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THE TRUE IDEAL OF LIFE.

of the advice and exhortation given to the made himself lowliest and humblest in young is that the standard of success set be- spirit and tried to do the most good to the fore them, at which they are urged to aim, most people that he could, to be servant of is so largely outward and material, appealing i all, was really the greatest, because the to what is merely worldly and selfish in | largest in heart, the most like Christ. them. From platform and pulpit, in day school and Sabbath School, the young are the true ideal of a successful life is not in told of the success to which they may getting away from so-called lowly position attain, and are pointed, for their encourage- and work, but in filling one's place faithment and example, to men who have | fully in that position. They should be taught "risen" in life from porters to preachers, that the boy who stays at home in what from boot blacks to barristers, from lum- | may seem humble life, and in loving helpbermen to lawyers, from rail splitters to fulness makes comfortable a parent's closing

duties and greater responsibilities than those | brother who with merely ambition to shine, of his present lot in life, and capacity to do goes out and becomes prominent in the and bear them, by all means let him take world of wealth or power. They should be hold of them if the way be open. the acceptance from Providence of a larger | works at it all his life, and by his example trust. But the wrong to the young consists and public spirit helps to make of his neighin setting before them the false idea that bors good citizens, with a true ideal of their such men are more truly successful and duties in civil and political life, is as worthy more worthy to be imitated than others a model for them to follow as the boy who who have remained in a narrower sphere. goes to college, wins honors, is sent to par-Life may be a notable one among men and liament, and makes laws for the land. They yet be an utter failure so far as success in should be taught that the country boy all that makes up true manhood is concerned. ' who settles on a small farm and by his life

has so lived, and used its opportunities, that 'or elder, helps to keep up the little church in at its close it has the most of what it can the neighborhood, as a centre of religious take with it to another life. A man at life's life, may be as true a success, as worthy an end finds, as a result of life, two things, example, as his brother who enters the miwhat he has and what he is. What he has, is inistry and sways multitudes from the pulpit largely the result of what he has done for | of some metropolitan church. himself. What he is, is the result of his loving, unselfish doing for others. What he | this line are hard to estimate. Few, at best, has he leaves behind. What he is goes with | can follow the examples so constantly set him. results in large store of the latter, while the prominent places are few and the obthe life which results only in wealth or scure places many;-and the tendency is to position or influence among men is an utter | lead them to regard all else as comparafailure.

James and John were that kind of success when they sought them for real usefulness in life.

highest offices from Christ. But the He told them that greatness in His Kingdom A vicious element that pervades much | was not after this fashion, but that he who

Our young people should be taught that rulers, from errand boys to merchant princes. | years, is living a more truly successful life, Now if a boy has a desire for larger developing a grander character, than his It is but taught that the boy who learns a trade and The truly successful life is that which and work as a church member, S.S. teacher,

The evil results of false teaching along The successful life is that which before the young as patterns of success,-for tive failure and to create a discontent which looking for injures their own characters and unfits

JOHN KNOX AND THE MISSIONARY CAUSE.

BY REV. DR. PATTERSON, NEW GLASGOW, N.S.

In the February Number of the RECORD several aspects of the life and work of Knox are presented. There is one other point of ary view in which I should like to bring him. under the notice of your readers, and that is his regard to the salvation of the world, or what is now called the Missionary unwork dertaking. The Reformers had enough to do in delivering their respective nations from Romish error and Anti-Christian tyranny. But their hearts went forth in pity and desire for the salvation of those in heathen darkness. In this spirit John Knox fully shared. In evidence of this I would refer to his recorded prayers. Thus in a form of prayer "to be used in privat every morninge and evenynge" houses occurs the following :--

"And becawse thow haste commanded us to pray one for another, we do not onely make requeste, O Lord, for ourselves and theym that thow haste already called to the trew understandinge of thy heavenly wyll. but for all people and nations of the world. who as they knowe by thy wonderfull workes that thow arte God over all, so they may be instructed by thy Holy Spirite to believe in thee their onely Savicur and Redemer. But for as moche as they cannot beleve except they heare, nor cannot hear but by preaching, and none can preache except they be sent; therefore, O Lord, rayse up faithfull distributers of thy mysteries, who setting aparte all worldely respectes, may bothe in theyr lyfe and doctrine onely seke thy glorie."

But the Missionary spirit is seen more remarkably in the Confession of Faith, prepared by him in 1560, which was the standard of the Church of Scotland, till the adoption of the Westminster. In the front of it is the motto :—

"AND THIS GLAID TYDINGIS OF THE KYNGDOME SALL BE PRECHEIT THROUCH THE HAILL WORLD, FOR A WITNES UNTO ALL NATIOUNS, AND THEN SALL THE END CUM."

And at the close he utters a fervent prayer which culminates in these words, "And LETT ALL NATIONIS ATTEANE" TO THY TRFW KNOW-LEDGE."" Upon this striking and instructive circumstance the late Dr. Andrew Somerville, Foreign Mission Secretary of the U. P. Church of Scotland, has the following remarks :—

"The Reformer just touched the missionary principle, and stopped. His heart, glowing under the influence of the expansive doctrines of free grace which the Confession had detailed, and which delineate that knowledge of God which gives eternal life, breathed the wish, 'And let all nations attain to thy true knowledge; ' and he ceased to write, feeling, like David, that his prayers were ended.

"There is something deeply touching as well as nobly beautiful in this fact. The large mind of the Scottish Reformer, panting for the spiritual welfare of his country, becomes so filled with admiration of the precious and life-giving truths which he had enumerated, and which form the gracious scheme of salvation which is needed by all men, that, looking abroad over the perishing world, he cries out, 'And let all nations attain thy true knowledge.' Never did John Knox rise so high, or exhibit so distinctly the world-wide benevolence of the Gospel, as he did at that moment, for then he appeared as the true servant of him 'in whom all the iamilies of the earth are to be blessed.'

"The entire history of modern missions is just the expansion and the application of that closing prayer of the Scottish Reformer. The missionary, therefore, is the genuine successor of Knox. He takes up the work where he left it, and goes forth to accomplish in deed what Knox uttered in wish, 'That all nations may attain to the true knowledge of God.'

"And as this was the last sentence of the Confession,—the crowning wish of the Reformer,—so will the Reformation receive its due and complete development, when, through the agency of the missionary enterprise, all nations shall have attained the true knowledge of God, and are brought to rejoice in him who is God's 'salvation to the ends of the earth."

* Later printed copies have "cleave" instead of "attain," but the MSS. copies have the latter, and it is so printed in Laing's edition of the Reformer's works. The alteration shows that some of those who cameafter Knox had not his broad views -G. P.

Our Home Mork.

Growth in our Home work, East and West, is steady and sure. The truest patriotism is to aim at leaving our country a better country than we found it. And the best way of doing this is to leaven it with the Gospel. The two following items from many that might bc given are illustrations of that progress.

Emerson and Deloraine, Manitoba, have 1 both opened new churches, the latter 17 Jan., the former a week later, and a new congregation is to be organized in the western part of the city of Winnipeg. Forty odd degrees below zero at Emerson on opening day could not daunt the worshippers nor cool their zeal, and the growth in many a new congregation on the prairies and among the mountains tells of a zeal and courage befitting a first love.

The opening of a new church in Chipman congregation, N.B., calls attention to the fact that there is splendid Home Mission work and growth in the older Provinces as 1 well as in the new North-West. The pastor, Rev. D. McD. Clarke, has in winter 1 6 regular preaching stations, and in summer. with the assistance of a catechist, 14; stations. During his six years pastorate, a church, a hall, and a manse, have been built. The congregation then receiving \$200 annually from the Augmentation Fund has 4 become self-sustaining, and supports the catechist in summer as well; families have increased from 60 to 110, and members from 145 to 252 ; and contributions to the Schemes of the Church have nearly trebled. We ! give this instance as a sample of what many earnest, faithful men are doing, and of the good accomplished East and West by the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds, those nursing funds of our Church.

CHURCH NOTICES.

CALLS.

From New St. Andrews, New Glasgow, N.S., to Mr. Wm. McC. Thompson.

From St. Andrews, Toronto, to Mr. J. Mc-Caughan, of Belfast, Ireland. Accepted. From St. John's Church, Brockville, to Dr.

Abraham, Burlington, U.S.A. From Watford, Ont., to Mr. Robert

Haddow.

From Newmarket, Ont., to Mr. A. McNab of Meaford, Ont. Accepted.

INDUCTIONS.

Mr. E. A. Currie, into, Delhi and Windham Centre, 22 Dec.

Mr. W. L. Atkinson, ordained and inducted at Innisfail, Edmondton Presbytery, 1 Dec.

Mr. D. A. Hamilton, into, Havelock, Peter-

boro Presbytery, 3 Feb. No vacancy now in the Presbytery.

RESIGNATIONS.

Mr. A. D. Gunn, of Upper Stewiacke, N.S., from ill health.

Mr. Jacob Layton ,of Elmsdale and Nine Mile River, Hx .Pres

Mr. H. B. Mackay, of St. Matthews, Wallace N.S.

Mr. W. A. Mason, of Georgetown, P.E.I. Mr. T. Corbett, of S. Richmond, N.B.

Mr. J. M. Crombie, of Cote des Neiges and Norwood, Montreal Presbytery.

Mr. A. McVicar, of Kamloops,

PRESEVTERY MEETINGS.

