

BISESHWARNATH, BENARES.—(From a Photograph.)

THE MISSIONARY HERALD

OF THE

Baptist Missionary Society.

CLOSE OF THE ACCOUNTS.

APPEAL TO PASTORS AND TREASURERS.

WITH a view to meet the convenience of many of our friends, the books of the Society will be kept open until **Thursday, the 7th inst.** We very earnestly appeal to pastors of churches, officers of missionary auxiliaries, and our friends generally, to send remittances to the Mission House at as early a date as possible.

The present financial outlook of the Society is grave in the extreme, and only a large and wide-spread increase in the receipts can avert a heavy and distressing debt.

Mr. S. B. Burton, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, writes:—"Reinforce, of course; recall, never. I enclose my cheque for £100, and trust that, ere the month closes, you will be in such a position financially that it will be easy to reinforce, and the question of recall utterly exiled. A little additional help from every member who at present contributes, or a little help only from every member who at present does not, and you would scarcely know for a time how to use the money that would come in. I most heartily wish God-speed to the glorious work."

An anonymous friend, deeply interested in Mission work, writes:—"I was painfully surprised to find, through the HERALD for last month, the extent of the deficit feared in connection with God's work in heathen lands; but I trust that it may be considerably lessened, if not extinguished, by the day the books are made up. To that end I enclose what I can, wishing it was more, praying that God's blessing may rest more abundantly than ever on the work in all its departments, so that you may never have to think of, much less actually resolve upon, recall. That is a word and order which I am unable to find among the orders given by the Captain of our salvation."

Mr. Thomas White, J.P., of Evesham, writes:—"Your last MISSIONARY HERALD shows the great need our Foreign Mission has of immediate help. I enclose cheque for £200—£100 from Mrs. White for China, and £100 from myself for General Fund. I do not like the word 'Recall' in the least; and I earnestly trust our churches will provide all that is so urgently needed for carrying on this glorious work."

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, 1887.

N.B.—Castle Street, Holborn, is now known as Fournival Street.

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 19TH.

YOUNG MEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION. PUBLIC MEETING

Will be held at

THE BAPTIST MISSION HOUSE, 19, FURNIVAL STREET, HOLBORN.

H. M. BOMPAS, Esq., LL.D., Q.C., will take the Chair at 7 p.m.

Speakers : REVS. R. P. ASHE, M.A., of Church Missionary Society, Uganda, Central Africa; G. COUSINS, of London Missionary Society, and formerly of Madagascar; G. H. ROUSE, M.A., LL.B., of Calcutta; and ALFRED HENRY BAYNES, Esq., F.R.A.S.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 21ST.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER MEETING

IN THE MISSION HOUSE LIBRARY, FURNIVAL STREET, HOLBORN.

The Rev. EVAN EDWARDS, of Torquay, will preside, and deliver an Address.

Service to Commence at Half-past Ten o'clock.

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 24TH.

ANNUAL SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHAPELS OF THE METROPOLIS.

For Particulars see opposite page.

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 24th.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
ANNUAL SERVICES.

The usual Annual Sermons in the Chapels of the Metropolis will be preached as follows:—

PLACES.	MORNING.	EVENING.
Abbey Road, St. John's Wood	Rev. W. Stott ...	Rev. W. Stott
Acton	Rev. W. A. Wicks ...	Rev. W. A. Wicks
Addlestone	Rev. R. Shindler ...	Rev. R. Shindler
Alperton	Rev. W. G. Heilstone	Rev. W. G. Heilstone
Arthur Street, Camberwell Gate	Rev. R. Layzell ...	Rev. R. Layzell
Arthur Street, King's Cross ...	Rev. A. Kirke ...	Rev. W. J. Scott
Baiham, Ramden Road ...	Rev. J. H. Atkinson	Rev. J. J. Brown
Barnes ... ..	... Collections	at later date
Battersea, York Road	Rev. J. Drew ...	Rev. B. D. Johns
Battersea Park... ..	Rev. N. Dobson ...	Rev. W. J. Mayers
Beckenham, Elm Road ...	Rev. J. W. Lance ...	Rev. J. W. Lance
Belle Isle	Rev. J. Benson (1st	May) Rev. R. W. Hay
Belvedere	Rev. S. Couling ...	Rev. S. Couling
Bermundsey, Drummond Road	Rev. W. Barker ...	Rev. J. Hughes
Bexley Heath	Rev. W. Woods ...	Rev. W. Woods
Bloomsbury	Rev. J. Baillie ...	Rev. J. M. Stephens, B.A.
Bow	Rev. D. Jones ...	Rev. S. W. Bowser, B.A.
Brentford	Rev. J. Smith, Romsey	Rev. J. Smith, Romsey
Brixton Hill	Rev. J. Douglas, B.A., Waterford ...	Rev. G. H. Rouse, M.A., LL.D.
Brixton, Kenyon Ch.	Rev. D. Bevan Jones, Caerleon ...	Rev. J. Douglas, B.A., Waterford
" Wynns Road... ..	Rev. Z. T. Downen	Rev. Z. T. Downen
" Gresham Ch.... ..	Rev. J. T. Swift (B.A.)	Rev. J. T. Swift
Brockley Road... ..	Rev. J. M. Stephens	Rev. E. Medley, B.A.
Bromley	Rev. A. Tessier ...	Rev. A. Tessier
Brompton	Rev. F. J. Benskin...	Rev. F. J. Benskin
Brondesbury	Rev. B. Bird ...	Rev. A. F. Mills
Camberwell		
" Denmark Place... ..	Rev. J. Culross, D.D.	Rev. F. D. Waldoek
" Cottage Green ...	Rev. B. D. Johns ...	Rev. J. P. Campbell
Camden Road	Rev. A. F. Mills ...	Rev. C. Williams
Castle Street (Welsh)... ..		
Charles St., Camberwell New Rd.	Rev. W. Osborne ..	Rev. D. B. Johns, Caerleon
Chalk Farm, Berkeley Road... ..	... Collections	at later date
Catford Hill ... ..	... Collections	at later date
Child's Hill	Rev. W. Rickard ...	Rev. W. Rickard
Chelsea	Rev. G. J. Knight ...	Rev. G. J. Knight
Clapham, Grafton Square ...	Rev. R. Webb ...	Rev. R. Maplesden
Clapton, Downs Ch.	Rev. H. Platten ...	Rev. J. Smith
Chadwell Heath	Rev. J. Billington ...	Mr. J. Templeton
Commercial Street	Rev. T. Jones ...	Rev. T. Jones
Crouch Hill	Rev. W. E. Goodman	Rev. J. Bloomfield
Croydon	Rev. J. A. Spurgeon	Rev. J. A. Spurgeon
Crayford	Rev. I. Near ...	Rev. I. Near
Dalton Junction	Rev. J. Bloomfield ...	Rev. C. Pates
Dartford	Rev. A. Sturge ...	Rev. G. H. Harris
Deptford, Octavia Street ...	Rev. H. Kneæ ...	Rev. W. B. Haynes

