

fuse information with regard to the condition of the widows.

Dr. George F. Pentecost, who went to India last fall on an evangelistic mission, took Mr. and Mrs. George C. Stebins with him to lead the singing. After laboring a few weeks in Calcutta among the Europeans, it was decided to turn to the educated natives, and the singers left Dr. Pentecost and accompanied Bishop Thoburn in a visit through the country, travelling several thousand miles and singing in all the principal cities of the Empire. On their way home they will stop in Egypt, Palestine, Italy, Germany, and England, reaching home by midsummer.

The New York *Evangelist*, in a brief paragraph on "Hinduism and the Signs of the Times," says: "An encouragement to missionary effort is found in the increasing number of Somajes and Congresses for securing healthy reforms in the social life of the Hindus, and in the preceding changes which made possible the establishment of those associations. The time has now come when Hinduism finds fulfilled in its history the prophecy of the Christ, 'A man's foes shall be they of his own household.' Its most decided and efficient antagonists are the converts from its ranks to Christianity. Under the increasing number of these, and of others who, while abjuring Hinduism as the result of Christian labors and influences, are not yet fully prepared to embrace Christianity, Hindu society is coming to understand its needed reformations; the Hindu conscience is awakening from its long slumber; child marriages and the rigid enforcement of caste rules will be things of the past within the lifetime of many now living, and the end of Hinduism will not be long delayed."

Japan.—It is reported that when the people in Kobe, Japan, were suffering great want, several starving to death, the students of the Kobe Girls' School for three weeks ate nothing for breakfast but rice and pickles, that they might save something to give to poor

people. Nearly ten dollars was saved in this way

North Sea.—The *Sailors' Magazine* says: "One hundred thousand dollars were contributed in England last year to sustain missionary operations on the North Sea among English deep-sea fishermen. Ten fully equipped evangelizing vessels, three of which are hospital ships, are employed in the work. One of the fishermen, greatly moved by the earnestness of a woman missionary, expressed his surprise and gratitude that she 'had come out to do us North Sea dogs good.'"

Palestine.—A Scotch missionary at Tiberias says that whereas almost every Jew in Safed and Tiberias understands Arabic, not more than twenty or thirty out of five or six thousand understand Judeo-Spanish, and a preacher in that language would in truth be "a voice crying in the wilderness." Two of the missionaries there are prepared to "quote Hebrew" and to conduct services in it whenever that is seen to be necessary. To hold Hebrew services would, he insists, be absurd, as the Jews do not use the language, and very many do not understand it. The missionaries have thought it wise to converse with the Jews in the ordinary language of every-day life—i.e., with the Sephardim in Arabic and with the Ashkenazim in Jargon, but to preach only in the language that all could understand.

The many recent movements among the Jews cannot but attract attention. Among others it is announced that an association for the colonization of Palestine has been successfully established by the Hebrew Workingmen's Club, of London, which is situated in Whitechapel, one of the most densely populated districts of the metropolis, where thousands of Hebrews carry on their occupations. The association is sending shiploads of poor Hebrews from London to Palestine, and will provide them with funds with which to purchase land and start a home.