Algonia, Thessalon, 16 Mar., 7.30 p.m. Barrie, Barrie, 9 Mar., 10.30 a.m. Brandon, Brandon, 2 Mar. Brockville, Cardinal, 22 Feb., 2 p.m. Eruce, Paisley, 9 March, 1.30 p.m. Calgary. Chatham, Chat., St. And., 9 Mar., 10 a.m. Edmonton, Ed., 2 Mar., 10 a.m. Glenboro' ,Glen., 8 Mar., 7.30 p.m. Glengariy, Cornwall. Knox 9 Mar., 11.30 p.m. Guelph, Elora, Chal., 16 Mar., 9 a.m. Halifax, Hx., Chal., 6 April, 10 a.m. Hamilton, Ham., Knox, 16 Mar., 9.30 a.m. Huron, Clinton, 9 Mar., 10.30 a.m. Inverness, Whycecomagh, 23 Mar., 11 a.m. Kamloops, Kam., 3 Mar., 10.30 a.m. Lanark and Renfrew, Pem., 22 Feb., 8 p.m. Kingston, King., Chal., 16 Mar., 10 a.m. Lindsay, Sutherland, 16 Mar., 10.30 a.m. London, St. Thomas, Knox, 9 Mar., 9 a.m. Lunenburg and Shelburne. Maitland, Ripley, 16 Mar., 1 p.m. Melita, Mel., 1st week Mar. Minnedosa. Miramichi, Newcastle, 30 Mar. Montreal, Mont., Knox, 9 Mar., 10 a.m. Orangeville, Oran., 9 Mar., 10.30 a.m. Ottawa. Owen Sound, O. Sd., Knox, 16 Mar. Paris, Brantford, Zion, 9 Mar., 11 a.m. Portagie la Prairie, Neepawa, 2 Mar., 4 p.m. Peterboro, Port Hope, 9 Mar., 2 p.m. Fictou. P.E.I., Chrltn., St. Jas., 23 Mar., 11 a.m. Quebec, Mor. Coll., 9 Mar., 4 p.m. Regina, Moose Jaw, 3 Mar. Rock Lake . Sarnia, Sar., St. And., 9 Mar. Saugeen Palmerston,, 9 Mar., 10 a.m. St. John. Stratford. Strat., Knox, 9 Mar., 10.30 a.m. . Superior, Sup., 9 Mar., 10 a.m. Sydney. Toronto, Tor., St. And., 1 Tu. ev. mo. Truro, Truro, Pres. Hall, 9 Mar., 10 a.m. ·Victoria. Wallace, Oxford, May. Westminster. Win., Man., Coll., 2 Tu. Mar and of ev. alt. mo Whitby, Whitby, 20 April.

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MISTAWASSIS INDIAN RESERVE. LETTER FROM REV. W. S. MOOBE. Mistawassis, 18 Jan., 1897.

To Rev. Prof. Baird :-

There are three days which will stand out prominently in our work as worthy of note.

The first and a very important day on Mistawassis is New Year's day. The pro-ceedings of this important day so far as your missionary was concerned were begun by running up the flag at ten a.m. By eleven o'clock the church was full. Our meeting was opened by prayer and a Cree hymn. Then a lengthy programme was commenced, the first item being an examination of the children of the Mistawassis Sabbath Schools in fifty golden texts given out during the year and the last half of the Shorter Catechism.

I may here say that I was told that the first item on the programme was already over before my arrival, viz, a few young ladies making the most of the day's privileges. The Indians call New Year's day Oochaemekesikaw (kissing day), much to the confusion of some young bashfuls and the high delectation of those who have seen many New Year's days. The examination was followed by a substantial luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, buns and slices of cake; 200 each sufficed, together with two boilers full of tea.

These things being comfortably disposed of, the Nebo Sunday School followed. This school is 24 strong and came down with oft expressed purpose of carrying home a little silver plated clock, the object of competition. The result was shortly afterwards announced, the result being that a boy of five summers carried off the prize by a perfect repetition of the golden texts and nearly as good on the Catechism. A girl of six years came second, then two boys from Nebo, aged respectively eight and ten years, and who have only been at school six months in their life, came in third and fourth; two girls from Mistawassis aged ten and eleven and who have been at school almost constantly coming in by the establishment of a Colony in Northfifth and sixth.

Another most important item in the day's proceedings is worthy of mention, viz, the distribution of gifts from a well laden tree. The gifts were generously provided by the Presbyterial Auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society. Everyone present got something of their own choice in the following way. Tickets numbered from one to two hundred were placed in a bag, which was passed around, each person taking one. Each one came up in rotation and got the choice of any one article on the tree. A Mr. Mc-Kenzie who runs the grist mill on the Reserve having secured ticket No. 1 came first. (Trust a Scotchman for getting there in time.)

Another very important day, as you no doubt are aware, is treaty day; but what on till doomsday, I think. What do you rendered the past one more important still think ?

than any of the others was the election of a chief in the room of he late Mistawasuis. There were two candidates for the position. The successful one, and for whom I had the honor to act as scrutineer at the polls, being William Badger, a son-in-law to the late chief. That the new chief is worthy of the position may be seen from the fact that he is ahead of all others on the Reserve in education, as well as of good moral character and capable of preaching effectively in either English or Cree.

Doomsday; the most important of the three and the one most anxiously looked for by all laborers in the Indian mission fields, may be thus appropriately named, seeing that it is still far in the future and might be defined as the day on which the Indian pupils educated under the present school system are to become self-supporting men and women.

To some Canadians this day seems to be not very far away at all, as would appear from their writings in the various papers and magazines, one of these proposing as the only remaining thing to be done to reach this most desirable object, the planting out amongst white people the pupils as they leave the various Industrial Schools after finishing their education.

This undoubtedly would accomplish the object aimed at were it not that Indians like their pale-faced relatives are social animals; and if in the case of the one it takes either large salaries or the love of God to keep white settlers living amongst Indians and away from their kindred, and they desire at all times when duty permits to leave their position for a time, how much more likely are Indians, whose attachment to their kindred is strong as death, to return to their people on the Reserves, though they had to face the "Connaught Rangers"? This idea of Colonies or a Colony system is evidently coming to the front in the different denominations who are interested in the education of the Indians; the Roman Catholics, as often before, taking the lead ern Alberta surrounded with legal barriers as impassable to Protestant missionaries as Thibet itself.

A third writer caps the climax by suggestful device did not strike his mind, viz., removing the school to the centre of the Reserve. By doing so he would have the pupils (at least four-fifths of them) where they will assuredly be and where only they can earn a scant but certain livelihood, and thus avoid the probable result of the colony system, viz., recurring cycle of Reserve, school, scrip or colony, failure, famine, flight or rebellion, rations, reserve, and so

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Our Moreign Missions.

Once a year, as in this issue, Trinidad fills a large place in the RECORD with a story of the year's work, and fills it worthily and well. More might well be given, but space or the lack of it forbids. This year THE RECORD, through the kindness of some friends, gives pictures of the missionaries.

A goodly group they are. In this connection THE RECORD has a favor to ask. It would like to have cuts of all our missionaries, men and women, to introduce them to our readers, and if friends will kindly forward good photographs for that purpose, they will be safely returned within a few days. In addition to these, photos of scenes, groups, buildings, etc., in the mission fields, will be thankfully received for the same purpose and returned to their owners, if desired. Please put your name and address on the back of them.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND W. D. WEEK OF SELF-DENIAL.

Toronto, 25th Feb. 1897. To the Members of Session:

Dear Brethren:

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The indebtedness of the Foreign Mis-sion Committee (W.D.) at this date is \$45,642.00. Adding to this the salaries due Missionaries, and other charges, (\$24,000), to the 30th April, it will be seen that \$69,500 must be got during the months of March and April, to enable the Committee to end the Church year free from debt. Last year in these two months, the sum of \$39,000 was got. This included the contributions from the W.F.M.S. Assuming that the same amount will be got in March and April this year, the Fund will be in debt \$30,500 on the 30th April.

To meet this indebtedness, the Committee affectionately, but most earnestly, appeal to all the congregations of the Church for special contributions. This amount cannot be got without a very general effort throughout the Church.

Sabbath, the 21st March, is the day appointed by the General Assembly for the annual collection upon behalf of Foreign Missions. After careful consideration, the Committee have decided to appeal to all the congregations of the Church, to set apart the week beginning with Sabbath, 14th March, as a week of special prayer and special effort, on behalf of the Foreign Missions of the Church. They urgently request every Session, through its minister, to bring the matter before the congregation on the 14th March, and to hold special meetings during the week for prayer, and for emphasising the urgent need of the Fund at the present juncture.

The Committee think it proper to state that the present emergency does not arise because of diminished contributions on the part of the Church, for these are fully equal

to what they were at the corresponding period last year. The indebtedness arises. partly because of diminution in the amount received from legacies, and especially because of the expansion of the work in the eighteen months. The Committee past. were most unwilling to decline offers of service from several men and women ,who felt called to the work. They were also unwilling not to avail themselves of openings in several of the fields, for the exvansion of the work.

They may have gone too far, yet they cannot believe but that the Church will come to their help, and provide them with the funds necessary, so that their engagements the Missionaries may be implewith mented this year, and the work curtailed as little as possible in the year to come. Surely it is more creditable to the Church, and more in accordance with the mind of the Master, that we enter into the new doors that are being opened in the Providence of God, in connection with the fields in which our work is carried on.

Believing that you share our views in this matter, we confidently ask your cordial and prayerful co-operation in this special effort. We feel assured that if the people connected with our Church are made acquainted with the situation and kindly appealed to by pastors, the response will not be disappointing.

In view of the large amount required to be raised before the 30th April, we take the liberty of suggesting that instead of resting satisfied with a special Sabbath collection, a personal canvass be made of all the members in your congregation. Should this be inexpedient in any congregation, we are prepared to furnish special envelopes, in such numbers as may be required, for distribution, prior to the 21st March, so that they may be returned on that day in the collection plate.

We also take the liberty of suggesting that the Session should bring the urgent needs of the Fund before their Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes and Christian Endeavour Societies, with a view to their hearty co-operation.

We further request that the Sessions see that the amount raised is forwarded, if possible, before the end of March,, to the Rev. Dr. Warden , Toronto , Treasurer of the Church. Dr. Warden is to publish a detailed statement of all contributions received for the various Schemes of the Church, during the ecclesiastical year, from Congregations, Sabbath Schools ,etc., arranged under their respective Presbyteries. The contributions received as the result of this special effort for the Foreign Mission Fund, will be included in this statement.

Again commending this effort to your earnest and prayful consideration.

We remain. yours faithfully, HAMILTON CASSELS, Convener. R. P. MACKAY, Secretary.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

A circular was recently issued by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Western Section of the Church, appealing for contributions on behalf of sufferers because of the famine in India. Homes have been established in connection with the Missions of our Church in Central India, where children who have been abandoned by their parents are received, cared for, and fed.

The money contributed is applied in this way.

In addition to this, part of the money contributed has been forwarded to be used at the discretion of the Missionaries in relieving other sufferers from famine.

The Rev. Dr. Warden, treasurer of the Church has already received a considerable number of contributions from congregations and friends throughout the Church including the handsome sum of \$1,400 from St. Andrew's Church ,London, Ont.

It is believed that aid given in this form will be judiciously distributed and at the same time the interests of our Mission greatly furthered.

All desirous of helping in this good work are invited to forward their contributions to Rev. Robert H. Warden, D.D., Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

ITEMS FROM HONAN.

INTERESTING ENTRACTS FROM "HSIN PAO."