PLACES.	MORNING.	EVENING.
Dulwich, Lordship Lane ...	Rev. J. Bailey, D.A....	Rev. W. Barker
Ealing ... ..	...	...
East London Tabernacle ...	Rev. A. G. Brown ...	Rev. A. G. Brown
Edmonton ... ..	... .. Collections	22nd May
Eldon Street (Welsh)... ..	...	...
Enfield ... ..	... .. Collections	in December
" Highway ... ..	...	...
Erith	Rev. J. W. Edwards	Rev. J. W. Edwards
Esher ... ..	...	...
Forest Gate	Rev. C. Pates ...	Rev. J. Turner
Forest Hill	Rev. E. Spurrier ...	Rev. E. Spurrier
Greenwich, South Street ...	Rev. C. Spurgeon ...	Rev. C. Spurgeon
" Lewisham Road ...	Rev. R. S. Latimer	Rev. J. Drew
Grove Road	Rev. G. D. Evans ...	Rev. G. D. Evans
Gunnersbury	Rev. W. Burton ...	Rev. J. C. Brown
Hackney, Mare Street ...	Rev. J. Smith (Delhi)	Rev. E. Thomas
" Hampden Ch. ...	Rev. E. Cossey ...	Rev. J. Lewitt
Hammersmith, West End ...	... .. Collections	in May
" Avenue Road ...	Rev. J. Owen ...	Rev. C. Graham
Hampstead, Heath Street ...	Rev. E. Medley, B.A.	Rev. S. Macfarlane, LL.B. (New Guinea)
Hanwell	Colls. London Mission	this year
Harlington	Rev. T. Watts ...	Rev. T. Watts
Harrow (1st May)	Rev. T. B. Edwards	Rev. T. B. Edwards
Hawley Road, St. Paul's Ch...	London Mission	this year
Hendon	Rev. G. D. Hooper	Rev. G. D. Hooper
Henrietta Street	Rev. W. J. Taylor ...	Rev. E. Cossey
Highbury Hill	Rev. J. Aldis ...	Rev. A. Bird
Highgate, Southwood Lane ...	Rev. C. Tucker ...	Rev. A. Kirke
Highgate Road	Rev. J. Stephens, M.A.	Rev. J. Stephens, M.A.
Hornsey Rise	Rev. C. Rushby ...	Rev. C. Rushby
Hornsey, Campsbourne Rd. ...	Rev. J. P. Campbell	Rev. F. J. Hazzard
Hounslow	Rev. E. B. Woods, B.A.	Rev. E. B. Woods, D.A.
Iford ... ..	...	...
Islington, Cross Street ...	Rev. F. J. Hazzard...	Rev. A. Tilly
" Salters' Hall ...	Rev. W. B. Hynes	Rev. Danl. Jones
James Street, Old Street ...	...	...
John Street	Rev. S. W. Bowser, B.A.	Rev. H. Knee
John Street, Edgware Road ...	Rev. W. J. Scott ...	Rev. J. O. Fellowes
Kensington, Hornton Street...	Rev. J. H. Blake ...	Rev. J. H. Blake
Kilburn, Canterbury Road ...	Rev. J. Lewis ...	Rev. J. Lewis
Kingsgate Street ... ..	...	...
Kingston	Rev. T. M. Morris ...	Rev. T. M. Morris
Lee	Rev. W. E. Winks ...	Rev. W. E. Winks
Ladbroke Grove	Rev. O. Williams ...	Rev. H. Platten
Leyton ... ..	...	...
Leytonstone ... ..	... .. Collections	27th March
Little Wild Street	Rev. J. W. Campbell	Rev. J. W. Campbell
Maze Pond	Rev. J. Turner ...	Rev. J. Bailey, B.A.
Metropolitan Tabernacle ...	Rev. C. H. Spurgeon	Rev. C. H. Spurgeon
Mitcham ... ..	...	...
Meard Street, Dean Street ...	17th April	Rev. H. J. Martin
New Barnet	Rev. J. J. Duke ...	Rev. J. J. Duke
New Malden	Rev. S. H. Moore ...	Rev. S. H. Moore
New Southgate	Rev. J. L. Bennett...	Rev. J. L. Bennett

PLACES.	MORNING.	EVENING.
North Finchley	Rev. F. Trestrail, D.D.	Rev. F. Trestrail, D.D.
Norwood, Gipsy Road... ..	Rev. J. Hughes ...	Rev. J. H. Atkinson
Peckham, Park Road	Rev. W. J. Mayers ...	Rev. T. G. Tarn
" Rye Lane	Rev. C. B. Sawday...	Rev. J. T. Briscoe
" James's Grove		
" Barry Road	Rev. H. J. Martin ...	Rev. R. S. Latimer
" Lausanne Road	Rev. T. J. Cole ...	Rev. W. Burton
" Norfolk Street	Rev. A. Mills ...	Rev. A. Mills
Penge	Rev. J. W. Boud ...	Rev. J. W. Boud
Pinner	Rev. R. Walker ...	Rev. R. Walker
Plumstead, Conduit Road		
" Park Road	Rev. B. B. Wale ...	Rev. J. B. Wanstone
Poplar, Cotton Street... ..	... .. Collections	5th May
Pursey, Welter Road... ..	Rev. W. Thomas ...	Rev. W. Thomas
" Union Ch. ... ..	... .. Collections	in May
Regent's Park	Rev. G. H. Rouse,	Rev. W. J. Henderson,
	M.A., LL.B.	B.A.
Regent Street, Lambeth		
Richmond ... ..	... .. Collections	6th March
Romford	Rev. W. H. Elliott...	Rev. W. H. Elliott
Shooter's Hill Road	Rev. J. D. Rodway...	Rev. J. D. Rodway
Shoreditch	Rev. E. G. Gange ...	Rev. E. G. Gange
South London Tabernacle	Rev. E. Roberts ...	Rev. E. Roberts
South Norwood		
Stockwell	Rev. A. Mursell ...	Rev. A. Mursell
Stoke Newington, Devonshire		
Sq. Ch.	Rev. E. H. Ellis ...	Rev. E. H. Ellis
Stratford Grove	Rev. F. J. Flatt ...	Rev. F. J. Flatt
Streatham	Rev. J. Penny ...	Rev. J. Penny
Sutton	Rev. S. B. Young ...	Rev. S. B. Young
Tottenham	Rev. G. Short, B.A....	Rev. G. Short, B.A.
" West Green	Rev. J. Lewitt ...	Rev. W. E. Goodman
Twickenham ... ..	... .. Collections	in Autumn
Upper Holloway	Rev. R. Glover ...	Rev. J. R. Wood
Upper Norwood	Rev. S. A. Tipple ...	Rev. S. A. Tipple
Upper Tooting... ..	Rev. C. Brown ...	Rev. C. Brown
Upton Chapel	Rev. W. Hackney, B.A.	Rev. R. W. Hay
Vernon Chapel... ..	... .. Collections	in May
Wandsworth Rd., Victoria Ch.	Rev. J. J. Brown ...	Rev. N. Dobson
Waltham Abbey	Rev. H. Briggs ...	Rev. H. Briggs
Walthamstow, Wood Street ... ..	... .. London Mission	this year
" Boundary Road	Rev. C. Stovell ...	Rev. C. Stovell
Walworth Road	Rev. W. Ross ...	Rev. J. Aldia
Walworth, East Street	Rev. G. Archer ...	Rev. G. Archer
Wandsworth, East Hill	Rev. D. J. Hiley ...	Rev. D. J. Hiley
" Chatham Road	Rev. C. E. Stone ...	Rev. C. E. Stone
Westbourne Grove	Rev. T. R. Edwards ...	Rev. R. Glover
Westminster, Romney Street	Rev. W. Davies ...	Rev. W. Davies
West Norwood, Chataworth Rd.	Rev. R. W. Hay ...	Rev. W. Hackney, B.A.
Wimbledon	Rev. J. G. Williams	Rev. J. G. Williams
Woodberry Down	Rev. W. J. Henderson	Rev. James Owen
	B.A.	
Wood Green	Rev. A. Tilly ...	Rev. W. Osborne
Woolwich, Queen Street	Rev. T. E. Williams	Rev. T. E. Williams
" Charles Street	Rev. A. McCraig ...	Rev. A. McCraig

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE BAPTIST
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Special Missionary Services will be held in the various Metropolitan Schools on the Anniversary Afternoon, 24th April, 1887 (except where otherwise stated).

Speakers have been appointed to all Schools replying to the Notice in the Young Men's Missionary "Journal" in time for print, and if those against the blank spaces will apply to the Secretary at once, speakers will, if possible, be sent.

The arrangements are not completed where marked *. Special Hymn-papers re sent gratis on written application to the Secretary.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SPEAKER.
Abbey Road	
Acton	Rev. W. A. Wicks.
Ann's Place	Joins with Mare Street.
Battersea, York Road	
Bloomsbury	Rev. J. B. Myers.
Belle Isle	(1st May)
Bow, East London Tabernacle	
" High Street	
Brompton	Rev. F. J. Benskin.
Brondebury	
Brixton, Wynne Road... ..	Rev. Z. T. Downen.
" Barrington Road	
" New Park Road	Rev. W. H. McMechan.
Brockley Road	Rev. F. D. Waldoek.
Balham	
Camberwell, Arthur Street	Mr. J. A. Clark.
" Cottage Green	Rev. W. Ross.
" Charles Street	
" Denmark Place	Mr. H. G. Gilbert.
Camden Road	*
Crouch Hill	Mr. Way.
Chelsea, Lower Sloane Street	
Clapton, Downs	Rev. T. R. Edwards.
Clapham, Grafton Square	Rev. T. Hanger.
" Solon Road	
Croydon, West	
Dalston Junction	
Dartford	Rev. G. H. Harris.
Drummond Road	*
Edmonton	Later.
Finchley	Rev. L. Tucker, M.A.
Forest Gate	Mr. W. Smith.
Grove Road, Victoria Park	Mr. J. Everett.
Goodinge Road	Joins with Camden Road.
Hackney, Mare Street... ..	Rev. Jas. Smith.
Haddon Hall	
Hammersmith	
Hampstead	(8th May)

