

decorated: on one a pagoda, on another a temple, and so on. Smaller bridges and terraces abound.

"On entering the gateway, two immense bronze lions in front struck us as masterpieces of skill. The minuteness and richness of the work upon them is astonishing. They are, too, of great size.

"Ascending the shoulder of the hill, the first ruin is that of a marble temple to Buddha, which once inclosed a statue seventy feet high. Here and there a bit of richly carved walling still remains. From this spot, and again as we mount, we catch delightful glimpses of scenery, the hill being terraced on every side. We hastened to the porcelain temple, which has escaped the general ruin. It is a marvellous structure, covered from top to bottom with varicoloured tiles, each of the larger ones having a little image of Buddha on it—a facsimile of the larger idol inside. There were fifteen or sixteen hundred of them. This temple crowns the hill.

"Right in front, and covering a large part of the southern part of the hill, is a terrace at least 200 feet in height. In ascending, we first come to a sort of platform on which has stood another shrine—in ruins now—and a double staircase. The stones in the wall are beautifully laid, and the effect from below is wonderful.

"Turning a little to the west, we again mounted to an elegant marble temple, which is in front of another marvel—a copper temple. All is metal, most exquisitely wrought—walls, windows, doors and roof. The way in which the wood-work, &c., is imitated, is as surprising as the idea is unique. Its value must be enormous. Further on I came to the ruins of a little marble shrine, and then wandered through the hill, which is here hollowed out ingeniously into winding chambers, so that one hardly knows how much is artificial and how much in its natural condition.

"Rejoining the party, we found the remains of a yet larger building on the low ground, huge copper gods lying broken on their faces, and two rows of smaller ones on either side, yet erect."

Samoa Missionary Meetings.

The people now hold large missionary meetings in Samoa, but they have no inns, or such like places there, at which the thousands can be entertained who attend the missionary meetings. All, therefore, unite together, and prepare a great dinner. They sometimes kill many hundred pigs, and cook a very great many baskets of bread fruits and yams and other things. When the time for dinner approaches, all the men march into the open space near

the chapel, or the chief's house, with baked pigs on their shoulders. Then the women follow with their baskets of yams and bread-fruit and fish; and then the little children each bearing in his hand a single yam or root of taro, which, in that country, are like what potatoes and bread are with us. And as they march up with the food on their shoulders, or in their hands, they often sing some little verse, or chant some short sentence, telling what the dinner is prepared for.

They have now begun to give mats and native cloth and strings, which they twist, to assist in the work of missions in other islands, and also to make over arrow-root, to be sold for money and given the missionary society. And it is often the rule that the father shall give something, and the mother something, and each little boy and girl something, to the missionary subscription. That is a very good rule; let it become the rule in all Christian families throughout the world, and then all the poor heathen may be converted to the Saviour, and all the little heathen children taught to read the word of God.—*Youth's Miss. Rep.*

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

Rev. Mr. Geddie requests us to acknowledge with an expression of his sincere thanks the receipt, by, the hands of Rev. G. M. Grant, Pastor of St. Matthews Church, Halifax, of a Bill for \$212, consisting of \$182 raised at a Congregational Collection on New Year's morning and \$30 by the Ladies' Bible Class. This gift we learn was designed as an expression of esteem for Mr. Geddie personally to be employed by him in furtherance of the work so dear to his heart. With the concurrence of the Board Mr. Geddie intends to apply this handsome donation to the enlargement and support of an Orphan School and Asylum which has become a necessity, since the numerous deaths caused by measles, during the prevalence of that malady so fatal to the Islands.

Monies received by the Treasurer from 20th December, 1864 to 27th January, 1865.

FOREIGN MISSION.

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