Dr. McClure was summoned to attend a case of wounding with intent to kill, in the main street of Chu Wang. On arrival he found the man lying helpless, and bleeding freely from two deep wounds made across both legs by a large meat chopper, while the man was sleeping. The bleeding was stopped as soon as possible, and the patient, accompanied by the usual rabble, was carried dressed and the man is in the Hospital, doing well.

A young man among the patients who came from Wei Whang city, was examined and recorded as an applicant for baptism.

The work among the women is quite encouraging.

A few days ago, a little boy four years old, son of Mr. Yang, one of our converts the week in hauling building sand for us and helpers in Mou Liang, died quite sud- from the river on finding that no sand denly. Although there is not much ground for supposing that his enemies had anything to do with the death of the boy, they still continue in bitter opposition to him and his family. Report says that 16 villages are ì banded together to oppose him and any others who accept Christianity. They recently applied to the magistrate in Chang. Sabbath labor into the creek.

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te Fu to have Mr. Yang punished but he replica neither he nor they had any business to interfere.

Several of the patients at the Chu Wang dispensary are shewing a decided interest in the Gospel.

A species of "boyscott" is being exercised against workmen employed by the missionaries, at Hsin Chen, making some difficulty in effecting repairs at present.

Last Sabbath's service, 13 Sep., had more than the ordinary number of interruptions at Chang-te-Fu.

The preacher had scarcely announced his text when before the open door appeared a fried cake pedlar, evidently desirous during a lull in business of hearing what was being said.

He was promptly asked to go elsewhere to conduct his business where he would not disturb the meeting. He coolly replied "That's all right mister you won't disturb me in the least you talk away and I'll stay outside here."

For a while all was well till another stranger appeared who evidently had not breakfasted to his satisfaction, for he at once proceeded to purchase, and called aloud to a friend within the chapel to join him in eating fried cakes. This settled the business, for cakes and their owner were at once ordered off the premises.

The sermon is again under way when an ominous scratching and the smell of sulphur from one of the back corners gives warning of an intended smoke. That too is nipped in the bud-the intention-and again the sermon proceeds.

A little later another man comes in who recently lost his mother by death and so at once he proceeds to prostrate himself before the preacher.

Smaller interruptions fill in the time till the service is over.

Yesterday several of the mission friends attended a funeral at Li Kwan Fun. A Christian service was held, and a good impression was evidently made. All but one in that village who strayed over to the Catholic fold have returned.

Oct. 23.-Dr. McClure who has been conined to his room for about a week is going about again.

A harrow-man who was engaged during could be received on the Sabbath resolved to make the best of a bad job, and so hauled sand all day long to a snot near by from whence he could quickly wheel it over on Monday. Monday came but it was blue Monday, for during the night some enemy had dumped the whole of the results of his

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THE BEST WAY TO HELP INDIA'S Jesus Christ, and so it is a most important FAMINE.

BY REV. J. BUCHANAN, M.D.

Dear Mr. Scott :--

Christian nations are beginning to recognize the necessity of doing something for the starving millions of India, and the great question is, how can the offerings be best used to accomplish the purpose the donors have in view. There are many plans adopted any of which are to be preferred to the do-nothing attitude of the heathen. 1. There is the "Free distribution" plan,

either of money or of food, through official channels. This method, the worst of all, but infinitely better than none, is generally adopted by Christian States outside of India. The difficulties of this system are: (1.) The tendency to pauperize the people; (2.) The hospital, and two homes for destitute boys probability that, with all the minor offices ' and girls. of the Indian Government filled by Hindoos and Mohammedans, a considerable percentage of the offerings will cling to the hands of these heathen officials, and of the remainder only a part find its way to those who are really in need.

2. A second method is that of "Rclief Works." The British India Government always adopts this plan with the money it votes from its own treasury towards famine relief. Railroads and canals are built. In this way the people are not pauperized and the country is greatly benefited by the work done.

3. Another way is the "free giving through the missionaries" on the field. This method is much to be preferred especially by activis Christians, to the first mentioned method, because : (1.) The missionaries themselves see that all the money goes where it is needed and intended to go; (2.) It is an indication to the natives that it is because of Christ's love in the hearts of His people, that this generosity is manifested. The praise is given to Him to whom it belongs. But the defects of this system are also somewhat serious. There is the tendency: (1) To pauperize the people, and (2) to lead people to become what are known as "rice Christians."

4. " Relief works through the missionaries " is the best of all the methods of ministering to the dire needs of famine-stricken India. This eliminates the worst elements of the other systems mentioned and gathers up all that is good in them. To people are not pauperized nor made into rice Christians. I for medical treatment may desire to erect a But while their necessities are relieved, they | monument of usefulness in the form of a are made more manly and noble, by giving, I so far as they are able, an equivalent for have been so long neglected afflicted and the temporal benefits received.

In these business relations they come in » contact with the righteousness and kind- additional sums to the \$5,000 Bheel Building ness of the missionary as opposed to the Fund, making in all, given and promised, corruption and oppression of the heathen. \$1,165.34. The items will be reported in The people are taught daily the Gospel of our next issue.-Ed.).

and potent means of reaching the very heart of the people.

I do not refer here to the erection of mission buildings by heathen contractors, as in that way much of the good influence the missionary ought to have is destroyed. My experience teaches, that, I can build considerably cheaper for the mission, and with a great deal better results, both as to quality of work and influence on the people, by taking the place of the contractor myself. We built the hospital at Ujjain, a splendid two story building, 58 ft. x 40 ft. for about \$1,400, in this way, and the work was a great joy and a means of blessing to many.

In the starving Bheel country, in order to start the mission successfully, we require, as sanctioned by the Foreign Mission Committee, a house for the missionaries, an

In addition to the permanent usefulness of these buildings one or two facts, together with what has been stated above, will suffice to show how, in the construction of these necessary buildings, we are contributing most effectually to the relief of the great famine, that will devastate the land for months to come.

Owing to the expensiveness of wood we build almost entirely of brick or stone and hence almost the whole expense of building is found in the labor. The making of bricks, the digging out and dressing of stone, as well as the construction of the buildings themselves, make up in India the very large part of the cost of the structure.

(2) A laboring woman gets about three and a half cents a day, and a man about seven cents a day. So that with ten and a half cents a day they feed and support their little family. If we were giving them food, without receiving any equivalent, just to keep them alive, we could not give them much less than that.

It will be a cause for joy and thanksgiving to many of your readers to know that a lady has decided to build the Boarding School or Ophanage for boys, costing \$500, in memory of her brother. The building will be called after his name, "The Byer's Boarding School for Boys."

Perhaps some one would like to do the same for the girls. The famine will leave many dear little girls and boys homeless, helpless, starving, waifs in the jungle. Or some person who has reason to be grateful hospital for those destitute Bheels who oppressed

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GOOD CHEER FROM INDIA. BY REV. NORMAN H. RUSSELL. Мноw, 31st Dec., 1896.

Dear Mr. Scott :-

Many matters of interest have been transpiring of late in connection with the Lord's work in this part of Central India.

Never have people been so ready to hear the Gospel as now. Our trip through the District has been accompanied by many signs of the Spirit's presence and power. Villages in which formerly we were opposed or had but a scanty hearing turned out in large numbers to hear the message. In the noisiest bazaars and at the busiest times of the day we were always able to gather an attentive audience. We held at times as many as seven meetings a day and still the interest did not flag. At night when we gave our magic lantern talks it was marvellous to see crowds of 300 and 400, in spite of dust and cold, and waiting dinners, sit for an hour and more on the dirty road side listening to our expositions of the parables and other Gospel stories.

Only once did we have any trouble. It was in a new village of about 5,000 people not hitherto visited by us. The head of the police, a bigoted Mohammedan, used his position to try and break up our meeting, because he had been somewhat worsted in the afternoon in an argument on the Divinity of Christ.

He had many sympathizers in the large crowd gathered round the street, and we were strangers, preaching a strange religion, and condemning their idolatry and other sinful practices in no measured terms; but the Lord of Hosts was with us, and though we were only four we did not fear. The railing of the enemy was turned into a means for God's glory, and the cause of Christ triumphed.

In Manpur, where you will remember the Roman Catholics followed us and gave us so much trouble a few years ago, we had a splendid time. The village officials all came out to hear us, and never have we had such large crowds as on this occasion.

The Roman Catholics have left Manpur, though they had been at a large expense in The bungalow work there. beginning which they bought has been razed to the ground and the priest and his followers have taken their leave.

We spent a few days among the Bheels, who received us with as many signs of in-terest as ever. These people from their very ignorance and simplicity appeal all the more strongly to one. In our beautiful camping ground among the hills surrounded on all sides by the little Bheel villages, my heart went up to God in great thankfulness that at last something is to be done by our Church specially for the poor Bheel, meated with Gospel truth and and I cannot but feel that it will be a moved mightily towards Christ. field rich in fruit.

with the Agent the other evening, he who | sure it will be to us in Central India.

was so kind in offering to help us two years ago. He has lately returned and is warmer than ever in his desire to get us located in the Bheel country.

He says he is glad we did not get in where we wanted to go at first as it would not have been a satisfactory place for beginning work. But he assures us he will have no difficulty in settling us in a much more populous district.

When we think that there are so many places, and that it is just a choice of the centre where we will reach the greatest number of thousands, it makes one's heart burn, that we cannot get men and means enough to enter every opening.

Altogether our district work this year has been the most inspiring and most blessed of any year we have been out. We find a spirit of interest and enquiry abroad everywhere. Surely it is the forerunner of a blessed harvest.

Dr. Smith reached Bombay on the 20th. All were well except the baby, who I am sorry to say has been very ill ever since. They are now settled at Mhow, where, we trust, she may soon be on the way to recovery.

Dr. Smith has been warmly welcomed by the whole mission, and we feel we have in him an able and experienced helper. On Christmas morning, he was received by the Native congregation at Mhow, and presented with an address. He has already entered on his labors and preached for the first time in the "Kirk" on Sabbath last.

As we have had the Christians in from the villages all the week we have held special services, beginning with communion on Sabbath. The meetings have been largely devoted to prayer for more power and a growth in grace, and they have been fraught with much blessing.

The people were much solemnized by the sudden and sad death of one of the brightest of our Christian women, on Sabbath evening. There is a great desire among the Christians for more power, and a higher spiritual life. This morning we held a session of two and a half hours to talk and pray over the enquirers in the different villages.

We have a good many especially among the *dholis* or drum-players, the caste that has given us many of our Christians, and two or three of our workers. I recently baptized one of these men who has been a seeker for two years past. Strange to say he first heard the truth in his own village, on the occasion when we had so much trouble there and were hopeless of having accomplished any good.

