

superintendent of schools and general financier, with a couple of days each week as a theological professor by way of relaxation.

He often leaves home early in the morning, taking only a cup of coffee and piece of bread, and after driving miles and holding perhaps half a dozen services, returns in the evening tired out and having eaten nothing all day, unless he takes a lunch with him. Twice this week has Babu had such a day. Not only by work at home but in more distant fields does he aid the missionaries, one such occasion being the visit to St. Lucia. We have no missionary on this island. Mr. Cropper, a government emigration agent, an earnest Christian man, has been working as his duties permitted. At his request, teachers and catechists have been sent from Trinidad, and a good work has been steadily going on. It is necessary that from time to time an ordained missionary should visit them, to marry, baptize and dispense the Lord Supper.

On a mission of this kind Rev. Lal Behari set out immediately after the opening of the new college. He went by steamer to St. Lucia and held services at the different stations nearly every day and sometimes several times a day, married some, baptized quite a number of infants, and among the adults, a Brahmin and his wife, returning to his work in San Fernando after a very busy and useful fortnight at St. Lucia. Lal Behari has been appointed to aid in the teaching in the new college, a work for which he is well fitted and to which, as well as to that of visiting, teaching and preaching, it is hoped he may long be spared. He is himself one of the fruits of our mission and has been the means of helping to lead many others to a knowledge of the Saviour.

LETTER FROM REV. J. GOFORTH.

CH'U WANG, HONAN,

CHINA, Jan. 8, 1892.

DEAR MR. CASSELS,—We are very grateful to our God who has made it possible for nine members of our Mission to be in Honan this New Year.

We are also grateful that we were left undisturbed in our work inland. The storms of threatened war and rebellion which agitated the coast missions were scarcely noticed so far in the interior. It was my aim to put in seventy or eighty days touring before Christmas, but the uncertainty which hung over us forbade my making extended tours to the West. Consequently I have failed to visit the whole of the Chautu fu region.

I have been out in the country for thirty-three days, in which time I visited seventeen market towns and five cities. Every day while at home we meet with people in the chapel. The ordinary experience is that anywhere from one to twenty hear us each day, but during a ten day's fair,

which commenced about the end of November, we had great crowds. We often had to divide our speaking force to preach to those who could not find room in the building. In this way perhaps a thousand daily heard the word.

Of late the people are showing more interest and some are coming to realize that we are here for their good not our own.

Just now the helpers are away for their New Year, but Mr. Wang, our teacher, helps me to speak. On market days we open the chapel doors all day, but on ordinary days only during the afternoon.

Some ten months ago Mr. Wang came to act as Mr. MacGillivray's teacher. He has only acted as my teacher since we moved here in September last. He has the highest grade of the B. A. degree. The Gospel did not seem to have any attraction for him, and when I came here in September he was quite indifferent, and never came to any religious service. From the outset I told him it was my duty to tell him of the Gospel. Afterwards we had daily talks about his need of a Saviour. In the course of a few weeks it became evident that the truth was taking effect, because, of his own accord, without a word on my part, he commenced a regular attendance upon the daily services. Then he confessed to me that God had opened his eyes to the truth and he had for the first time in his life prayed to his Father in Heaven.

I rejoiced with trembling. Could it be that God had used me to lead this proud scholar into the Kingdom? I have been leading him day by day in the essential truths and am surprised at his rapid advances. I have had him witnessing in the chapel for about a month. I also have him expound tracts to the people. In this way I can detect any point on which he is not clear and afterwards instruct him.

His testimony has this effect upon the people. They think, that since this scholar, after investigation of this doctrine, comes out boldly in its defence as the only possible way of life, there must be something in it. The increasing interest dates from his giving witness to the truth. It was just to-day, he said in reply to a man who said, "Of course we scholars can all understand this doctrine as soon as we look into it." "Not so, before I was converted I too thought so, but now the more I read the Bible the more profound it grows and the less I think I understand it."

January 11th. Mr. Wang to-day made request for baptism. It will be brought before the Presbytery.

It may be interesting for you to know how I go about the country. I dread laziness in the Chinese helpers. I have already seen some of it. If the foreigner rides, his Chinese brother will also expect to ride. The Chinaman may never have been able to afford a ride before he comes to you, but as soon as he enters upon the Mission