."

We rejoice in the prospect of a *new medical missionary college* in New York City, to be controlled by the International Medical Missionary Society. This society has for years, under great difficulties, assisted students, chiefly those who took their lectures in other colleges. The expense of this method was too great, and it was very hard often for students to accomplish their purpose. A special institution, with full courses of lectures, ought long since to have been started, and steps have been taken to erect a building at a cost of about \$250,000, which will accommodate about a hundred and fifty students, and where the best of medical instruction may be had at a very moderate cost, with special reference to the needs of the foreign mission field. The medical director will be Dr. George D. Dowkontt, and there is a board of managers of eighteen members, of the Evangelical denominations, Baptist, Congregational, Dutch Reformed, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian. About \$100,000, it is said, are already promised.

The Rev. T. E. Edwards writes of the last Juggernath festival:

"There was a most marked diminution in the numbers which attended the *melé*. And this year will ever be memorable as that in which complete failure attended the pulling of the cars. On the day fixed for the outward pulling to

take place crowds assembled to witness the sight, but neither of the cars could be moved. The people tugged and strained, but all to no purpose. Hence the dense crowds had to return home disappointed. This being Saturday, attempts were renewed on the following Monday, and in the one case they were able to drag the car a few yards, more by the help of screw-jacks and pulleys than by the muscular strength of the faithful; but in the other case they completely failed. The pulling of the former very nearly ended in a sad catastrophe. When the car moved, the European magistrate slipped and fell under the car, and was grazed by the wheels as they passed. It was a marvellously narrow escape. The people tried a third day to move the other car, and on this occasion the Brahmans were out on the roads using persuasion, and, if that failed, resorting to threats and even force to compel the people to take hold of the ropes. It was a very amusing sight to witness all this, and to see the men quietly slipping away from the ropes as fast as the Brahmans could send them there. And hence, when the signal for pulling was given, it is easy to imagine what was the result. Of course it ended, as it deserved, in total failure. Hence one car was absolutely not moved an inch, though attempts were made on three separate days to pull it; and the other car was drawn just across the road, where, notwithstanding all the efforts made to draw it back again to its former position on the last day of the festival, it had to remain."

Who shall say there is no power in a misplaced phrase! We read the following in one of our most carefully edited religious journals:

"In this number will be found a graphic description of the terrible plague now raging in Canton, of the unfounded accusations made by the heathen Chinese against the foreigners as the authors of the fearful scourge, and of the indignities to which two lady physicians of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions have been subjected, by Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D."

The "graphic description," but *not* the "indignities," was by Dr. Henry, as need not be stated; but the paragraph might mislead those who do not know what a grand man Dr. Henry is!