The whole of this caste, numbering here some hundreds of people, have been permeated with Gospel truth and are being

To-morrow begins a new year; may it be Speaking of the Bheels I had a long talk richly blessed to you all at home as we feel

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OUR TRINIDAD MISSION.

GENERAL REPORT FOR 1896.

During the year the work of this Mission was carried forward on the usual lines.

Rev. Wm. L. Macrae and Miss Fisher left on furlough in May. The former returned in December and the latter is expected shortly. In December, Miss Kirkpatrick retired after her full term of service in the San Fernando School and Miss Archibald has returned to take her place.

has returned to take her place. In October, Rev. J. B. Cropper, who completed his course of study in April, returned from Canada, was received by the Presbytery, went on to Demerara, and took up the work at "Better Hope" East Coast, thus extending the work of this Canadian Mission to that Colony.

On April 3rd ,three Senior Students who had completed their course of study were ordained to the work of the Ministry, and appointed, David Ujagarsingh to Oropouche, Paul Bhukhan to St. Joseph, and Andrew Gayadeen to Caroni, where they have labored with success.

The work has extended in many new settlements and centres of population, following up the people, who are flocking out into the country as road and railways prepare the way. In this work our catechists are a most valuable branch of the service.

No change has been made in the Education Ordinance during the year, and the present cumbersome fee-system still continues, to the annoyance of Teachers, Managers, Wardens and Education Officers. Changes of some kind will probably be effected before the end of 1897. We reaffirm our conviction that school fees must be abolished, and a moderate measure of compulsory attendance enforced to get the full benefit of the expenditure on Education.

The death of three teachers within two months greatly weakened the staff in Couva, and nearly all our schools suffered during the year from the prevalence of measles.

Sabbath School work has greatly extended in 1896, and there are prospects of still further advance in the future.

There has been an increase in nearly every item of the following statistics.

We record our sincere thanks to all who have in any way assisted our work during the year.

A. W. THOMPSON, Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION FOR YEAR 1896.

Canadian Missionaries	5 Av 4 Con
Catechists 5	1
Bible Women	3
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" Children	
" Total 46	
Marriages	5 car
Canadian Lady Teachers.	1 F
Schools	
Boys on Roll Quarterly	
Baptisms, Adults. 19. "Children	B 5 car 4 I 5 sen

Girls on Roll Quarterly
Total """
Average daily Attendance
Total Enrolled for year
Communicauts, Dec. 31st. 1895 540
" Added in 1396 80
" Died " 11
" Removed " 2
" Suspended " 2
In good Standing, Dec. 31st, 1896 600
Sunday Schools 64
" " On Roll 2753
" " Daily Average 1725
Contributed by Proprietors £ 465
" Native Church £730.11s.5d.
Average Contribution per Commu-
nicant £ 1.4.4d.
= \$5.84 sp.
or \$5.92 Dom. Cy.

REV. JOHN MORTON, D.D.

Missionary in Tunapuna District.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Another year has passed without a day's illness. Three weeks in February were spent in St. Lucia, overlooking the work there, and the rest of the year was devoted to Trinidad. The following are the statistics of Tunapuna District for the year.

Canadian Missionary 1
Ordained Natives
Catechists
Bible Women
Baptisms, Adults
" Children
" Total 162
Canadian Lady Teachers 1
Schools
Boys on Roll 731
Girls "
Total " Quarterly 1052
Average Daily Attendance 708
Total enrolled for year 1522
Communicants, Dec. 31st, 1895 92
" Added in 1896
" Died " 2
" Removed " 2
" Suspended " 0 In good standing, Dec. 31st, 1896 106
In good standing, Dec. 31st. 1896 106
Sunday Schools
Number on Roll
Daily Average
Contributed by Proprietors £ 110
" by Native Church. $\pounds141.13s.4d$.
Average per Communicant £1.6s.9d.
Contributed by Grey Fliar's Church
Port of Spain, Ladies' Missionary
Aid Society and Sabbath Schools.
£25.0s.0d.

All the proposals of last report have been carried out, as follows :---

Paul Bhukhan and Andrew Gayadeen, senior catechists, who had passed through the Training College were ordained at Tuna-

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puna on the 3rd of April, and appointed, the former to St. Joseph and the latter to Caroni. These are mission districts not congregations.

Ishmael Jageshwar was appointed catechist at Sangre Grande, John Lutchmansing to St. Juan, and John Talaram in Port of Spain. His wife Deborah, one of the Home girls, was also appointed Bible woman in Port of Spain.

Henry Gajhadhar of St. Lucia, who was here for special training in the College, had charge of Chaguanas in place of John Lutchmansing.



Rev. John Morton, D.D.

Among the teachers there have been no: changes during the year. Measles and Influenza considerably reduced the attendance at account what they have been taught. The several of our schools and carried off a number of children ; but the epidemic seems to be dving out.

reneated attacks of fever and from a general lack of strength. This interfered not in 1894, nave been useful and wen-benerous a little with his work. A vacation of three two will be so shortly—three out of the four weeks in Grenada seems to have done little good and he is still far from strong though to teachers. good and he is still fail from the so the The Home closes for the present, to site improving. Rev. A. Gayadeen has on the Mrs. Morton some relief from the confinecontrary enjoyed excellent health and his Mrs. Morton some rener from the commedistrict has felt the influence of his welldirected vigor.

chists, and give even a brief estimate of his work would unduly lengthen this Report. In this way we drill the school children, to Let it suffice that generally their conduct entertain their friends and present to all and diligence have been commendable, while the dangers of intemperance. some have excelled.

Miss Blackadder, however, must be specially noticed. She has now completed 20 years in Trinidad, a long term of school service in such a climate. In the lack of room for her school children and the lack of funds to enlarge the building, she has been exerting herself among friends to raise means, and has the near prospect of getting her new room without drawing on the ordinary funds. Her report shows that she has given our Mission another year of good work.

The test of the secular work for the year is the Government Annual examination for results. Out of eleven schools assisted by Government, six were graded very good. three good and two fair.

The Religious instruction of the young falls upon both teachers and catechists, and is the point upon which particular attention must be concentrated, because many children can be reached in the Dayschool who cannot be got into the Sundayschool.

In the Tunapuna school the senior classes were taken into Mrs. Morton's daily Bible class for the Home girls with results so excellent that we are stimulated to devise an extension of similar measures for other schools in 1897.

The Girls' Home was re-opened at the end of January and closed Dec. 19th. Eight girls took the full course or nearly so. Two were from Princestown, two from Couva, and four from different parts of the Tunapuna District. Six of them had passed the 3rd or4th standard in our day-schools. This made the work of the Home more satisfactory than in previous years.

They were taught in their own language. Scripture knowledge, with training in the art of teaching others; off-hand translation of Hindi and English; singing, arithmetic and a simple English history; hesides all the arts necessary to their housekeeping.

The conduct of the girls was excellent, and it was with much regret our people saw them leave the Home. The four belonging to this district will shortly he employed in school work and thus turn to others have returned to their respective districts.

Most of the girls formerly trained were Rev. Paul Bhukhan suffered much from a remained unmarried when the Home closed in 1894, have been useful and well-behaved. Two have since been married, and the last

a new set of girls to come forward.

rected vigor. To name each of the teachers and cate- A large number of School and to the teachers and cate- A large number of School and to the second during the year.

I have placed the statistics of the year

prayer.

The original three who weathered the storm that dismasted the "Aurora" in Dec., 1867, after 29 years are here s.in, and Miss was the language of the morning service Blackadder after 20 years. Around us are in town and at all country stations visited. these native agents and converts, the fuit and English in the Bible class and in evenof our past labors, and a vast multitude ing service. still to be called. Hopefully and thankfully do we lift up our hearts to the Lord who giveth the increase. Brethren, pray for us.

REV. K. J. GRANT, D.D., Missionary in San Fernando District. TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.



Rev. K. J. Grant, D.D.

As Mr. Fraser furnishes a full report on schools with statistics and Babu Lal Bihari on the work of catechists I will avoid in my brief report of the year any reference to these matters.

1. From the middle of May to Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Fraser were at Princestown, but from the superintendence and general direction of schools I was relieved by my son George, who also visited three stations on the Sabbath, chiefly to promote S. S. Work. Mr. Fraser continued in charge of the finances of the district and paid monthly of the Sabbath school. We follow closely saluries to teachers, catechists, etc.

at the beginning of this report, that they session, I gave two days weekly to instrucmay be pondered over with praise and tion there. The remaining part of the week was occupied in matters almost innumerable, and nearly every hour of the Sabbath was devoted to active work. Hindustani

> 3. The erection of St. Mary's Village, Rusillac and Fyzabad stations, into a congregation known as the Oropouche congregation, by the Presbytery, and the ordination of Ujagar Singh were events of interest. The election of elders there, and for the Church here, showed a discrimination most creditable to the members, and we believe has deepened the interest and sense of responsibility, not only of the elders, but of those who chose them. The presence of Dr. Morrison at the ordination of elders at Oropcuche added very much to the service, and his stay here, though brief, will not soon be forgotten.

4. Miss Kirkpatrick's retirement a few weeks ago, and the appointment of Miss Archibald who is now with us as her successor may justify a special reference to San Fernando school. The whole history of this school shows steady progress. In 1876 we erected a school house 40 x 20. Ten years ago to provide additional accommodation the main building was raised and the basement has ever since served for the infants. The two stories are now inadequate, and the limited space around will not allow of additions. When to this I add that the school house stands within 36 feet of the Manse, it would not appear desirable to have more than 150 children in such close quarters. This has pressed upon the Council the question of acquiring a property with a large house, fairly suited to our needs, on our western boundary, but I will not anticipate the action of the Council.

This school has settled the question of educating girls. Out of a roll of 260, the girls number 101. Of 145 children of Christian parents, 79 are girls and 66 boys; whilst of 88 Hindoos there are 18 girls and 70 boys; and of 27 Mohammedans, 4 are girls and 23 boys.

Did Hindoos and Mohammedans give the same proportion of girls as Christians, the families now connected with the school would send up 62 girls additional.

5. Many of the Indians and Chinese are aiming at giving their daughters a good English education, and of getting them acquainted with needle work in its various branches. The effects of school work are visible in many comfortable, neatly arranged homes.