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SPEAKER.
Highbury Hill	Mr. W. Tweedie.
Highgate Road (April 17th)	Rev. E. W. Hay.
" Southwood Lane	Mr. Norledge.
Holloway, Young Men	Mr. J. C. Wall.
" Schools	Dr. Palmer.
Islington, Baxter Road	Rev. A. Bax.
Islington, Cross Street	Mr. Ernest Ellis.
John Street, Bedford Row	Rev. J. E. Sheppard.
" Edgware Road	Rev. W. J. Scott.
Ladbroke Grove ... ..	.
Lee ... ..	.
Lewisham Road	Mr. F. E. Tucker.
Maze Pond, Old Kent Road	Mr. J. Marston.
Meard Street, Soho	Joins with Bloomsbury.
Metropolitan Tabernacle, Senior	Rev. R. Maplesden.
" " Junior	Mr. J. Thomas.
Paddington, Shirland Road	Mr. J. L. Roger.
Peckham, James Grove	Mr. J. G. Brown.
" Lordship Lane	
" Lausanne Road	Rev. J. T. Cole.
" Park Road	Rev. W. J. Mayers.
" Rye Lane	
" South London Tabernacle	Rev. E. Roberts.
Poplar, Cotton Street	
Regent's Park	Col. Griffin.
Regent Street, Lambeth	Mr. G. H. Jackman.
Shoreditch Tabernacle... ..	Mr. A. Bond.
Spencer Place, Goswell Road... ..	
Stoke Newington, Devonshire Square (March 27)	Mr. J. G. Brown.
Stockwell	Later.
Stratford, Grove	Mr. J. Honnor.
" Carpenter's Road	Rev. G. Towner.
Streatham	Rev. G. H. Rouse, M.A.
Tottenham, High Road	Mr. D. Freeman.
" West Green	Mr. T. B. Woolley.
Upton, Lambeth Road	Rev. R. Wright Hay.
Ysuxhall	
Vernon Square	Mr. Henry White.
Walworth Road	Rev. H. J. Martin.
" " Victory Place	Mr. G. H. Judd.
" " East Street	Mr. D. H. Hay.
Wandsworth Common... ..	
" Chatham Road	
" East Hill	
" Victoria	Dr. Rossvally.
Westbourne Grove	Mr. H. M. Bompas, LL.D., Q.C.
Westminster, Romney Street... ..	Mr. Perryns.
Woodberry Down	Mr. F. W. Dunster.
Wood Green	Mr. Russell Dick.
Woolwich, Queen Street	Rev. T. E. Williams.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 26TH.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING.

MISSION HOUSE, FURNIVAL STREET, HOLBORN.

Chair to be taken at Half-past Ten o'clock by RICHARD WATSON, Esq.,
of Rochdale.

NOTE.—This Meeting is for Members only. All Subscribers of 10s. 6d. and upwards, Donors of £10 and upwards, Pastors of Churches which make an Annual Contribution, or Ministers who collect annually for the Society, are entitled to attend.

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 26TH.

PUBLIC MISSIONARY SOIRÉE

In the FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, HOLBORN
(and not Cannon Street Hotel).

HERBERT H. COZENS-HARDY, Esq., LL.B., Q.C., M.P., to preside.

Addresses will be delivered by Revs. GEORGE GREENFELL, of the Congo River;
C. M. HARDY, B.A., of St. Albans; and R. F. HORTON, M.A., of Hampstead.

Tea and Coffee from Half-past Five to Seven o'clock.

PUBLIC MEETING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Tickets for Soirée, One Shilling each, to be obtained at the Mission House,
19, Furnival Street, Holborn.

NOTE.—As a large attendance is assured, early application for
Tickets is requested.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 27TH.

THE ZENANA MISSION IN INDIA.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY BREAKFAST

In the LARGE HALL, CANNON STREET HOTEL.

At a Quarter to Nine o'clock.

Chairman: DONALD MATHESON, Esq., of London.

Speakers: MRS. CAMPAGNAC; Revs. R. F. GUYTON, of Delhi; and E. S.
STUMMERS, B.A., of Serampore.

Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, to be had of the Secretaries, or at the Mission House.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 27TH.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON

In BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL.

Preacher: Rev. MARCUS DOBS, D.D., LL.D., of Glasgow.

Service to commence at Twelve o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 27TH.

BIBLE TRANSLATION SOCIETY—ANNUAL MEETING

IN BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL,

At Half-past Six o'clock.

Chairman: JOHN MARNHAM, Esq., J.P., of Boxmoor.

Speakers: REVS. R. H. ROBERTS, B.A., of Notting Hill; G. H. ROUSE, M.A., LL.B., of Calcutta; and EVAN THOMAS, of Hackney.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 28TH.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING

IN EXETER HALL.

Chair to be taken at Six o'clock by Sir ROBERT PHAYRE, K.C.B., K.C.S.I.

Speakers: REVS. JAMES BAILLIE, of Bloomsbury; R. WRIGHT HAY, late of the West Coast of Africa; and T. GRAHAM TAYLOR, of Cambridge.

The London Baptist Choir Union will assist in the Singing, and give a Selection of Choruses.

Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Farnival Street, Holborn.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 29TH.

MISSIONARY BREAKFAST CONFERENCE

IN EXETER HALL, at Nine o'clock.

Chairman: W. R. RICKETT, Esq., of Hampstead.

Introductory Paper by the Rev. J. B. MYERS, Association Secretary, Baptist Missionary Society.

[Pastors, Deacons, Sunday-school Teachers, and all Officers of Missionary Associations, Congregational and Juvenile, are invited to be present.]

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29TH.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY MEETING, FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, SENIOR SCHOLARS, AND
YOUNG PEOPLE,

IN EXETER HALL.

Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock by J. B. MEAD, Esq., of New Cross.

Speakers: REVS. WILLIAM BROCK, of Hampstead; GEORGE GREENFELL, of the Congo River; EDWARD S. SUMMERS, B.A., of Serampore College; and FREDERICK D. WALDOCK, of Ceylon.

The London Baptist Choir Union will assist in the Singing, and give a Selection of Choruses.

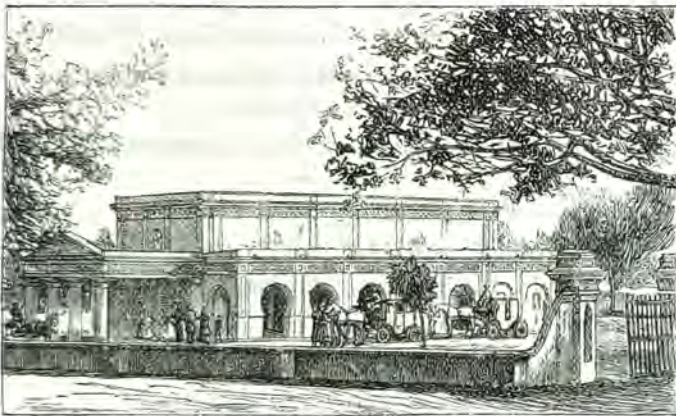
Tickets may be obtained at the Mission House, 19, Farnival Street, Holborn.

A Letter from Benares.

WE have just received the following letter from Benares, with two photographs, which have been engraved for the MISSIONARY HERALD:—

“BENARES, 8th January, 1887.

“MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—I send you by post two photographs. In one you will recognise our English Baptist Chapel at Secrole, Benares. Our congregation is now about as large as we can fairly expect in a total European population which does not exceed 600 souls, including the garrison. A very cheering feature in connection with the work is that the



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young people are coming forward and boldly professing their faith; a trying ordeal in a small community that looks down on Dissent.

“Last year great improvements were effected. The old lamps have been replaced by Hinks’s Patent Duplex, while a larger hanging lamp has been suspended in front of the pulpit, greatly adding to the brightness of the chapel and the comfort of the preacher. The old hymn-books have been entirely replaced by others of much larger print. Last, but not least, on Christmas Day a very fine American organ was opened. All this has been done without any special effort, and without any outside help.

“The second picture is the heathen centre of Biseswarnáth. The small shrine in the right hand lower corner, in front of which a Brahmin is seated, is sacred to Mahadeo and Parbatti his wife; behind it is the sacred bull—Nandi—one of the symbols of Mahadeo; behind it again is the Guán Báfi, or well of knowledge.

