

and have peace through Jesus. And this was made plain to my soul that I was saved, for the spirit bore witness with my spirit that I was saved, then began to spring up in my heart my love to the Lord, and my love to the people, and to the Ministers, and to all men. Thus do I present my *ahnesheik*, or thanks, for your sending us the minister to preach Jesus, by whom I am saved, and since then I have desired to open my mouth to confess crucified Jesus. I was appointed to be interpreter of Munseetown, and there God made me useful. Now I am witness to say great many poor Indians died happy, they gone home to heaven. I went last week to visit one sick man, John Williams, late of Grand River, he died on Monday last, at the house of Daniel Logan of this place. I am happy to say that there is good reason to believe he died in the faith of Jesus Christ, and left this world without regret. Before his death I saw him and talked a good deal to him about the love of the Saviour, and particularly of the pardoning mercy showed to the thief on the cross, which much affected him. Feeling his end approaching he expressed a wish to his wife and those present to have some decent clothes for his burial, where upon they went to my house and procured what was necessary, and when he perceived them he said *ahnesheik*. He was very glad and calmly laid down and breathed his last to the surprise of all present, who did not expect his death so soon. Now my prayer is, that you will continue praying for us, for the cause of the devil in Munseetown trembles, and is very weak. Many have been saved here, and I hope you will remember us and determine to send us an assistant minister to Munseetown. This is the end of my writing to the Fathers and Governors of our Church in Munseetown.

Your faithful Son,

JOHN WATSON,
Munseo Interpreter

The Rev. W. Stewart Darling begs leave to acknowledge, with the deepest thankfulness, the receipt of the following communication together with its munificent inclosure, from an anonymous correspondent:

"A friend to the Church, grateful to Almighty God for many and great mercies, wishes to make a thank-offering.

"Being deeply impressed with the necessity of sound religious instruction being given to the young, as pointed out in the Address of the Committee appointed to secure the erection and establishment of a Parochial School in connexion with the Church of the Holy Trinity, he begs to inclose you fifty pounds to assist in carrying out that most desirable object.

Toronto, Dec. 1855."

A concert was held in Stirling on Thursday, the 24th ult., in aid of funds to erect a church in that village. The principal performers were ladies and gentlemen from Belleville and the Trent, to whom many thanks are due for their kind exertions on the occasion, as well as to a Mr. Sewell of Toronto. After all expenses were deducted, there were £52 8s. 10½d. left.

THE BETTER GIFT.—One of the religious papers has an article on the benefits of life insurance to clergymen. It says:—"We have heard of congregations who have presented their ministers with a tomb; a life insurance policy, it strikes us, would be a much more acceptable gift."

ENGLAND.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79, Pall Mall, January 4, 1856.

It will give great satisfaction to all who are interested in the progress of missions to learn that an important step has recently been taken towards the endowment of native churches in India by the natives themselves. More than sixty years ago the seeds of the Gospel were first sown in Tinnevely, and that province has of late years been distinguished from others by the more abundant blessing which seemed there to be vouchsafed to the efforts of Christian missionaries. Seven ordained missionaries of the Society are stationed in Tinnevely; and one of these, the Rev. A. F. Cæmmerer, who has under his charge at Nazareth nearly 3000 native Christians, has recently issued the following important and successful proposal for the commencement of a Nazareth Endowment Fund:—

"The Tinnevely mission has long been the receiver of the overflowing bounty of English Christians. It has been in existence, more or less completed for a century, during which it has experienced ever increasing support. Some forty years since the mission was divided into districts, over which European clergymen were sent to preside. Nazareth was one of these districts. In it were baptized the most early Christians, and it has enjoyed longer than any other district the care and expensive support of the Mother Church; and so the English societies are now justly beginning to look to the native Christians to support their own Church, and self-sustenance is the idea on which every missionary in the province must more or less keep his eye fixed. As the spirit of religion is to be kept alive by the Christians themselves in their hearts (by a diligent use of the means of grace), it is but right that all the external appliances of that religion should be supported by themselves. Some societies have already been obliged to withdraw that support which for years they have been in the habit of giving to the Indian Church, and which is more imperatively called for in other neglected vineyards. The time will come when this help will necessarily be taken from all our missions. Aaron and Hur cannot always support the arms of Moses. To prepare for this time, which is surely coming, and to give the Christians of Nazareth a helping hand at starting, it is proposed to found the 'Nazareth Endowment Fund.'

"For six years past it has been the custom to hold annual collections in every village of the district, during the joy of the Easter week. The natives themselves give liberally and their donations have been largely increased by the benefactions of a

few European friends to the mission. So that latterly these collections have realized annually a sum somewhat exceeding 800 rupees.

"The collections last Easter Monday were 828 rupees.

"Hitherto the money thus collected has been spent in supplying the wants of the district, in building substantial churches and schoolrooms, in purchasing gongs and bells, &c. Henceforward it is proposed to make the money that may be realized from time to time the basis of a sinking fund, which will go on gradually accumulating till the interest alone shall maintain the future catechists and supply the other wants of the Nazareth missions, rendering it in a few years independent of continued aid from its Mother English Church.

"The money is for the present to remain in Nazareth, and be let out on good security at interest. Six of the oldest catechists will act as trustees of the fund. The secretary will be Mr. H. Pope, and the Rev. A. F. Cæmmerer will be the president responsible for its proper management. Accounts will be rendered twice a year to the M. D. C. S. P. G. F. P.

"From the last year's collection there is a sum of rs. 800 untouched. To this will be added that which we are about to gather at the coming Easter; and then it is hoped that the Venerable Society under whose auspices this mission was founded will liberally give an equivalent (thus doubling the sum), which will at once be laid as the foundation-stone of the building we hope to raise.

"Having thus given an outline of our state and our prospects, an appeal is now grounded thereon to all who wish to see the tree of our Saviour's kingdom take root in India. The ground below is hard, the sun above is hot, the difficulties on all sides are great; and hence the need of now making an effort, the effect of which shall be permanent and enduring. Money is often asked to support a girls' school or to maintain a catechist. Five rupees perhaps are given to the missionary, who at the end of the month gives them to the catechist for his labours, and then the work is done; a month's labour has been secured, instruction has been given to so many people, the money is spent, and to the outward eye all is over. The stone was thrown into the water, a few rippling circles have appeared on the surface, and in a moment all was calm and still.

"The appeal now made is of a different nature, and in this lies its strength. The pecuniary aid which is now sought is to be stored up for the future, and the rupee now given is to bear fruit for ever. All who by the mercy of God shall be spared to