6. Linked with the day school is the work the International lessons, and every day's 2. I was daily engaged in the Training lesson in school bears directly on the Sab-School; the time given averaged one and a bath School which is attended in this dis-half hours daily. When the College was in trict by upwards of 900 children. Many of

these can give the titles and golden texts some attention. Miss Eliza Baptiste-who is under six years, daughter of Rev. Lal. Biha- with encouraging results. ri-104 distinct propositions without an error. Many know the Shorter Catechism by heart, and we aim at having it committed by all the more advanced pupils.

7. Our annual congregational meeting was held this New Year's morning. The day was bright and all faces betokened hearts in harmony with the day and season. A presentation of a writing desk of unique design was made to the organist Mr. Charles Mootoo, who gives his services gratuitously. The report both of the Treasurer of the congregation and the Secretary of the Sabbath School, was very cheering; and the proposal by Mr. Fraser to relieve the F. M. Board by raising here £25 additional of my salary, thus providing two-thirds of the whole, was readily adopted; and offers of special contributions well nigh covered the amount voted.

8. A growing sense of responsibility is a hopeful feature of the mission.

9. The marked and constant co-operation of gentlemen in charge of estates deserves special acknowledgment.

And above all, we give thanks to God who hath daily loaded us with His benefits.

REV. W. L. MACRAE, Missionary in Princestown District. TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

December 31st, 1996.

On the 21st inst I returned to Trinidad, having been absent on furlough in Canada, since the end of May.

During my absence the work in this dis-, trict was very carefully and faithfully man-, aged by Mr. Fraser and Mr. Sou leen.

For various reasons the school work in, this district is at a disadvantage neces-, sitating constant work and worry. In all, we have fourteen schools, ten of which are, Assisted by Government and four upheld, entirely by our Mission. We hope to have, one of these placed on the Government list before the end of 1897.

The native teachers for the most part did their work well. A gradual but steady improvement is apparent in the work of this class of agents.

Miss Sinclair has completed her second; year's work very successfully.

Catechist work received the usual attention. Eleven men were engaged during the examination on the entire lessons for 1895 whole year and four others gave a part only was held and the majority of the children of their time to the work.

Attention was also given to their instruction every week. In going about their daily work these faithful men are not unfrequently called upon to endure hardness in the form of abuse from the baser sort of their countrymen, but this is cheerfully borne for the Master's sake and perhaps | helps their training.

Special work among women has received

for the whole year without being prompted; now Mrs. Toulsee-was engaged, with three this was done last Sabbath by a little girl others. in this work for several months

Mrs. Mahabir and others rendered invaluable help gratuitously, and Mrs. Fraser made her influence felt admirably in this direction. Thus an effort has been made to bring the light of divine truth into some of our homes through, this important agency which we hope to see more effective in the future than it has been in the past.

Considerable advance has been made in Sabbath School work. Throughout the district twenty-two schools were in operation, with an enrollment of 884 and an average daily attendance of 483.



Rev. W. L. Macrae.

Much credit is due to our young people-chiefly members of our Y. P. S. C. E.-who so cheerfully undertake this work in the different districts.

At the beginning of the year a written was held and the majority of the children who attended made a commendable percentage.

Two Christian Endeavour Societies are regularly carried on which materially help to interest our boys and girls in Bible Study and train the older ones for Christian work.

Perhaps never in the history of our Mission did the need of earnest united prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit seem so urgent as at the present time. On

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the one hand there is the whitening of the "fields to harvest" and a growing need for extension of work which the present financial depression forbids. On the other hand there is a deep craving on the part of your missionaries for a larger measure of the Power from On High to operate in and through the entire machinery of our Mission, which never was so complete as at the present time.

STATISTICS.

Catechists 15
Marriages
Baptisms, Adults 22
" Infants
" Total
Schools 14
Pupils on roll for year 1224
" daily average 485
Sunday Schools
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2 UNIT OF TOTAL
" daily average 483
Communicants in good standing 107
" died 1
" removed 1
" syspended 1
" added 17
Income of Native Church £ 136.15s.5d.

REV. A. W. THOMPSON,

Missionary in the Couva District.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The work of the year has been carried on a under heavy disabilities. As reported last year two of our most intelligent teachers, were cut off by death in the latter part of December. Our first worl, was to fill their places. This done, we began to gather up the ends of the work that had Len in the hands of others while we were on furiough. School work had just begun when death claimed a very promising teacher. Ill health compelled another to retire from the work. In July, three more went up to the Training School at San Fernando, Miss Fisher went home on a well-carned furiough, and it was no easy task to carry on the work

Rev. Mr. MacRae kindly loaned us Edmund Mahabir, one of his teachers, who with several assistants did his best for Exchange School.

For the other schools we were obliged to use whatever materials we could lay our hands on.

At the close of the year only two teachers occupy the places held by them at the beginning of the year.

An epidemic of sickness passed over the greater part of the district and while we lost but few scholars by death, the attendance at a number of the schools was much reduced. Heavy rains in the latter part of the year added their quota towards a further reduction of the attendance in the country districts.

Notwithstanding all these hindrances good progress was made. The results of

the School examinations were in every case satisfactory and the general trend of school work has kept steadily upward. The young lads who were early called upon to fill up the gaps in the ranks of teachers met our expectations and have given promise of being in due time worthy successors of those who have been called away.

Those at the Training School will be able to graduate, we trust early in June, and will form a most welcome addition to our weakened staff.

Ten schools were in operation throughout the year with an average quarterly Roll of 669, an average quarterly attendance of 403 with 904 enrolled for the year. These figures show a considerable increase over those of the previous year.



Rev. A. W. Thompson.

In "making disciples of the Nations," the Sabbath School is one of the most potent factors and must have the first place in our scheme of education. Our work is to "disciple" the nations, "teaching them," etc.

The plan of work required by law for the Day School allows but scant time for religious instruction. Our commission is not to teach Grammar or Arithmetic, but *the truth*, and with the one aim of leading men and women to become disciples of Christ. Secular studies are useful only so far as they help to the accomplishment of this end. The Sabbath is a day of rest from all labor and there is an opportunity for teaching old as well as young.

To get them together is our first task.

Men and women make all sorts of excuses Added in 1896................ and he must needs be a wise fisher of men | who would catch them. Parents, though wide awake to the advantages of the Day School, either oppose or are indifferent to the Sunday School and the boys and girls are clever enough to make the most of this to avoid attending.

To secure suitable teachers is the second task. Our available Indian workers for the most part have more the need of being taught themselves than the ability to teach others. This can easily be understood and is not by any means a reflection upon them. In time this difficulty, we trust, will pass away.

To this important work much thought and effort was devoted during the year and it is now in a much more satisfactory state than ever before. The number of schools and scholars has increased-the latter has almost doubled-and the interest of the teachers has been much quickened.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Arbuckle, a Scotch lady of Couva, for patient and painstaking labor on behalf of Miss Fisher's class during her absence. Her efforts have won the regard of her scholars and those who are fellow-laborers with her. We hope to have her henceforth as one of our permanent Sunday School workers. Ten Catechists were employed during the year and the usual methods of work adopted.

Three Bible women were also employed during the greater part of the year. They aimed at doing for the women and girls what the catechists do for the men. From this new venture encouraging results have followed.

Over 100 women are under instruction and many homes have been cheered and brightened by their visits.

Regular weekly prayer meetings are held by the people in four districts. We have been much cheered by this step in advance over past years and take it as an evidence of quickening and developing spiritual life.

Such in brief outline is the history of the past year so far as words and figures can present it. Underneath all is the quiet working of the Holy Spirit through whose aid and blessing alone our efforts can be effectual.

STATISTICS OF COUVA FIELD FOR 1896.

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Canadian Missionary	נ
Ordained Natives	Ö
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Catechists	10
Bible Women	- 3
Baptisms, Adults	41
" Children	- 44
" Total	85
Marriages	7
Canadian Lady Teachers	1
Schools	10
Boys on Roll	489
Girls "	180
Total " (Quarterly)	669
Average Daily Attendance	403
Total enrolled for the year	904
Communicants last Report	85

5 Died.. 2 Removed..... 0 Suspended.. 1 Sunday Schools..... 14 In good standing, Dec. 31st, 1896.. .. 90 Number on Roll..... 551 299. "Native Church... 110. 0s. 0d. Average Conrtibution per Commu-nicant..... £1. 4s. 4d. or \$5.84

REV. S. A. FRASER,

Missionary, with Dr. Grant, in the San Fernando Field.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

I took charge of Princestown district in May, when Mr. Macrae left on furlough to Canada. I still continued the management of the finances of San Fernando field, and Mr. George Grant took my place in visiting the schools and thus greatly aided his father in the work.

In Princestown, which was a compa-ratively new field to me, I was greatly assisted in the visitation of the schools and in the general management of the work by the zealous and trustworthy, by Mr. C. C. Soudeen.

We carried on the work very much along the lines laid down by Mr. Macrae. This field is in some respects an exceptionally difficult one, but under the blessing of God and by daily effort and constant watchfulness on the part of many of our workers, steady progress has been made.

For statistics and particulars see Mr. Macrae's report.

Returning to San Fernando. By mutual arrangement my report of work in this district is to consist largely of statistics which will perhaps be dry to some, but to the more thoughtful will give food for reflection. Dr. Grant will report on the general features of the work including parti-culars about Sabbath Schools.

A good many changes have been made in our list of catechists during the past year. Nehal Singh, one of our college students, went to Grenada early in the year to assist in Mission work among the Indian people of that Island. Later, Rameshwar went to Demarara in response to an appeal made by Mr. Slayter for a catechist to hold the ground until the arrival of Mr. Cropper. Telik Singh, who had been a successful catechist in Oropouche and La Fortuna some years ago and returned to India, came back to Trinidad in October, and as again taken up work in La Fortuna. He is a strong man and I have no doubt will do good work. Baldeo one of our senior col-lege students, commonly known as the deaf pundit, died in October, after a long illness which he bore with Christian patience and resignation. Our catechists have generally been very faithful and have overtaken a large amount of work.

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Services have been conducted regularly ing for school purposes. We visited the during the year by the catechists and place to see what the prospects were for the missionaries in twenty-eight different places Sabbath day. Hospitals are ali every accessible to our agents and are frequently visited, and the Gospel is preached from door to door on the estates. The seed has been sown in many hearts. We look to God for the increase.

There has also been a number of changes in the list of our schools. and a considerable extension in school work. Caratal was closed from the first of the year on account of the small attendance and the poor prospects of any appreciable increase in the population in the near future.

A few of the more advanced children are attending one of our other schools.



Rev. S. A. Fraser.

