

the result in a report to the Government. While the missionaries, however, have been met with a peremptory official denial of their allegations, Mr. Tremenheere has been severely rebuked by the Government, who pronounces his statements "sensational," and declares his proposals to be "utterly impracticable." Yet those who have a personal knowledge of the unhappy victims of caste prejudice declare that they are oppressed by a system which can only be described as slavery. The Pariah, it is said, finds it difficult, if not impossible, however hard he may struggle for an independent existence, to hold a plot of land, and even the humble cot which shelters him is no longer his own if it should unfortunately happen to take the fancy of some covetous and scornful village "mirasidar."

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.—*As My Father hath sent Me into the World, even so send I you.*"

PRAYER TOPIC FOR MARCH.—That the Lord will make His people willing in the day of His power, that they may give to the work of Missions this quarter as never before.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

On King's Square, St. John, is a monument erected to the memory of a young man who lost his life in a fruitless effort to save a lad from drowning. One end of a line was attached to the young man's life-preserver; the other end was entrusted to one of the shore, who in some unaccountable way let it go. The storm was too great, and after a long heroic struggle the young man sank. The story thrills us with pain, but what of the more terrible thought of our own responsibility and neglected duty? Souls are struggling in the waters of sin and death, and we, safe on the shore, are holding the life-lines. *What if we let go?* To each of us a soul is looking for help. As surely as God has been merciful to save us, so surely does He hold us responsible in a degree for the salvation of others. Let us beware, lest we let go the lines and souls that might have been saved, go down to eternal death. Never let go the life-line!

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NEWS FROM THE GREAT HARVEST FIELD.

The Harvest truly is plenteous, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

THE "HIGHLAND LADDIE" COT.

The first cot ever supported in the Central Amritsar Hospital, on the Punjab, is called the "Highland Laddie" cot. A very touching story is connected with it. A little lad was laid aside by sickness, and, in his own time of suffering, thought of the diseased, and helpless, and perishing, in other lands. He worked for them, thought of them, interested others in them. His young friends joined him as he worked.

The proceeds of that work-party were sent to soothe the sorrows and relieve the pains of suffering ones in the Punjab: and so to many far away, through the

weakness and pain of that little lad, health and relief came.

God called him home, but the work goes on. The comfort to his father and mother is to carry on what their lad began. The friends who worked with him work still, and now the Secretary of the Children's Medical Mission says the ambition of these friends in Birnam is to raise £200, and therewith to endow the bed in the Amritsar Hospital, that, come what may, the "Highland Laddie" cot may remain, a worthy and blessed memorial of the loving-hearted medical missionary lad, who in Scotland worked and prayed for the Punjab, and whose works do follow him, though now he is at rest.

THE BIBLE IN BRITTANY.

Le Tremelois, the organ of the Breton Evangelical Mission, states:—They write to us from the neighbourhood of Huelgoat (Central Brittany) as follows:—

"We went the other day to a fair not far from here, and as we spoke from our Bible carriage of the love of God to poor sinners, a young man of seventeen asked us if the words we had spoken were in the Bible? We answered yes. With joy and thankfulness he took a copy of the Book and ran across to the other side of the fair, where an hour and a-half afterwards, on passing we found him lying on the ground, blood coming from his mouth and nose. He had been beaten by a woman, who, tigress-like, was enraged against him.

"I begged this woman to stop beating him. Immediately she seized me by the throat, but the poor youth was able to get up and separate us. Two days afterwards, on his mother (for it was his mother who beat him thus for getting a Bible) leaving the house the youth sent for me. I found him laid on a bed of agony, and he died in my arms crying out, 'Peace! peace! God has pardoned all my sins! Thus he left the world a martyr to his love for the Bible.'"

Dr. Paton says of the New Hebrides: "Since I entered the field thirty four years ago, by God's blessing on the united labours of our missionaries He has given us about 14,000 converts, and about 200 of them are engaged as native teachers. There are in Micronesia after scarcely a quarter of a century of work 46 self-supporting churches, with over 4300 church members.

A missionary in China affirms that in this very month more money will be spent in propitiating evil spirits that have no existence than all the churches in the United States give in one year to missions.—*Missionary Review*.

On the plains of Brazil there are one million wild Indians ignored by the Christians.

JAPAN.

The brave service rendered by some of the missionary ladies in Japan, who have, because of the lack of ordained men, undertaken the charge of stations is matched by the service rendered by two women at Esidumbini, in the Zulu Mission. The station is forty miles distant, by wagon, from any other station of the mission, and seven miles from any white person and the post office. There is no native pastor but these women are assisted at the Sunday services, at which as many as four hundred persons are often present, by two Christian men. They have also a large Sunday School under their charge. In view of the work in