"Our Hindustáni work too progresses. We have many inquirers. One of them—a Mohammedan—asked me a few days since to baptize him. Mohammedans, however, make very unsatisfactory converts as a rule, and I am becoming increasingly careful of baptizing them. I could baptize many of them, but my experience prevents my agreeing to the request of all who come. I find *after* they are baptized that they continue to exercise their old belief in Mohammedanism, and get baptized into Christ only to be right in case Mohammedanism *should be wrong*, or because Christ is so reverentially spoken of in the Kurán. These motives do not come out before baptism, hence we are often misled. I adopt the practice of throwing all responsibility upon them, and try to appeal to their moral consciousness. Most of our applicants for baptism are Mohammedans.

"The school at Rájghát is in a very satisfactory condition. A few days since, while the resident master was itinerating in the villages with the evangelists, thieves burst open the door and carried away all his effects, together with the gong and several books. I feel we ought to make good all he lost, as he was at the time absent on the Master's business.

"With every good wish for the New Year,

"I am, sincerely yours,

"Beuares."

"J. EWEN.

The Queen's Jubilee in Delhi.

BY the kindness of Mrs. Thos. Whitley, of Enfield, we are enabled to print the following letter from her sister, Miss Rooke, of Delhi, giving a deeply interesting account of the "Delhi Ladies' Durbar."

Miss Rooke writes from the Baptist Mission House, Delhi, February 20th:—

"Our Ladies' Durbar is over, and a great success it has been. The work of organising and carrying it through has been considerable, and we have felt pretty well tired since.

"I think I must have told you a fortnight ago how Mr. Lefroy (one of the Cambridge missionaries who is on the Municipal Committee) came to see Miss Thorn, and consult as to what could be done for the female students by way of Jubilee celebration, and how she almost took his breath away by suggesting a Ladies' Durbar. However, he sounded first the Sub and then the

Municipal Committee, and obtained their somewhat sceptical assent and sanction.

"JUBILEE GIFTS.

"One much-debated point was what should be given to scholars by way of remembrance. The boys were to receive a plate with 'Kaisar i Hind' stamped on it, full of sweets, and tied up in a handkerchief, but we feared the distribution of food would frighten many and deter them from coming. At last Mr. Lefroy turned the whole responsibility on to Miss Thorn, telling

her to what expense she might go. After a great deal of trouble she got a jeweller to undertake to make a silver device—the letters V. I.—English letters, with the date stamped in Urdu. He promised to get 250 ready by Thursday. We then expected to have about 300 pupils present, but when we found our numbers would be largely in excess of the original estimate, we were obliged to decide that these silver ornaments could only be given to those over ten years of age, and children under that age would receive a plate with 'Kaisar i Hind' stamped on it instead. Then Miss Thorn on her own responsibility drew up an address, and had it translated into elegant Urdu. The Committee were charmed with it, and authorised her to have it illuminated. We again went over the block of buildings, and decided what was necessary to be done to ensure privacy. The Queen's Gardens were closed to the public at 1 o'clock, and a line of police drawn up across the four approaches to the Institute. The lower panes of the windows were white-washed. The north porch was to have been curtained in, but Thursday was such a windy day that it was impossible to do this at the two ends, so we had to hold up curtains on each side of every vehicle while the occupants alighted.

"THE OPENING.

"Miss Thorn and I got down to the Institute by 12.30, but found the preparations behindhand, and it must have been quite 1.30 before I shut Mr. Lefroy and the last workmen out. However, before then, I dare say 200 people were present in the ball-room, the workmen being employed in darkening a room at the further end of the Durbar Hall, where the magic-lantern was to be exhibited. The

S. P. G. Mission has some twelve agents, and so with us seven there were nearly twenty, and we had almost thirty Christian women to assist us. Each of these was given a white muslin chādar. Some who were employed bringing pupils to and fro had a blue star sewn on the chādar; the others, who were keeping order in the porch and museum, had a red star. It was no easy thing to dispose of the shoes of the guests. Finally, both Missions set to work making bags in which shoes could be put and the owners bring these on their arms. We had between 300 and 400 bags, some big enough to contain four or five pairs. The work in the porch was very heavy both at the time of arrival and departure, and those on guard in the Museum had no sinecure post.

"THE DURBAR.

"Two o'clock was the hour fixed for the commencement of the Durbar, and first we had music in the ball-room. The ladies of the stations played and sang. Then, as that room got crowded, new arrivals passed on through the corridors to the Durbar Hall. This was beautifully decorated, as there had been a *conversazione* there the night before. The floor was covered with blue and scarlet cloth. The room looked beautiful when it was filled. There were seats round on which the ladies of rank who arrived in good time were seated. The whole floor of the room was covered with women and girls sitting down, except that a passage was reserved in the middle. The English ladies were on the platform, and when silence had, after some difficulty, been obtained, a granddaughter of the late King of Delhi, a highly educated woman, read aloud the Urdu address distinctly, so that those at the further end of the room heard per-

fectly. After this, most of the station ladies took their departure. Mrs. Stogdon, the Judge's wife, and the lady of highest rank at present in the station, remained to distribute the tokens. First of all my pupils were brought, because several members of the royal family are in the school and district under my charge. Mrs. Stogdon handed each pupil her ornament, and then those who could write well passed on to sign the address. Then one of the S. P. G. ladies brought her pupils, and so on the two Missions alternately, until all were given away. Meantime, Miss Angus and Mrs. Crudgington were exhibiting the magic-lantern in a darkened room, and ladies were taking parties through the Museum. At half-past four we began to speed the parting guests, and the last were gone by 6.15. We have not yet got the numbers made up, but feel confident there must have been between 700 and 800 present. I can account for 89. School pupils, 26, and friends, 10; Zenana pupils, 24, and friends, 29.

"AMUSING INCIDENTS.

"One very amusing incident came under Miss Thorn's notice. I mentioned how the windows were white-washed. A pane of glass was broken during the Durbar, and Miss Thorn soon after saw a number of ladies and girls standing round eagerly awaiting the turn to look through the aperture. Again, at the back of the dais in the Durbar Hall is a large looking-glass, and many ladies asked 'Whether we cannot go into that large room beyond.' There was also a looking-glass at the other end of the hall, and towards the close of the Durbar, Miss Angus found a very pretty pupil of mine perched up on the back of a form with her face close to the glass, admiring herself. She remained in this position quite a

quarter of an hour, and appeared exceedingly happy.

"Oh, how amused you would have been to see the women packed into the vehicles. Our gâris are about equal in size to a cab, and in these from nine to twelve were packed in. The women are slightly built, so we were not afraid of overtaxing the horses. They crowded in like herrings in a barrel. The officials were let into the building soon after six o'clock, and by 6.30 we had given over charge, and were able to get into carriages and drive home with the happy consciousness that our gathering had been a grand success, and that a decided blow had been struck at the purdah system. We know of several ladies whom we have tried in vain to get to our house who were present on this occasion.

"OTHER CELEBRATIONS.

"Now for a few words as to other Jubilee celebrations. On Wednesday there were athletic sports and races for natives, open to the police, Government servants, and students. First of all the ordinary parade and salute on the Maidan. In the evening fireworks on the Maidan in front of the Jama Masjid. A special place was reserved, at our request, for Christian women in the Masjid; so we marched down our fifty-eight girls and some twenty women, and they got a splendid view. Afterwards the city was illuminated, but the high wind was a great drawback. We had arranged to illuminate our house, the Chumari school, college, and chapel. An Arabic service was held in the Masjid. The sermon, prayers, and hymn were composed by the Maulvie who teaches me. He brought me an Urdu translation, which I translated into English, Mr. Stephen Thomas rendering my prose translation of the sonnet into poetry. Copies of

this were printed and distributed in the Musjid to the English who came to see the fireworks. I post you a special copy which the Maulvie gave me on purpose for you.

"Thursday morning some 3,000 students in schools under Government inspection gathered in the Queen's

Gardens, our thirty-eight Christian lads among the number. In the afternoon there were athletic sports and races for soldiers, English and native and on Friday morning the poor were fed.

"AGNES E. ROOKE.

"Delhi."

A Visit to Baru.

BY THE REV. J. G. POTTER, OF AGRA.

THE town of Baru is situated in a native State, and is about fifty miles distant from Agra.

OUR FIRST VISIT.

