

traveling to Aimah Congers, and was forced in his way to cross the river Umkomazi, which he attempted on horseback. When about two-thirds of the way over, a crocodile seized him by the thigh. Mr. B. was dragged off, but clung to the mane of his horse, and both he and his horse were floundering in water, often dragged under and rapidly going down the stream. At first the crocodile drew them to the middle of the river; but at last the horse gained shallow water and approached the shore. As soon as he was within reach, natives came to his assistance, and beat off the crocodile with spears and clubs. Mr. B. was pierced with five deep gashes, and lost much blood. His horse also was terribly mangled; a foot square of the flesh and skin was torn from his flanks. The crocodile, it is supposed, first seized the horse, and, when slaked off, caught Mr. B. first below the knee and then in the thigh. There were 5 or 6 wounds on Mr. B.'s person, from 2 to 4 inches long, and from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. For 8 or 10 days he seemed to recover as fast as could be expected, but was then seized with fever, which threatened to be fatal. There was a tendency to locked-jaw. He passed this crisis, however, and in April Mr. B. writes that he was nearly recovered from the effects of the frightful affray.

PROTESTANT CONFERENCE AT HAMBURG.—Early next week about 20 of the leading Protestants from all parts of Europe are to meet in conference at Hamburg for the purpose of taking into consideration the present position of Evangelical Protestantism on the Continent, and adopting those measures which may be deemed best adapted to promote its principles. The Conference will last three days. Among our countrymen, who intend to be present, will be Lord Shaftesbury, Sir Culling Eardley, and Mr. John M'Gregor.

LITERARY PENSION.—The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant a pension of £50 a year to Mrs. Glen, widow of the Rev. Wm. Glen, D. D., the translator of the Bible into the Persian language. The pension, we believe, has been granted in honour of the literary labours and attainments of Dr. Glen.

The Montreal Witness is informed that on the 2d about 50 persons, all French Canadians, were baptized at Grande-Ligne as fruits of that efficient mission, and that a considerable number more were baptized at St. Marie, a station in connexion with the same mission.—The same paper states that the Rev. Eleazar Williams, the supposed Dauphin, has been appointed Missionary to the Indians at Caughnawaga by Bishop Wainwright, of New York, with the consent of the bishop of Montreal. Mr. Williams will continue to preach, as heretofore, to the Indians of New York State along the St. Lawrence.

PROTESTANT UNITY.—Yesterday a gratifying instance of the unity subsisting among the Protestant denominations of this city was afforded in the fact that the Wesleyan pulpit was occupied for the advocacy of Wesleyan Missions by the Rev. W. B. Clark, of the Free Church, in the morning, and by the Rev. Dr. Cook, of the Church of Scotland, in the evening. The congregations on both occasions were large, but especially that of the evening, which, we think, was the most numerous we ever witnessed in that building, the number present being not less than between 1,400 and 1,500. Eloquent discourses were preached by both the reverend gentlemen, and the collections taken up, we are happy to state, more than doubled those of last year for the same purpose.—*Quebec Gazette.*

THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN CHINESE.—Rev. Dr. Medhurst, the veteran missionary of the London Society in China, who has been engaged in company with Dr. Bridgman and others many years in translating the Scriptures into the Chinese language, has announced the final accomplishment of the great task. The moral value of this event transcends all estimate. It opens the Divine Word to the access of millions of readers, and the beginning of the Christianization of one-third of the human race. Dr. Medhurst's letter

concludes with this striking reference to existing troubles: "We cannot help considering it a remarkable providence that our Translation Committee should have brought their labours to a close just at the time when either we may be called to 'take up our carriages' and remove to a place of safety, or to enter upon the wider fields of Missionary labour opening before us, far exceeding the most earnest expectations and warmest wishes of the friends of China."

POETRY.

"But He answered not a word."—MATTH. xv. 22.

BY JOSEPH FEARN.

It happened on a certain day,
When Jesus dwelt below,
A Grecian woman came to pray
Deliverance from her woe.
An evil spirit filled her child,
And every passion stirred;
And Jesus heard the pleading cry,
But "answered not a word."

How sad that silence must have been
To the afflicted one,
Who knew His power and His love
Omnipotent alone.
Yet still for saving help she cried,
"Have mercy on me, Lord!"
A further space her faith was tried:
"He answered not a word."

Each feature of the scene was dark
To this poor suppliant's heart;
For Jesus' followers besought
That she might hence depart.
And, when the Saviour spake at length,
It was a trying word:
"I am not sent to such as you;
But Israel is preferred."

But, O, how great that woman's faith,
Which would not be denied;
Then fell she at His feet, and still
"Have mercy, Lord," she cried.
"I know to give the children's bread
To dogs it is not meet;
Yet crumbs, which fall from off the board,
The dogs may surely eat."

Then Jesus answered her in love,
"Thy faith is great, behold My power!
It shall be even as thou wilt;
Thy child is healed in this same hour."
What comfort must she then have felt,
As her deliverance she averred,
And thought of Him who to her prayer
At first had answered not a word!

My soul! from this poor woman learn
The worth of earnest prayer;
Cease not to urge thy constant suit,
Though doubt suggest despair.
He will not turn His ear away
To prayer in faith preferred,
Though sometimes to our pleading cry
"He answers not a word."

Go on and own His mercy free;
And, though delays be long,
"Lord, help me!" without ceasing cry,
And praise shall fill thy song.
And ever shall thy grateful voice
Mid hymning throngs be heard,
Extolling Him whose sovereign grace
Restored thee by His word.

LITTLE THINGS.

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the beautiful land.

And the little moments,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.

So our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the paths of virtue,
Oft in sin to stray.

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth and Eden,
Like the Heaven above.

Little seeds of mercy,
Sown by youthful hands,
Grow to bless the nations
Far in heathen lands.

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