

World of Missions.

Missionary Plans for Khartum.

At least two missionary bodies, the English Church Missionary Society and the Presbyterian Mission, in Egypt, are waiting and watching and preparing to ascend the Nile at the soonest. To occupy the region so recently the scene of the Mahdi's fanatical career. Last January Dr. Watson, with the Rev. J. K. Giffen and the Rev. A.A. Cooper, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Alexandria, were on the way to Khartum, and perhaps farther south. Messrs. Cook & Son had afforded them special facilities for travel as far as Halfa. Beyond that they expected to "rough it." The Church Missionary Society delegation had preceded them about two weeks. "We hear that they are in Um Durman, staying in a room in the Mahdi's palace. What a change in a little over a year and a quarter! Then the Khalifa was all-powerful in that region with an immense army ready to beat back the infidels who were advancing toward his capital. Now his palace is occupied by the 'accursed Christians,' and his hosts are nearly all killed and he among the number, while one of his sons and other relatives are prisoners of war under surveillance at Rosetta, on the shores of the Mediterranean!" Before leaving Cairo, Dr. Watson had an interview with Lord Cromer and also with the head of the Egyptian army, in which he told them of the projected visit of himself and Mr. Giffen to Khartum, in order to report to their headquarters in the United States preparatory to commencing missionary work somewhere in the Sudan. He was received very kindly by both of the officials, but both were very positive in saying, "that no missionary work would at the present time be allowed among the Moslems. A place in Khartum might be allowed as a base of operations for work among the brother tribes at Fashoda, or farther south and west, but nothing must be attempted among the Moslems for the present." Dr. Watson thinks that it will not be long, however, until the restrictions will be removed, "and missionaries working prudently will have a free hand."

Presbyterian Statistics from Korea.

The annual report of the Council of Presbyterian Missions in Korea contains an interesting table of statistics, showing the results of the year extending from September, 1898, to September 1899. Four bodies cooperated in this council, viz.: The Presbyterian Mission North, the Presbyterian Mission South, the Canadian Presbyterian Mission and the Presbyterian Mission Women's Union of Vic-

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toria, Australia. The table referred to only gives the statistics from the native standpoint. There was a total of 69 native helpers, 274 regular plagues of meeting, 188 churches imperfectly organized, 186 churches entirely self-supporting, 2,873 communicants, 865 added during the year on confession, 9,878 adherents, 24 Sunday schools with 1,141 pupils, 144 chapels and church buildings, 50 of which were built during the year.

Greek Church in Japan.

Bishop Nicolai entered Japan in 1861 as the pioneer of the Greek Catholic Church. During his first eight years of his residence he received only 3 converts. But he spent the time in a diligent study of the language, history and religion of the people with whom he had cast his lot. In 1871 he opened a training school for native evangelists. In 1883 he was able to report 8 ordained pastors, 85 catechists and 3 foreign missionaries, including himself. In 1898 there were still only 3 foreign missionaries, but the native force had increased to 27 ordained pastors and 190 evangelists. Now, after the lapse of forty years, the work is carried on entirely by a native ministry, under the supervision of Bishop Nicolai, there being 34 native pastors and 148 native evangelists. The total number of members of the Greek church in Japan to-day is 26,000.

How a Women Preached Christ in Japan.

Very few preachers in Japan have had as large audiences as the late Mr. Draper, with her Bible cart, accompanied by her grandchildren, to distribute and an evangelist that each written work might be emphasized by the spoken and each spoken word by the written. Sometimes the crowd would block the street so that the police were obliged to disperse them. This method of carrying the Gospel to the people gave her special joy, a joy which, no doubt, made part of the wonderful radiance that illuminated her entrance into the kingdom of the risen Son.

Dr. Ed. Harms, the nephew of Pastor Louis Harms, of Hermannsburg, who the last two years resided at a mission station not far from Ladysmith, Natal, has been thrown into prison by the British on a charge of treason, preferred by some natives who saw some Transvaal riders stop at his house before the outbreak of the war. Dr. Harms is the resident director of the Hermannsburg missions in Natal, Transvaal, and Bechana Land, and quite naturally was in communication with all the missionaries' sons, who were born in Transvaal, and therefore were subject to conscription, are now fighting in the ranks of the Boers. Some of them rode over to Harms' residence to tell him of their call into the army, and this was interpreted as treason.

The death of the venerated and saintly Dowager Countess of Aberdeen has thrown into mourning several noble families warmly attached to the Church of Scotland by ancestral ties and by personal attachment, like her devoted sister, the late Lady Grissell Baillie, she took a deep interest in all its work. She was a hearty supporter of the Foreign Mission work of the church, and was one of the patronesses of the Aberdeen Auxiliary to the Women's Association for Foreign Missions, to which at the time of her death she was the oldest subscriber. As far back as 1844 her name appears in the list of patronesses as Lady Haddo. It was at her desire in 1870 that the Aberdeen Auxiliary undertook the Poona Mission as their special field, and when in 1887 their interest was transferred to Sialkot, Lady Aberdeen generously subscribed £40, and ever since has contributed that sum every year. She took a warm personal interest in the missionaries and in their different departments of work, and her death is regarded as an irreparable loss to the mission.—Mission Record, Edinburgh.

A PIONEER'S STORY

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH MR. B. L. MASTIN.

After Long Years of Perfect Health He Was Attacked with Kidney Trouble and Other Complications—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Bring Him New Health.

From the Pictou, Ont. Times.

Mr. B. L. Mastin of Hollowed township, Prince Edward county, was a caller at the Times office the other day and during his visit told of his great suffering from kidney trouble and rheumatism, accompanied by dyspepsia, cold feet and a generally broken down constitution. Mr. Mastin is one of the first settlers of Prince Edward County. He is in his seventy-first year and is the father of a grown up family of well-to-do farmers. In the course of the conversation Mr. Mastin said: "I had never known what it was to be sick. I have always had good health and worked on my farm every day until some months ago when I was taken with severe pains in my back and shoulders. I consulted a doctor but received little benefit. I was told by one doctor that I had rheumatism and kidney disease, but his treatment did not help me and I continued getting worse. My appetite failed me and I fell away in flesh. I became irritable and could not sleep well at night. Nobody can conceive the intense pain I endured. Not deriving any benefit from the food I ate and having a constant pain in my stomach I soon became aware that I had dyspepsia and the pain in my back and shoulders intensified by the stone-like weight in my stomach, made life to me almost unbearable. I was also a great sufferer from cold feet, nearly every day my feet would get like chunks of ice and unless I was constantly by the fire the soles of my feet would feel as though they were wet. One day I told my wife I was going to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Having read so much of these famous pills, I thought that what they had done for others they might do for me. I procured a box from Mr. E. W. Case, druggist, and to my great delight before I had quite used one box I had improved. When I had finished a couple more boxes I felt like a new man and I gladly tell this for the benefit of all who suffer as I did." Continuing Mr. Mastin said: "My rheumatism is all gone and I can come and go and enjoy as good health as well as I ever did." With these remarks Mr. Mastin got up to go, but added that his wife was receiving much benefit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. "I took home a couple of boxes the other day and she thinks they are splendid."

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