The roads leading to it are so bad that it is reached with great difficulty. However, after waiting for an opportunity for some years, we succeeded in reaching it this cold season. Our special object in visiting the place was to see for ourselves the work of the Lord, which commenced there about ten years ago. Before any Christian teacher had visited the place, Christian books, purchased at a distant mela, had prepared the way for the preaching of the Gospel. The first to visit the place was the native preacher, who this year accompanied me there. Nearly ten years ago he went there alone. On the second occasion of his preaching there, he noticed among his audience a pundit who seemed to drink in all that he said. When the preaching was over, this man came forward, and after receiving satisfactory replies to questions he put, declared himself a Christian, and asked for baptism in the name of Christ. Inquiry showed that he had for a long time studied Christian books. He specially mentioned the fact that he had been much impressed by reading a copy of the Book of Psalms in Sanskrit.

This pundit came to Agra to see the missionary there, and was eventually baptized in a river near his home.

A NOBLE LIFE.

He continued to live amongst his own people. And although, of course, out-casted for Christ's sake, being a man of learning and some wealth also, he was able to endure persecution, and yet hold his own steadfastly. Being also a Christian in deed, he was enabled to give to his persecutors the soft answer which turneth away wrath. He did not live very long after coming out as a Christian. Yet he lived long enough to impress the people so much by his behaviour that, although a Christian, and on that account, in their estimation worse than a thief or an immoral man, his conduct was such that his memory is still, after nine years, fragrant in the place where he lived. And his works live after him, in many who either secretly or publicly profess themselves Christians. During our recent visit, one who was present at his death-bed told us that when his relatives and friends pleaded with him to take the name of Rám and others, whom he had formerly worshipped as God, he smiled on them and said quietly, "Do you think you can tell me better than I know? — Christ, only Christ, and

Christ always,' and thus saying, he fell asleep in Jesus. No Christian was near that death-bed. He lived and died alone amongst the heathen; yet Christ, in whom he had trusted, was near him, and that for him was enough. None of his family seem as yet to have come out as Christians. We met two of his grandsons, and had a long, earnest talk with them. They have a copy of part of the New Testament, which they have promised to read very carefully. Although none of his family have come out for Christ, others have. A shopkeeper whom we met has already suffered much for Christ's sake. Alone he reads his Bible and prays in the name of Jesus. Fearing for his life he has not yet been baptized; yet we expect he will soon come to Agra for that purpose.

COME OVER AND HELP US.

Six days were spent by us in scattering the good seed of the Kingdom broadcast in Baru. We came in contact with all classes of the people—preaching in the streets, visiting at the people's homes, and being visited at

our tent. We found a spirit of hearing which promises well for the future, although we have no cases to report of those who came out then and there for Christ.

Many of the people have asked us to visit them more frequently, lest they forget what they have heard. We hope to do what we can for them, but with a million of people in our own Agra district, we fear we shall not be able to visit the 10,000 of Baru very often. One might wish to be always out amongst the country people. Yet such is the climate here, that only at most for six months in the twelve can such work be done by Europeans.

The people of Galilee received the Saviour gladly, when those of Judah slighted Him or rejected Him. The poor country people heard gladly when the rulers and scribes despised Him. Thus it has been ever since in the history of the preaching of the Gospel. The large towns must be cared for, but the villages must be specially also the objects of our concern.

JAMES G. POTTER.

Agra, Jan. 29th, 1887.

Rachel and Leah over again.

BY THE REV. T. R. EDWARDS, OF SERAMPORE.

THESE are two little Hindu girls who attend one of the Zenana schools at Serampore. They are sisters and twins, and resemble each other very much, except that the one on the left hand has some ugly scars on her face which completely disfigures her looks. On account of these ugly scars the parents anticipate much difficulty in getting her married, so they intend making use of her sister's pretty face to help her to get a good husband. Let me show to you how it is possible for them to do this. In marriages amongst the Hindus, the bride and bridegroom have very little to do except passively obey their parents. It is the parents who select for the young man his future wife. He himself is not allowed any voice in the matter. Suppose there is a young man of eighteen years who is ready for marriage. It may be he has not finished his education, but that

does not matter. The greater majority of marriages take place in India while the young men are living upon their parents, and before they get settled employment or even finish their schooling. The first step for the parents of a marriageable son to take is to instruct a *Ghatak* (a *Ghatak* is a professional match-maker, and may be either a male or a female) to search and find out who has a suitable daughter. Having found a suitable girl, the match-maker represents the young man to her parents as a most desirable match for their daughter, and declares that they will be exceedingly fortunate if they can get him for a son-in-law. The parents of a girl are ever anxious to get her married as quickly as possible, as soon as she attains five or ten years of age. And should her marriage be delayed much beyond this period, her parents look upon her growth with fear and trembling. Oftentimes, to arrest her development, she is half-famished. The cause of this great anxiety being that to attain maturity unmarried under her parents' roof would be considered an eternal disgrace to them. Hence, before her physical maturity takes place, which is generally at eleven or twelve, the parents are prepared to undergo any expense rather than have her on their hands. Knowing this, the parents of the bridegroom make the marriage an occasion for pillaging them to the full extent of their power. This will make it easily understood why the birth of a daughter is considered a great curse in India. Well now, suppose the *Ghatak* has found a suitable girl, whose parents are disposed to entertain the match, he then returns to the young man's parents and declares to them that he has found a girl who is as fair as the moon, as wise as *Shoroshotee* (the goddess of learning), and as virtuous as *Sita* (the wife of *Ram*). Having heard of such a desirable daughter-in-law, negotiations are opened with her parents, an exorbitant dowry is demanded, together with expensive presents to the bridegroom and his friends, and, of course, it is taken for granted that a sumptuous feast on the night of the wedding will be given. Perhaps the bride's father protests against the exorbitant dowry, and pleads his inability. This may lessen the amount somewhat, but he must eventually consent to pay a very high sum, and if he has not the money by him he must borrow. The father who has many daughters to marry is impoverished for life. Before the marriage takes place, the parents and relatives of the bridegroom go to see the bride. She is dressed up and produced before them, and she is scrutinised closely. If she comes out favourably, the match is allowed to proceed, but if not, it is stopped at once. The bride's parents and relatives also pay a visit to the bridegroom's house to see him. All this amicably settled, the marriage is decided upon. The family astrologers are consulted as to an auspicious day and hour for the nuptials. And on the day appointed the bridegroom is

borne along in a chair, flashing with silver and gold tinsel, and is accompanied by a great procession carrying numberless torches and beating tom-toms.

Arrived at the house of his father-in-law, he is put to sit down in state, and his future wife is brought out veiled and put to sit near him. The priests then go through the ceremony, repeating charms and tying the dress of both together. They are then put to sit close together, and the bride's veil is thrown over the bridegroom as well. Under the secrecy of the veil he may cast his first glances at his baby wife. She, poor little thing, is overwhelmed with fright and shame. This completes the marriage.

It is hoped that the above description of a Hindu marriage will make it



TWO SISTERS. (*From a Photograph.*)

plain how the parents of these two little girls in the illustration are going to help the marriage of the ugly one by the fair face of her sister. When the parents, and afterwards the relatives, come to see her, they will be shown her sister. They think that if they showed her with her scars the marriage would be broken off at once. So she will be kept out of sight until the night of the wedding, when she will appear veiled, and the ceremony will be over before the deception can be discovered. We must try to imagine what will be the anger and mortification of the bridegroom and his parents when they find out how grossly they have been deceived. It is sad that such a thing as this can take place. The whole marriage system in India is a curse and has a blighting effect upon society. The fact that the

parents make the matches, and not the young people themselves, must lead to thousands of unhappy homes. And then, to marry a girl at such a tender age is outrageous, and must prove lamentably detrimental to her mental and moral, as well as physical, development. And the practice of allowing young men to marry before they have any settled employment, or have even finished their education, encourages laziness. When a young man may reside in his father's house with his wife and family, there is but little inducement for him to seek his own living. And, lastly, the marriage system, which leads to so much misery to women who are so unfortunate as to become widows, needs most urgently to be reformed.

Scrampore.

T. R. EDWARDS.

The Congo Mission.

LETTER FROM THE REV. GEORGE JEGRENFELL, OF
STANLEY POOL.

