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THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD (July), is more than usually attractive. Besides other articles of interest it contains "The Wonderful Work of God in Formosa," by Dr. G. L. Mackay, illustrated by fine views. The publishers of the *Review* have found it necessary to raise the subscription price from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Those who subscribe through our club will get it at the lowest club rates, \$2.00.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME.—In the *Lone Star* we read of a farewell held in Samulcotta on the departure of the Stillwells. Both teachers and students spoke in the highest terms of the work done by Mr. Stillwell, and expressed their gratitude to God for having sent such a kind, patient, faithful and talented man among them. They also spoke in grateful terms of the care and labor Mrs. Stillwell had bestowed upon them in times of sickness. They hoped and prayed that God would soon restore to them and to the work, those who had been not only teachers but parents. We welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Garside, who are now in the home land.

BRIEF ITEMS.

A missionary in China says: "If there is anything that lays hold of the people here it is the simple story of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Not His miracles, nor even His wonderful sayings or teachings, but the old, old story of the cross, of the blood, of the sacrifice, of the satisfaction of Christ in dying for sinners on the tree—that is the power for good in touching the heart and awakening the conscience."

Bishop Taylor says: "When a Kafir dies, the body is placed in a sitting posture near the grave and left there for two or three days, that all who wish may come and give to him messages for their friends who have departed to the happy land: thus showing that even the Kafirs, whose very name, given to them by the Mohammedans, signifies infidels, believe in the immortality of the soul. But of a Saviour they know nothing."

A pathetic story that comes from China gives an illustration of how medical missions prepare the way for the advance of Christianity. A military graduate was successfully treated for a cataract at the mission hospital in Hankow. As he returned to his home, forty-eight other blind men gathered about him, and begged him to lead them to the wonderful foreign doctor. So this strange procession of blind men, each holding on to the other's rope, walked for 250 miles to Hankow, and nearly all were cured. One who could not be cured, received while in the hospital the better gift of spiritual healing.

In the Gujerthi country of Western India the women have a plaintive song, which asks why their parents did not kill them at birth, or afterwards destroy their life by throwing them down a well, or by putting a knife to their throats, instead of marrying them to a man who takes opium. At a convention of Hindu women, to protest against the use of opium, so deep was the feeling that one woman said that she and her countrywomen would worship the Government if it would abolish the opium. To this, others responded: "Yes, yes."

At Lucknow a similar gathering of Mohammedan women was held. It is not surprising that one woman present said, in the bitterness of her heart: "We will thank the Government to take the sword and kill the wives and children of opium smokers, so as to rid us of the agony we suffer."—*Faithful Witness*.

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The good ship cleaves the tossing deep,
With bowing mast and swelling sail;
Her hold entrusted treasures keep,
That steady her through wind and gale.

The land soon fades upon the sight,
And free the wind blows o'er the wave;
The sea-gull sweeps in graceful flight,
And rides the gale so strong and brave.