Bien revert to us as they had not been making satisfactory progress under Creole : the teachers employed by the Government. We took charge of them the first of June with the result that the attendance in one has been doubled and in the other greatly increased. Indian teachers as a rule are required for the successful management of our country Indian Schools. Government aid has been granted to Rusilac School for six months from the 1st January, 1897.

Early in the year a heathen man living in the jungle came entreating us to open themselves. a school in that locality and offered a build-

opening of a school, and from one little hill we were able to count over sixty families where a few years ago there was not a house.

These people when the term of their indenture expired on the estates moved into the jungle, purchased a small piece of land on which they raise in some cases sufficient rice and vegetables to support themselves. Many of them will doubtless in a short time become independent. It is important that we follow these people with the Gospel as many of them were under religious instruction while on the estates. A school was opened. The attendance has not been large chiefly because the people have no roads, and the heavy rains in the wet season made their little paths in many places impassable.

The action of this heathen land shows that a change is taking place in the minds of the people regarding the education of their children.

I reported a small school last year in Tabaquite but early this year we suspended school work and approached the Government by a petition for a Government school. Our prayer was not entertained so we resumed work again in August on a larger scale, and have now just completed a new school house sufficiently large for the school and teacher's residence.

We have now in this prosperous cocos district, which is being tapped by a new branch of railway, a flourishing school with cighty children on the roll and an average attendance of fifty-nine. Application has been made to have it placed on the list of Government Assisted Schools.

Our schools have generally done very satisfactory work, a number of them attaining a high mark of efficiency.

The old difficulty of getting the children into the schools still exists to a considerable extent. We hope the Government will have wisdom given them to pass a compulsory education Ordinance and thus save us expense and worry, and help to give to the people, who are too ignorant to know its value, the blessings of education.

Our twelve Night Schools have also done good work. About sixty people have passed the examination in Hindi. The demand It was mutually agreed that Canaan and for Christian literature is increasing from Venue Government schools should year to year. Rev. Lal Biharri sold about 5,000 books and tracts during this year amounting in value to \$120.00.

In addition to the new building at Tabaquite, we have erected a large schoolhouse at Harmony Hall, which gives us a teacher's residence and ample accommodation for 95 children. A building has also been erected on the outskirts of San Fernando for Sabbath School and Night School purposes. Our young people in San Fernando voluntarily came forward and gave a table, benches, etc., and carry on the Sabbath School

Our Catechist's house at Canaan has been

enlarged thus making it comfortable for a man with a family.

Considerable repairs have also been effected on other buildings. Buildings like everything else in this country require care and frequent patching as they soon decay. The income from the Native Church notwithstanding the hard times exceeds that of last year by £30.

At a congregational meeting of Susamachar church, San Fernando, it was unanimously agreed to contribute £25 more to Dr. Grant's salary, thus making the annual contribution from the congregation in San Fernando town £200.

Fernando town 2200.
The following are the statistics of the San
Fernando District for the year 1896 :
Baptisms, Adults
" Children
" Total 148
Marriages 33
Catechists 17
Schools
Boys on Roll 875
Girls " 375
Total
Daily Average
Total on roll for year 1767
Communicants last Report 267
Added during year 40
Died
Suspended 0
Removed 4
Total now in good standing 297
Sabbath Schools
Number on Roll 1028
Daily Average
Income Native Church £342 2s. 8d.

COLLEGE REPORT, 1896.

Work in The Presbyterian College, Triat Mid-Summer.

During the first term I was absent three weeks in St. Lucia, and so pressed with Lalbihari will report respecting it.

As we had a student from St. Lucia, who was to return at the end of the year it was decided to form only one class from April diary, an abstract of which is entered up in 13th, and let the students come into resi- my book once a month. From entries made dence every alternate week. This plan was I find that the Catechists held 6,868 meetcarried out and worked well.

took the work on Monday and Tuesday. for our sins and rose again according to the My subjects were Biblical Theology, The Scriptures. Statistics may look meagre, Life and Parables of Christ, and practical but we have often satisfactory proof that training for Mission work. The subjects the leaven is working where there is no open studied were a constant source of interest profession. God has given us fruit enough, to teacher and taught, and with a narrow margin for the indolence inherent in our joy would be full if the picture of the doves nature the lessons were satisfactorily pre- flying to their windows were realized in the pared.

All the arrangements and work of the year were carried out with the utmost harmony. John Morton, President.

REPORT OF REV. LAL BIHARI FOR 1896.

1. At the outset I beg to state that my work is performed chiefly in Hindustani, and in any part of the San Fernando district in which I appear to be most needed. In the town work I am associated with Dr. Grant, but chiefly among the Hindustani speaking; in the country I accompanied Mr. Fraser until he went to take charge of Mr. Macrae's work during his absence in Canada, and then I went with Mr. George Grant, B.A., when he visited and examined schools. I would go to the estate hospital in the morning, and in the afternoon, if it suited, to the laborers houses.

2. I also gave a day weekly to college work. In comparing Hindooism and Mo-hammedanism with Christianity, or the religion of the Shastes and Koran with that of the Bible, I made free use of a well known Christian book called " sat mat niru-pan"; and also "Divine Revelation", this being the title of a book published by the Canadian Mission Press at Rutlam, and written by Mr. Wilson, a missionary there. From the writings of Moses, I selected ten types of Christ, and in the New Testament traced the Apostle Paul in his three missionary journeys.

We also studied several Christian hymns in Hindi ; and in astronomy went far enough to satisfy the students as to the absurdity of the Hindoo's explanation of eclipses.

3. On every Saturday all the Catechists and some of the teachers met at 9 a.m. and remained in session till 11 o'clock. The International Series of Sunday School nidad, began January, 1896, and closed at Lessons supplied us our weekly subject. the end of November. There were two Weekly, two, as pre-arranged, read each a vacations—two weeks at Easter and four paper on the lesson, others followed aiming at enlargement, and then I followed with such a presentation of the subject as I thought suitable. Sometimes Dr. Grant, or work on my return that I took no part in Mr. Fraser, being present assisted. It was the College Work, so that Dr. Grant and expected that all would make this lesson the basis of at least some remarks on Sabbath.

4. All Catechists are required to keep a ings in the year attended by 65,718 people-Eleven students were in attendance. I the burden of their message is Christ died to show that we labor not in vain; but our ingathering of my Indian countrymen.

We see another New Year; millions see it not who desired to see it, let God be praised who continues our life.

Poung People's Societies.

THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE'S "PLAN OF STUDY."

CONDUCTED BY REV. R. D. FRASER, CONVENER.

The Monthly Topics for 1897 consist of a General Survey, and are adapted to all the various sorts of young people's societies. The second weekly meeting of the month the deficit? is to be devoted to them; and attention is drawn to the fact that a specially prepared Topic Card for Presbyterian Y.P.S.C.E's. is for sale by the Endcaror Herald Co., Toronto, at 60c. per hundred. It is issued by arrangement with the Assembly's Com-mittee, and embraces the Monthly Topics of the Plan of Study.

Topic for week beginning April 11th.

THE WORK ABROAD.

Our Foreign Field.

Isa. 49 : 1-12.

LITERATURE. .

The excellent summary given this month by Rev. Dr. Morrison, the Sectedary of the Eastern Division of the Fore.gn Mission Committee, and Rev. R. P. Mackay, Secre-tary of the Western Division, will, of itself, afford ample material for a capital meeting. Better still, use it as an index to the Report on Foreign Missions in the Minutes of Assembly, which your Minister or Elders can supply.

The Recours for a year would be found a valuable mine of information and incident. Every public Sabbath School and private Library has its books on Missions, from which facts relating to our own fields may be obtained. Funk & Wagnalls' Encyclopacdia of Missions is replete with information. Dr. Geddic's Life, by Patterson, and Far Formosa, should be utilized. From Rev. R. P. McKay's Leaflets on China and India, and excellent little pamphlets on India, and excellent fittle painfinets on Honan, Formosa, Central India, The Indian Missions in the North-West, may be had at merely nominal prices from Mr. McKay, at the Church offices, Confederation Life Building, Toronto. He will also furnish free an excellent little booklet just publish-tree an excellent little booklet just publish-and a half. ed, "Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.-Abstract and Appeal."

POINTS FOR THE PROGRAMME.

A sketch map on blackboard or sheet of wall paper of one or more of the fields.

A list of our foreign missionaries, to be divided up among the younger members and recited.

The Scripture warrant for Missions. The Prophecies and Missions.

Biographical sketches, of some of our best known missionaries.

A medical missionary; a Zenana worker; a teacher at work.

Educational work in Missions.

The Indian Industrial Schools.

Native preachers and helpers.

The work still to be done.

What can our Society do to wipe out

Paragraphs.

I. A SEVEN FOLD ARGUMENT FOR MISSIONS.

1. A missionary Gospel. It teaches that all men are lost and need salvation; and, that the offer of salvation is universal.

missionary Spirit.-Nothing else 2. A. leads to such a high type of piety and consecration amongst Christians.

3. A missionary *History*.—The highest civilization has sprung from and is linked with Christianity.

4. A missionary Progress.-However slow it may be, there is a gradual and sure moulding of personal and social life in missionary fields.

5. A missionary *Purpose*.—To carry the good news to every land and every creature.

6. A missionary Prophecy.-That the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

7. A missionary Presence.-" Lo ! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."-Missionary Review of the World.

II. CHINA'S BITTER CRY.

Think of this Empire of the East, stretching its coast-line 3,000 miles by the Pacific Ocean; 430,000 square miles larger in area than all Europe; four degrees wider than the whole United States; including one-quarter of the continent of Asia, and one-fourteenth of the habitable Globe within its borders; its circuit half the circum-

and a half.

Think of its people, numbering onequarter of the human race-six times as many as in all the United States, equal to the population of Europe, or of Africa, North America, South America and Australasia. 24,000 die in China every day.

To reach this inconceivable mass of humanity, there are only 1,500 messengers of Christ.

"A need, a need known, and the power to meet that need, constitute a call."

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III. FROM A STATE PAPER.