THE following letter, dated January 4th, has been received from Stanley Pool:—

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—It is not every time that the *Peace*, on returning from a voyage, finds good news awaiting her. This time, however, after journeying up the Quango as far as it was navigable, our hearts have been gladdened by tidings of the completion of the Stanley Pool Fire Fund. It is barely six months since the catastrophe, yet in that time the news has travelled to England, the appeal has been made and responded to, and now we have tidings that the loss is entirely covered by special contributions!

"A MESSAGE OF THANKS.

"My brethren and myself feel this to be the occasion for a letter of thanks to those churches and friends who have come forward so nobly and lifted off our hearts the shadow of the great calamity which overtook us last Midsummer Day. We regard it as a magnificent vote of confi-

dence; and I feel sure that this very emphatic evidence of sympathy will be followed by such prayers as are no small factor in our being sustained. Our hearts are gladdened, and we give hearty thanks because of you. Our joy is full.

"THE QUANGO.

"This last journey of ours was undertaken (Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Charters, Mr. Darby, Dr. Mense, of the Congo Free State, and myself, were the party on board) in the hope that we should find the Quango navigable as far south as the latitude of San Salvador. We felt that the probabilities were against us, but that it was important, before definitely adopting any plan of campaign, that we should have all the details; and this last river, the one nearest to us strange to say, not having been ascended to its ultimate point, we determined to make the journey, and see what its bearing might be on the problem of

overland communication. If it transpired that the waterway was clear to the latitude of San Salvador, it would not be much farther to the upper river system, *via* that place, than the present route to Stanley Pool, and the advantage of plenty of carriers would be secured, a matter of very great importance when we consider the straits we are in because of the difficulty in getting our loads carried through to Arthington.

"In 1880, Major von Mechow put an iron boat on the Quango at a point a hundred miles south of the latitude of San Salvador, and travelled northward for nearly two hundred miles to the Kingunji Rapids, which were described as possibly passable at high water. We chose the time of high water, and proceeded southward from the confluence with the Kasai for about one hundred and fifty miles, and then found our way barred by the same obstacle which Von Mechow encountered when he approached it from the other side six years ago. It is greatly to be deplored that a miserable fall, only about as high as a table, should bar the way nearly in the middle of a four hundred mile stretch of waterway. Native canoes are hauled past, and boats might be, but it was too much for the *Peace*, and so we had to return.

"THE QUANGO DISTRICT.

"In the lower parts of the Quango we had some difficulty in communicating with the people on account of

their language; but as we got farther south, Mr. Bentley and Nlenvo found they were among people with whom they could speak freely, and to whom they could explain something of the work missionaries came to do.

"People were friendly everywhere, excepting at one place. Here one morning four men came out with guns to bar our way, as they threatened they would do the previous evening; but when we blew our terrible pair of steam whistles, and made them shriek their loudest and most discordant notes, the way the warlike expedition collapsed, and the warriors helped their paddlers pull for the shore, was so comical that we could not forbear a hearty laugh; and as we passed the abandoned craft on the beach from which it had so vauntingly set forth a few minutes before, I am sorry to say our crew indulged in rude 'chaff' to the best of their ability—(they have great capacity in that direction)—for the benefit of the runaways, who could not have been out of earshot.

"As I purpose starting down country, 'homeward bound,' to-morrow, I will not write more, but will wait the opportunity to tell you of the wonderful opening up of the country and of the glorious possibilities before us. May God give us all grace and strength for the work! A grander work never was set before the Christian Church.

"Yours very sincerely,

"GEORGE GRENFELL.

"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

A Journey in Beerbhoom.

BY THE REV. H. PATTERSON, OF SOORY.

"WE had a double aim in our last journey. The first was, to be present at a *mela* held at Kunloli, a place on the southern border of the Beerbhoom dia-

trict; and then, bearing round towards the east, to become acquainted with several important centres, with a view to future operations. The whole journey was done by bullock-cart. On the first day

nothing of any special note occurred till the afternoon. About four o'clock I entered a large village; there were very few people to be seen, but from the sounds of drum-beating and horn-blowing, I guessed that some festival must be going on. When I got to the end of the village street, I found a large crowd collected underneath a huge banyan-tree. I asked the cause of the gathering, and was informed that they were appeasing the manes of a great ascetic who had lived there. At the root of the tree I observed a pair of gaily painted imitation horses, and the usual offerings of sweetmeats. I saw that the hubbub would prevent me from being heard there, so I ordered my cart to be stopped a little further on. I then had a chair brought out and sat down. In a few minutes almost the whole crowd, less the drummers and pipers, gathered around me. The better part of them agreed that the work in which they were then engaged was useless. They acknowledged that they had no proof of the divinity of the said ascetic, and, consequently, offerings made to him, as a divine being, were sinful.

"I regretted much that I had not a single Gospel with me. The books were all in the preacher's cart, and he, by mistake, had gone another way. I had plenty of tracts, however, and they were clamorous for them. For one in particular, on 'Idol Worship,' there was quite a run.

"A BRAHMIN'S HOME.

"The preacher also had a pleasant evening. He got to a village late at night, and, as he wanted fire and water, he entered the first house in which he saw a light. It proved to be a Brahmin's, but the owner himself was absent. The housewife asked him what he was, and he told her he was a Christian preacher. She asked him, 'Whom do you call Christians?' Just

then her husband entered. At first he was rather stiff, but gradually unbended, and gave them what they required, adding also a present of vegetables. Several others came in and sat listening to, and conversing about, the Gospel till midnight. The next day the preacher joined me at the mela.

"There are two sources of attraction at this festival. One is a great feast given by the religious mendicants of the place in honour of one of their number, named Joy Deb, now deceased; the other, the benefits supposed to be derived from bathing in the Adjoy River, at that place, at that particular time of the year.

"HINDU TRADITION.

"The tradition is as follows:—Joy Deb, who lived there, undertook to write a life of Krishna. He accomplished the greater part of the work, but felt at a real loss as to how he was to finish it in a manner worthy of the subject. While in this state of mind, he went one day to bathe, and soon after—as his wife supposed—came in and asked for his mid-day meal. She attended him as usual. When he had eaten, he went and sat down to write. He continued writing for some time, and then rose and went out. In the course of an hour he returned, and again asked for his mid-day meal. She remonstrated with him for asking for food when he had just eaten. He denied it, as he had only that moment returned from bathing. As a proof that he had been there, she pointed to the work he had done. He examined his book and found it had been completed. 'Ah,' he said, 'you are a lucky woman, for you have seen the great Lord. He came and did that for me which I could not do myself.' He then went out, and sat down on the banks of the Adjoy River, and began to

upbraid the Ganges for being so far away. He reasoned that, if the holy river had not been so far away, he could have returned more speedily, and might possibly have seen Krishna. In answer to his request, 'Gungumu' revealed to him that, if he selected a place she would go there, and that spot would be as sacred as the holy river itself. He selected the Chut where he was sitting, but demanded a sign of Gungu's presence. She requested him to look, and he did so, and saw her hands and bracelets above the water. She further promised that, for his sake, the spot would be sacred three days in every year, and all who bathed there at that special time would receive the forgiveness of their sins.

"BRAHMIN OPPOSITION.

"We were present two days out of the three, and held meetings morning and evening of both days. The morning meeting of the first day was quiet, and a number of Gospels were sold. In the afternoon, one of the chief Brahmins of the place, and a few of his friends, attempted to spoil the meeting by getting us into a debate. The preacher, who was addressing the crowd at the time, asked these would-be debaters to appoint a place, call together as many of their co-religionists as they possibly could, and we would meet and debate with them. They declined, so we asked them to be quiet and allow others to listen. They took the hint. Our second day's meetings were good, and passed off quietly. During the mela we had invited the Brahmin priest of the village, where our camp was, to meet with us, allowing him to appoint time and place. He excused himself on the ground of inconvenience. A number of his disciples were staying at his house, and his time was taken up in attending to them. When they left

he would be most happy, &c. As he did not give us the desired opportunity, we went to his house early one morning and caught him. He declined to enter into the subject of religion. 'What is the use?' he asked. 'An old sahib'—Mr. Williamson—'used to come here every year, and no one has become a Christian as far as I know.' We pointed out to him that since that time the mela had decreased to a very great extent; and that numbers who cared nothing for Christ in those days now respect and admired Him.

"Finally, with bad grace, he invited us to sit down. Several of his friends gave us a good hearing, but we cannot say the same of him.

"ROADSIDE WORK.

"Our next meeting was at Ilambayar, the chief place in the south of Beerbhoom. We arrived there about three in the afternoon, and found that the weekly market was not being held. After a slight refreshment we went to the market-place, and had one of the most attentive audiences I have seen in this district out of Soory itself.