In Dr. W. A. P. Martin's new book, A Cycle of Cathay, he quotes Colonel Denby, the American Minister in China, as follows. The words are from a despatch to the Secretary of State, of March, 1895 :--

"As far as my knowledge extends, I can, and do say that the missionaries in China are self-sacrificing ; that their lives are pure: that they are devoted to their work; that the arts and sciences and civilization are greatly spread by their efforts; that many some time before Dr. Geddie's death in 1872. useful Western books are translated by This was the first Canadian mission to the useful Western books are translated by them into Chinese; that they are the lead-ers in all charitable work, giving largely themselves, and personally disbursing the funds with which they are entrusted; that they do make converts and such converts they do make converts, and such converts are mentally benefited by conversion. In the matter of education the movement is immense. Missionaries are the pioneers of trade and commerce. Civilization, learn-ing, instruction, breed new wants which commerce supplies. Humanity has not devised any better, or even any as good, engine or means for civilizing savage people, large number of native teachers, devoted as proselytism to Christianity. The his-tory of the world attests this fact."

their work. I was present at a meeting Training Institute for native teachers and eight or nine years ago, where he made an pastors, which is located on Tangoa, a little address, in which he publicly recanted and ascribed the change in his views to what he had seen in visits to Mission Stations in missionaries, we support 48 teachers, at \$25 various parts of China."

the eve of embarking for his field of labor, intervals, so that the missionaries can get once held up before my eyes something that about among the islands, and receive their resembled an elegant bird-cage and asked supplies and mails from the outside world. me to guess what it contained. Said I, 'I have not the least idea—a fairy queen, per-haps, for it looks like a palace.' 'It is a palace,' he said, 'and it shelters a queen; Î am taking a queenbee to India, to improve 29th year. Rev. Dr. Morton and his wife. the native breed of honey-makers.' Beautiful emblem of the gospel of Christ, which redeems human nature from its wild state, and enriches, and sweetens this life with a foretaste of that which is to come." Dr. Martin in "A Cycle of Cathay."

V. WHAT IT COSTS.

"The cost of administration of our Foreign Mission Fund, including printing, rent, etc., is about 5 per cent. The effort is made to do away with all needless expenditure, in order that the gifts of the Church may be as nearly as possible devoted to the work for which they are given."

Rev. R. P. McKay, Mission Secretary,

Eastern Division.

BY REV. DR. MORRISON, HALIFAX.

THE NEW HEBKIDES.

The Mission to the New Hebrides was undertaken in 1844. Mr. Geddie (afterwards Dr. Geddie) left Nova Scotia in 1846, and began work on Aneityum in 1848. Through the labors of Dr. Geddie' and his wile, and those of Dr. Inglis and his wife, who began work in 1852, that island was Christianized some time before Dr. Geddie's death in 1872. heathen in a Foreign land.

The work in the New Hebrides has since then been prosecuted by the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Churches in Australia and New Zealand, as well as by our own beloved Presbyterian Church in Canada.

There are about 30 islands in the group ; . some of which are now Christian, and on nearly all of which missionaries are settled.

There are 23 missionaries with their wives, who have under their supervision a Christians, who are the most effective evangelizing agents, and who will ultimately

island south of Santo.

In addition to the salaries of these each per annum, help the work in the Train-IV. A QUEEN BEE. "An old missionary, Dr. Woodside, of the American Presbyterian Mission in India, on the eve of embarking for his field of labor

TRINIDAD.

The Trinidad Mission has completed its who opened it in the beginning of 1868, are still in the field, and vigorously at work. So also are Rev. Dr. Grant and his wife, who joined it in the early part of 1871. These devoted and able missionaries have witnessed a wonderful growth by God's blessing on the wise plans and earnest labors of themselves and their associates in after years.

The East Indian immigrance, of whom there are over 80,000 in Trinidad, and about 200,000 in the neighboring islands and Demerara are the people among whom this mission is carried on.

There are now 5 Canadian male missionaries in Trinidad, and 1 in Demerara. There are 4 ordained Natives, 55 catechists, 4 Canţ

adian lady teachers, 57 Native teachers, 58 schools, with a Training School for teachers, and a college for native pastors-from which the surrounding islands are supplied efficient laborers. There are 600 with communicants, and 4,000 children under religious instruction.

The native Church gave last year £800 (say \$4,000) for the support of the work; and the proprietors of sugar estates, employing Hindoo labor, about £600, (say \$3,000). The Canadian Church gave about \$17,000.

ary work is called for is the lack of funds. number of enquirers who were at first led

hearts of those luxuriating in the bounties ed to the mission. of the Gospel at home with the spirit of large liberality !

Western Division.

BY REV. R. P. MCKAY, TORONTO. FORMOSA.

work in North Formosa in 1872. The Rev. thorough work done especially in laying W. Gauld is at present associated with him. the foundations.

congregations 60 Results.—There are with about 1,800 communicants, ministered unto by 60 native preachers; there is a college (called Oxford College), for the training of a native ministry ; there is a Girls' School for the Christian training of women: there is a Hospital in which many thousands have been treated for bodily ailments and at the same time instructed in Spiritual things : there are eight day schools in which about 250 children are instructed by Christian teachers; and there have been employed at one time as many as 35 Bible women whose lives are devoted to the evangelization of their sisters.

Japanese .- As a result of the recent war, Formosa has become a Japanese possession. The Christians in North Formosa refused to take up arms against the Japanese and were accordingly persecuted by their own countrymen who had taken up arms. The Japanese officers and soldiers did not however distinguish between the friendly and of villages, many of which are regularly unfriendly Chinese so that the Christians visited and native helpers employed so far were between two fires and many lost their lives.

Dr. McKay has had an interview with the present Japanese Governor, who has promised that Christians will be protected.

Membership.-On account of the recent troubles and deaths there is some uncertainty as to the total number of communicants, but it is about 1800. There were 58 con-The verts recently baptized. baptized membership is about 2800.

Honan .- We have 10 male and 4 female missionaries in North Honan in which there are 10,000,000 of souls.

Stations.-The three principal stations are Chu Wang, Hsin Chen, and Chang Te. In connection with these there are five outstations.

Methods .- The work falls, as in other missions, into different departments, such as preaching at the stations, medical work, touring, training classes, etc. Medical work.—The number of patients,

especially at Chu Wang, is this year unusually large. Dr. McClure has been averaging about 63 patients a day, which is said to be very exceptional.

Pricsts.-The work has been disturbed this year and rendered more difficult by the interference of Roman Catholic priests, who The openings for expansion are numerous, have little success amongst the heathen, but and the only thing preventing a very rapid by bribery and fair promises try to lead occupation of the places at which mission- away the converts in other missions. A May God by His Holy Spirit inspire the astray discovered their mistake and return-

Enquircrs .- It is not considered wise to i baptize all who profess to believe the Gospel until after such a time and course of instruction as assures the missionaries that there is a real change of heart. If enquirers were immediately baptized the roll by FORMOSA. Rev. Dr. G. L. McKay took up Mission this time would have been very large. It will be better in the long run to have

CENTRAL INDIA.

There are in the section of Central India for which our mission has become responsible, 15,766 villages, with an average population of 300 or 400. What an opportunity for work ! There ought to be a native Christian Church in each village. Instead of that we have only 11 male and 18 female missionaries. What are these amongst so many?

Congregational Work .- There are six Central points occupied. Indore, Mhow, Ujjain, Rutlam, Neemuch, and Dhar, and in all of these except Dhar, there is a congregation of Christians, in which such Sabbath and week night services are conducted as in our congregations at home. The largest of these is at Indore, where there are 132 communicants on the roll and 480 adherents.

Erangelistic efforts.-Each of these central stations is surrounded with a large number as funds and agents are available.

Mcdical Work .-- There is a Woman's Medical Hospital at Indore and a Men's Ho pital at Ujjain. Into these large numbers of patients have been received year by year. There are, besides these Hospitals, about 10 Dispensaries, in the different Missions, in which many thousands annually receive help.

Educational.-Besides 1 College, 2 High Schools and 4 Intermediate Schools, there are 43 primary schools in which children receive an elementary education. In all these schools there is an attendance of about 1800 children. There are also a Boarding School for Girls, and a Boys' Home, in which home life is added to educational training. There are about 90 teachers in these schools.

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Sabbath Schools .- There are in all about 60 Sabbath Schools with an attendance of 2800 children.

Zenana work .- Many of the women in India are prisoners in their own apartments called Zenanas. Many thousands of visits are annually paid to these homes by the lady missionaries, and their native helpers.

Indians in Canada.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

There are 24,000 Indians in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. They live on Reserves and the best efforts of Govern. ment are directed towards inducing them to cultivate the soil.

Schools.--There are 3 Day Schools, 6 Boarding Schools and 1 Industrial School We have 6 ordained missionaries and 28 missionaries who are not ordained laboring amongst Indians scattered over 20 reserves. The work is slow but not without encouragement. In Regina school last year, 31 scholars came into the full membership of the Church, and a considerable number have been added to the Communion roll this year.

British Columbia .- There are in British Columbia, from 30,000 to 40,000 Indians, and the different churches do much work his accounts entangled. He knew he was amongst them. We have a Boarding school at Alberni, and a Day school at Ucluelet, Ahousaht and Dodger's Cove, amongst the Ohiahts, besides evangelistic work.

CHINESE IN CANADA.

British Columbia .- Mr. Coleman is working at Vancouver and New Westminster, Mr. Hall at Union Mines, and Mr. Winchester, whilst he has his head quarters at Victoria, takes an oversight of the whole work. There have been a considerable number of conversions and the missionaries are encouraged.

Montreal.-Dr. Thompson has been very much encouraged from the beginning of the work in Montreal. There are 17 Sabbath Schools, regularly attended by hundreds of Chinese and cordially supported by the Christian people of the City.

FINANCES.

The F. M. C. began this year with a defi-cit of \$8,784.81. According to present appearances, there will be at the close of the year a debt of \$30,000 or \$35,000. Only by a very special effort can that be prevented, already a serious reduction has been made in the work in India. Should the year end with such a deficit as is here indicated it will necessitate such reductions as no lover of missions can contemplate without sorrow.

Are the Young People's Societies loyal to the Missions of our own Church? Can they not more heartily support the work? Praz for the work and seek to answer your own prayers.

YOKEFELLOWS.

Along the quiet village street Two oxen came with heavy load,

And, as their driver paused to greet A friend, one, weary, sank upon the road ;

The other, patient, stood and bore the yoke.

Now doubly weighted with his partner's fall.

Wondering I saw, and light upon me broke.

"O Lord, it is thy yoke I bear,

The strength to hold it comes from thee. If thou wilt stoop to draw with me

Earth's heavy loads, and all my burdens share,

O grant that I may ne'er again despa'r.

And, by my faltering, added burden be!" Agnes Gregoire.

HE HEARS AND HELPS.

A young accountant in New York city got honest, and yet he could not make his accounts come out right, and he toiled at them day and night until he was nearly frenzied. It seemed by these books that something had been misappropriated, and he knew before God he was honest.

The last day came. He knew if he could not that day make his accounts come out right he would go into disgrace and go into banishment from the business establishment.

He went over there very early, before there was anybody in the place, and he knelt down at the desk and said : "O Lord, Thou knowest I have tried to be honest, but I cannot make these things come out right! Help me to-day-help me this morning ! "

The young man arose and, hardly knowing why he did so, opened a book that lay on the desk, and there was a leaf containing a line of figures which explained everything. In other words, he cast his burden upon the Lord, and the Lord sustained him.

Young man, do you hear that? O, yes, God has a sympathy with anybody that is in any kind of toil! He knows how heavy is the hod of bricks that the workman carries up the ladder of the wall; he hears the pick-ax of the miner down in the coal shaft; he knows how strong the tempest strikes the sailor at the masthead ; he sees knows how her arms aches; he sees the sewing woman in the fourth story, and knows how few pence she gets for making a garment; and louder than all the din and roar of the city comes the voice of a sym-pathetic God : "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."-Talmage.

International S. S. Lessons.

CHRISTIAN SELF-RESTRAINT. 21 March.

Les. 1 Cor. 9: 19-27. Gol. Text, 1 Cor. 9: 25. Catechism Q. 94. Mem. vs. 25-27.

Time .--- Written early in A.D. 57. Place.-At Ephesus.

M. Gal. 5: 1-26. Liberty of the Gospel.
T. Rom. 8: 1-15. Christ hath made Free.
W. Rom. 15: 1-13. Not pleasing self.

Th. 1 Cor. 10: 23-33. Lawful not Expedient.

F. 1 Cor. 8: 1-13. Causing to Offend. S. Heb. 12: 1-13. Laying aside Weights. S. 1 Pet. 1: 1-25. End of Faith, Salvation.

Paul wrote the First Epistle to the Corinthians, from Ephesus, probably in A.D. 57. It was written to correct certain heresies, immoralities and strifes which had grown up in the church at Corinth.

Our lesson is from a section of the letter dealing mainly with the subject of Christian liberty. We learn that there is much which, while perhaps lawful, Christians must deny themselves, because they should have regard for the consciences of others.

In verses 1-18 of chapter 9 Paul explains that for the gospel's sake he had denied himself many of his rights as an apostle. He shows in verses 19-23 other ways in which he had sacrificed himself for others' sake. He entered into sympathy with all men and, so far as he consistently could, accommodated himself to their views and peculiarities. His great object was to save souls, and his reward would be to share in their salvation. He begs the Corinthians to strive earnestly for the mastery over self. He illustrates by referring to the familiar Greek games of racing and boxing. He also tells of his own experience in constantly struggling to "keep under" his appetites and passions.

Like Paul, we should make these our They should never be our servants. masters.

1. We should be willing to serve others to save them.

2. We should try to be a blessing to every one.

3. We should strive to win the prize of eternal life.

4. To save our soul we must be temperate in all things.

5. We must keep our body under or we may be cast away.

REVIEW. 28th March.

Les. Acts. Chapters, 1-9. Text. Acts. 12: 24.

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М.	Acts	1:	1-26.	Lesson I.
T.	Acts	2:	1-47.	Lessons II, III.
W.	Acts	3:	1-26.	Lesson IV.
Th.	Acts	4:	1-5: 1	1. Lessons V, VI.
				60. Lessons VII, VIII.

S. Acts 8: 1-40. Lessons IX, X.

S. Acts 9: 1-31;1 Cor.9: 19-27. Les.XI,XII. S.

PETER WORKING MIRACLES. 4th April.

Les. Acts, 9: 32-43. Gol. Text. Acts, 9: 34. Mem. vs. 32-35. Catechism Q. 95.

Time.-Ab ut A.D. 38.

Places.-Lydda, about twenty miles northwest of Jerusalem; Joppa, a noted seaport nine miles further northwest.

HOME READINGS.

M. Mark 2: 1-12. Curing the Palsy.

- Luke 7:11-16;8:41-56. Raising the Dead.
- T. W. W. John 14: 1-14. Works he shall do.
 Th. Luke 24: 44-53. Power from on High.
 F. Acts 3: 1-16. Peter Healing.
 S. Acts 9: 32-43. Peter's Miracles.

- Acts 14: 1-10. Signs and Wonders. S.
 - 1. The Healing of Eneas. vs. 32-35.

 - The Mourning for Dorcas. vs. 36-39.
 The Restoration of Dorcas. vs. 40-43.

Saul shortly after his conversion (Lesson XI, last quarter), retired for a time to Arabia, returning to Damascus. Gal. 1: 17. The Jews in Damascus plotted to kill him. He escaped, however, and visited Jerusalem. His bold preaching there aroused the anger of his aforetime friends, the slayers of Stephen. The disciples, however, secured his escape to Caesarea, whence he went to Tarsus, his birthplace. The persecution of Christians now temporarily ceased. About this time Peter took the journey through the provinces, described in our lesson. Lydda was anciently called Lod, and is now Ludd. "Saron" means "Sharon," a fertile plain extending along the coast from Joppa to Caesarea. Joppa was an ancient and celebrated seaport. See 2 Chron. 2: 16. "Dorcas" is Greek for the Hebrew "Tabitha." Peter's residence with the tanner is noteworthy, as the Jews regarded this trade as defiling and abominable.

1. We should seek out those who need our help.

2. All our power to do good is from Christ.

3. A true disciple is always full of good works.

4. A good life is its own best monument.

5. Christ has power over sickness and death.

CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS. 11th April.

Les. Acts, 10: 30-44. Gol. Text. Acts, 10: 43. Mcm. vs. 36-38. Catechism Q. 96.

Time.-About A.D. 40-41.

Place.-Caesarea.

- M. Acts 10: 1-18. Visions of C. and P. T. Acts 10: 19-33. Visit of P. to C.
- W. Acts 10: 34-48. Conversion of C.
- Th. Luke 7: 1-10. Great Faith.
- F. Gen. 12: 1-17; 17: 1-8. The Promise.
- s. Gal. 3: 7-29. Abraham's Children.
- Rom. 2: 1-29. No Respect of Persons.

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- The Centurion's Vision. vs. 30-33.
 Peace by Jesus Christ. vs. 34-38.

3. The Appointed Witnesses. vs. 59-44.

We learn to-day about the first Gentile conversions to Christianity. There was a Roman garrison at Caesarea, and one of its centurions was named Cornelius. He worshipped the true Gor, and gave alms to the Jews. One day, while he was at evening prayer, an angel appeared and com-manded him to send to Joppa for Peter. He at once sent three messengers. The next day Peter had a vision, which prepared him to receive these Gentile messengers. Directed by the Spirit, Peter went with them to Caesarea. They found Cornelius with a company of friends and relatives waiting for them. Cornelius then told his vision and invited Peter to speak God's word to them. Peter thereupon preached the gospel to them, and the Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius and his friends.

LESSONS.

1. God reveals the way of life to all who seek it.

2. God uses human agents to make known his truth.

3. God's message to the world is peace by Jesus Christ.

4. Those who know the gospel should testify to it.

5. The gospel excludes none; whosoever believes is saved.

THE RESURRECTION. 18th April.

Les. 1 Cor. 15: 12-26. Gol. Text. 1 Cor. 15:20. Mem. vs. 20, 23. Catechism Q. 97.

Time and Place.-Written from Ephesus in A.D. 57.

HOME READINGS.

M. Matt. 27: 33-66. Death and Burial. Matt. 28: 1-15. Resurrection.
 W. John 20: 19-31. Thomas Convinced. Th. Luke 24: 36-48. "Behold I myself." F. John 11:14-44. "Resurrection and Life." S. 1 Cor.15:1-26.Certainty of Resurrection. 8. 1 Cor. 15: 27-58. Victory over Death.

1. If Christ be not Risen. vs. 12-19. 2. Now is Christ Risen. vs. 20-26.

Thus far in the Acts we have seen the apostles testifying constantly to the great fact of Jesus' resurrection, in obedience to the command of the risen Lord. This is the foundation truth of Christianity. Christ himself promised to rise and said he would thus fulfill prophecy. Matt. 20: 17-19; Mark 14: 28; Luke 18: 31-33; 24: 25-27, 44-46; John 2: 19-22. Now, if there be no resur-rection, and Christ did not rise, but is still under the power of death, our faith in him delivered us. as our Saviour is groundless.

Certain members of the Corinthian Church questioned the truth of the resurrection. St. Paul defended the doctrine in a complete reply, of which our lesson is a part. The whole of 1 Cor. 15 should be carefully read; also the teachings in Job 19: 26^{- +} · 49: 15; lsa. 26: 19; Dan. 12: 2; and christ's words in Mark 12: 18-27; Luke 14: 14; John 5: 28, 29; 11: 24, 25.

LESSONS.

1. Our hope of heaven rests upon a risen Christ.

2. Christ's resurrection is a certainly attested fact.

3. Because Christ rose we also shall rise.

4. By nature we die; through Christ we

live forever. 5. Christ's victory over death is complete.

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON.

25th April.

Les. Acts, 12: 5-17. Gol. Text. Ps., 34: 7. Mem. vs. 7-9. Catechism Q. 98, 99.

Time.-About A.D. 44. Place.-Jerusalem.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 11: 1-18. Peter's Report.
T. Acts 11: 19-30. Gentiles at Antioch.
W. Luke 2: 21-35. Light to the Gentiles.

- Th. Eph. 2: 1-22. No more Strangers.
- F. Acts 12: 1-25. Peter Delivered.
 S. Ps. 34: 1-22. The Lord Heareth.
 S. Ps. 145: 1-21. The Lord Preserveth.

1. Aroused by the Angel. vs. 5-8.

Led from the Prison. vs. 9-12.
 Received by Friends. vs. 13-17.

After Cornelius' conversion (Lesson I' Peter returned to Jerusalem. Reports were now received of Gentile conversions at Antioch, in Syria. Barnabas was sent to investigate these reports. He found them true and did what he could to encourage the converts. He then brought Saul from Tarsus, and together they labored in Antioch for a year. It was here that the disciples were first called Christians. About this time Herod Agrippa, I, king of Judea and Samaria, beheaded the apostle James and imprisoned Peter. The disciples prayed earnestly and constantly for Peter, and an angel delivered him.

LESSONS.

1. God hears and heeds the prayers of his people.

2. While we sleep, surrounded by dangers, God watches us.

3. God calls us to escape from sin's captivity.

4. When God calls to freedom he provides the way.

5. We should tell others how God has

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