"The following morning we started for Bolpur, a station on the East Indian Railway. By the way, the preacher made up to a band of pilgrims, and spoke to them as they went along. They listened and purchased several books from him. When he was about to fall back from them, the carts being a long way behind, one woman asked him if he had told them all about Christ. The others joined her, and asked him to go on. When listening to his talking, they said they got an interest in it that they had forgotten the miles they had covered. We only left them when our roads diverged. We had a quiet little meeting in Bolpur in the evening.

"The next day we had a meeting,

while resting, at a point on the road where there is a rice market, and another at a large village a little later on. The head man of this village, a Brahmin, had evidently heard the Gos-

pel over and over again. His remarks showed that he was fairly well acquainted with the subject. The following morning we reached home.

"H. PATERSON."

Tidings from Eastern Bengal.

THE REV. ROBERT SPURGEON AND THE NEW STATION AT MADARIPORE.

THE following letters will, we are sure, enlist the sympathy and prayers of our readers. Writing from Madaripore, where the new Mission bungalow is being built, on January 30th, the Rev. Robert Spurgeon says:—

"I write to-day under a deep sense of gratitude to God, for He has graciously restored me after a virulent attack of cholera in answer to prayer, and in fulfilment of His own loving purpose. All the native Christians employed upon our house were very troubled, and one night met for prayer on my behalf, when it seemed hardly possible recovery might be expected. Mrs. Spurgeon was herself unwell, and my sickness necessarily threw her back again into great weakness. The attack

seemed to the natives a fatal one, because many have died not far off, and one of our people was carried off by it only a few days before. Yesterday, too, we had to procure a boat to send one of the thatchers home because cholera had quite prostrated him. As I felt his cold form and administered what remedies I had, the question naturally arose, 'Why am I spared?' This poor fellow, I fear, will only reach his home to die."

Writing on the 8th of February, he reports:—

"You will be grieved to hear that cholera is still making sad havoc among my workmen here. I mentioned in my last how graciously God had brought me back from death's door to continue for a while at my post. Since then one of our little ones has had a very serious attack, but he is slowly regaining strength now. An aged carpenter, whom I sent home, died on the way; and a few days later a youth was attacked. Now two more workmen are slowly passing away from the same cause. One will leave to-night for his home, as a boat happens to be going in that direction; but the other,

I fear, will die to-night. He cannot utter a syllable now, but a few hours ago he expressed great confidence in God. 'Father,' he cried, 'forgive and receive me.' And when I asked him whether he was afraid to die, he said emphatically, 'No.' He manifested a patient willingness to depart to the better world and be with Christ.

"Quite a panic is likely to arise among the rest of the workmen now, for all are frightened. Many could not partake of their mid-day meal to-day through the excitement. We do earnestly pray that the calamity may speedily be removed from among us,

for it fills all our hearts with sadness. Besides, I shall be greatly troubled if it puts a stop to building operations. Unless our house is completed before the storm season comes on it may become an utter wreck. Most of my men are native Christians, and those who have died were members of our churches; and we can, therefore, entertain a confident hope that it is well with all of them. While I write, hymns are being sung in some of the mat-sheds where the men are sheltered, and many a prayer arises thence to the Father's throne. Yet I cannot help feeling intensely the sad circumstances amid which this new station is being commenced: Both ourselves and our people are suffering. Yesterday, our dear little Archie was providentially rescued from drowning. One of our men happened to see his hat floating near the rude pier we have had put up, and, leaping in to rescue him, he was just in time. We trust the little man is restored to us and to the world for some gracious purpose by our loving Father; but our hearts were rent with sorrow for a time.

"We have been living in our boat, the *Manchester*, here for some weeks now, because it is absolutely necessary to be on the spot to help on the building. My dear wife is still very weak, but she bears up nobly. Sometimes she is able to visit the homes near us, and the number of women and children that

then emerge from behind trees and huts is wonderful. Hardly a man at all is at home now. Having cut and gathered in the harvest, they have gone to different markets to dispose of the grain.

"When this reaches you we hope we shall be living here amid our new neighbours, for, surely, God will come to our help in this time of great trial. We should be glad if you could insert a line in the *HERALD* to intimate to our friends that, for the future, our address will be at Madaripore.

"February 9th.—The panic I dreaded has arisen. All the men engaged to dig the tank have fled. Some of the thatchers, too, have disappeared. When our house will be completed it is now impossible to say. Still we look up, and wait earnestly the fulfilment of the words, 'Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me. Our hope is in God alone. He only can deliver and help us.

"February 11th.—Another case of cholera has occurred, and all the natives except six have departed. Work is quite at a standstill, and I am greatly tried. Our servants determined to leave us too; but a few words of explanation and consolation awakened their loyalty again. All my chlorodyne has gone, and some poor stuff had to be procured from the bazaar."

On February 19th Mr. Spurgeon writes:—

"The day after my last letter was sent off another case of cholera occurred, but I trust it will not prove fatal, for we have pleaded for the man's life, and he is resolved to follow Christ if he survives. Two more deaths occurred among the men who had left me. As far as I can learn, there have been five deaths altogether, and five or

six have recovered, including myself. I was left entirely alone on Sunday last, and resolved to return with my family to Burrisal at once; but then in my absence some workmen might return, and, finding me away, go home again. So I determined to remain, and send Mrs. Spurgeon and the children to Burrisal for the present. Until the

boat returns, I am compelled to beg a shelter in a half-finished house of one of my native preachers. This detained him here, and some of the men have come back to work. All the tank-diggers are at their post, but one of them had a slight attack yesterday, and this may scatter them again. I am in excellent health myself, and so is my wife. I did not at all wish to send her away again; but, as our house has no roof or walls yet, we have nowhere to live.

"I have broken down all the mat-huts in which the men were staying before, and shall order them to put them up in another place if they return, and to keep them cleaner. But cholera is not confined to our compound. Many fatal cases have occurred in the district around us. Natives all pretend to know how to treat it, and what remedy to give; and after the mixtures they dose the patient with, chlorodyne has very little power. It certainly was very useful in my case, and in others where it has had full play.

"The days for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at Madaripore were February 16th and 17th; and a great day it was. Native processions, with wild music and weird dancing, filled the road almost all day. The paper archways and native flags gave the whole place a gay appearance. At night 10,000 tiny lamps were lighted in rows along the road by the river side, and even the

Manchester was illuminated from prow to stern. Fireworks were let off amid great excitement. But, of all that was done, I thought the chief was the setting free of prisoners at the express request of our Queen.

"A number of awnings were joined together on bamboo poles, so as to cover a large space of ground where many natives could sit. The native officials of the town presided. I was the only Englishman amid the large throng, and I had a seat given me in front. Speeches were made in English, Bengali, Sanscrit, and Hindustani. A hymn was sung by schoolboys, and two poems were read. I was asked to pray for the Queen. But instead of saying 'Amen,' the whole crowd clapped when I stopped, and this quite took me by surprise. The prisoners were drawn up in a line before us in the open square, and, one after another, five of them heard the 'Khalash' pronounced that set them free. Two others had their terms shortened, but they had to return to the prison bearing on their shoulders the clothes that the liberated ones threw off in their delight and pleasure. It was an exciting time. Loud applause from the crowd followed every declaration of freedom. I need hardly say that all speeches made were loyal and grateful, though none touched upon the real 'secret of England's greatness.' "ROBERT SPURGEON.

"Madaripore."

Tree Marriage in India.

THERE are many strange customs in India, and not the least strange amongst them is that of marrying two trees together. To us such an idea is so ridiculous that we can scarcely entertain it; but to the Hindus it is not only a possible thing, but frequently takes place, and is considered a work of great religious merit. In many tours through the country I have often come to places where two trees are planted together, and fenced round

about with great care, and asking the reason of such care—for apparently wild and useless trees—I have been told that they are married. Of two such trees joined I send you a photograph. You see these trees are entwined together: the higher one has a very fine leaf, and the lower tree a much broader leaf. Entwined thus when young, they grow up in time to be one tree. The earth at their base is made round and tidy, and is daily smeared over with liquid cow-manure, the compost used for cleansing the houses throughout Bengal.



MARRIED TREES—(*From a Photograph.*)

¶ Those who plant these trees are generally childless women or widows. It is considered the greatest curse imaginable, in India, to be without children. So the Brahmins have, with some consideration for the feelings of these unfortunate creatures, but chiefly for their own benefit, allowed them to adopt two trees as children. These poor would-be mothers watch over the trees with great care, and, at a given age, have them married. Of course, the Brahmins' services are always indispensable. No religious duty whatsoever can be per-

formed without their aid. On the marriage occasion a goat is sacrificed before the trees, offerings of fruits and sweetmeats are made, and a grand feast is given, in all of which the Brahmins get the lion's share. By adopting trees in this way, childless women seek to avert the curse pronounced upon them. You say, What a strange superstition; and what a priest-ridden people! But while expressing our indignation at such childish customs, we should feel a deep pity for these poor, joyless women. They have hearts full of love, but have been taught only to lavish their affection on insensible trees. Dear readers, it should be ours, with our heaven-born religion, to dash away the curse which blights their lives, and to raise them to higher and nobler notions of life. If any are under a deep obligation to spread the Gospel, it is the women of England. None have experienced more than they its blessings. Think of the love, happiness, peace, and liberty of English homes. Think of the respect, honour, and trust Englishwomen justly obtain. The equal is not to be found in the world. All this the Gospel has produced. Truly, gratitude to God for the rich blessings the Gospel has brought, to say nothing of love to the Saviour, should rouse every Christian woman to do her utmost to bring like blessings to her miserable, down-trodden sisters in India.

Serampore.

T. R. EDWARDS.

The Congo Mission.

LETTER FROM THE REV. T. J. COMBER.

GOOD NEWS OF HARVEST-TIME.

BY the last mail, Mr. Comber writes, under date of Underhill, January 30th, 1867:—

"MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—You will be surprised at my dating from Underhill. The reason is that I have received an earnest call from our San Salvador brethren to go and help them in the happy work that is falling to their lot—of leading inquirers after God and salvation to Jesus the Saviour. You have heard from our brethren at San Salvador of the blessing that God is giving us in that place, nearly two hundred people professing to be desirous to give up sin and serve God. There is reason, too, to believe that many of them have 'taken in' the

oft-told 'story' of Christ's redeeming love, and have personally received His salvation. Mr. Weeks had not returned, and it had been arranged for our brother Cameron to take a change to Wathen Station, and the remaining brethren—Silvey, Phillips, and Graham—knowing very little of the language, naturally found it difficult to deal with inquirers through an interpreter. Mr. Weeks has, however, just arrived at this place, and we have decided to go up together at once. As the work is reported as being very extensive, two who know the language

will be none too many to help our brethren there. Mr. Weeks, of course, stays, while I return after ten days or a fortnight. I also want to recruit San Salvador carriers for our Stanley Pool transport.

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.

"Oh, for wisdom at this juncture! Seldom before have we so much felt our need of it. Earnestly and unitedly will our hearts go out presently in our prayer-meeting, in the beautiful words of Miss Havergal's hymn:—

'Lord, speak to me that I may speak,
In living echoes of Thy love.'

He will give us wisdom, for He has promised, and we shall go, I trust, with our 'lips touched' with the 'live coal from off His altar,' and 'in the fulness' of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.' Have you all been specially praying for this awakening? If so, this is the answer: Our God has heard. His promise shall be fulfilled, 'As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither . . . so shall My word be . . . it shall not return to Me void . . . it shall prosper.' We have sometimes wondered if we were only to be the sowers 'going forth weeping' and 'bearing precious seed,' and whether others in the future would have the 'rejoicing'

of 'carrying the sheaves.' Blessed be God, it seems now as if we should get a few sheaves to cheer and encourage us. From what I saw of the awakening at Mbanza Manteka (A.B.M.U.), of which you have heard, I feel now that a very real work of God is going on there. A most pronounced change has come over the people there, and the forty who have already been baptized by Mr. Richards out of the hundreds who have been inquirers are giving satisfactory evidence that God has changed their hearts. The same we will hope of the aroused people of San Salvador. More than ever you will pray for us, will you not? I shall write you after seeing the work there. I am very thankful that our brother Weeks is back, and that he *looks* well. I trust he will keep well, and that Mrs. Weeks will be able to rejoin him this coming dry season. Many of the inquirers are women, and there is no lady there at present. We think of asking Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis (late of the Cameroons) to make San Salvador their home and sphere of work.

"Will not this blessed harvest-time impel friends at home to still more thorough and complete consecration on behalf of this blessed work?"

"T. J. CONNOR."

The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver.

THE cordial thanks of the Committee are given to "N. C. H." for a small silver cup for the Congo Mission; "A Sunday-school Teacher" at Deal, for a silver watch for the Congo Mission; "A Working Woman," Berwickshire, for a small silver brooch for the Congo Mission—"the only article of jewellery she has to give."

Mr. H. R. Thomas, of Llanelly, writes:—"Yesterday, at our Sunday-school, I received thirteen farthings from a little deaf and dumb girl for the Mission cause. She wrote, saying she had nothing else to give."

"A Friend at Barton-on-Humber" sends thirty shillings, writing, "Mother

and I are both widows, and have to practise real self-denial to do this; but we are glad and thankful to hear of the spread of the Gospel in heathen lauds."

Mr. W. Peel, of Leeds, writes:—"One of our poor members had a small gold watch left her by a sister. She sends you it towards the work on the Congo. She wishes nothing to be said about it, if you will kindly acknowledge receipt, so that I may know that it is safe. The giver, Miss B. L——s."

"A. B. C., Aberystwith," for several articles of jewellery for the Congo Mission, who writes:—"I see, from the HERALD, you often receive such gifts. Some of these articles I value greatly, but I really cannot keep them. To be able to give them to Christ is my highest joy and privilege, for His dear sake."

—The very cordial thanks of the Committee are also given for the following generous and welcome contributions:—

Mr. Edward Rawlings, Wimbledon Common, £272; Mr. Thos. White, Evesham, £100; Mrs. White, for China, £100; Mr. S. B. Burton, Newcastle, £100; Matthew vi. 1—4: half-yearly payment for Congo Mission, £60; Mr. T. S. Child, for Delhi Chapel, £50; Sir S. Morton and Lady Peto, £25; Rev. W. L. and Mrs. Lang, £25; Mr. Robert Pullar, £25; Mr. John Masters, £20; Anonymous, £20; Mrs. Flack, £30; Mr. G. Kingerlee, £11; "E.," £10; Mr. and Mrs. Luntley, £10; Dyledwr Mawr, £20; Mr. Thos. Haworth, for Italy, £25.

Acknowledgments.

THE Committee gratefully acknowledge the following welcome and useful gifts, which have been received up to the 12th March:—A large supply of vegetable and garden seeds for various mission stations from Messrs. Sutton & Sons, of Reading; a case of 187 garments for the Congo Mission from St. Mary's Missionary Working Party, Norwich; a medicine chest for the Rev. T. J. Comber, Congo Mission, from Messrs. Burroughs, Welcome, & Co., Holborn Viaduct, London. Mrs. Thomas Lewis, of the Congo River, wishes to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, a case of garments from Ladies' Working Party, Maze Pond; a parcel of garments, from Ladies' Working Party, Camden-road; and a packet of clothing from Birmingham, per Mrs. Jenkyn Brown. And Mrs. Wall, of Rome, writes:—"May I ask to have acknowledged in the next number of the HERALD a parcel from friends at Union Chapel, Manchester, with my warmest thanks."

Recent Intelligence.

THE Rev. George Grenfell, of Stanley Pool, writing from the s.s. *Nubia*, near Gaboon, on his homeward voyage, reports, under date of February 14th:—

"I am already better for being free from the responsibilities of my recent post, and the more acute symptoms are already a good deal modified. I trust a period of rest and change in the dear old country will enable me, by the blessing of God, to renew my work in Africa with renewed strength and tenfold devotion."

On the 14th of January last, at Mpsalabala, Miss Seed, of Sheffield, was married to the Rev. Frank C. Darling, of Underhill Station, Congo River.

Mr. Moolenaar, writing from Underhill Station, Congo River, on February 11th, reports:—"My wife and self arrived here three days ago. We were most warmly welcomed by Brethren Comber, Grenfell, Darling, Scrivener, and Shindler, all being in the very best of health. All being well, we accompany Mr. Comber to Ngombe about the beginning of March. At present he is on his way to San Salvador with Mr. Weeks.

Reporting on the present state of the Congo Mission, Mr. Moolenaar writes:—"There are abundant signs at many of our stations of God's special and abundant blessing. It is, I can assure you, most refreshing to hear some of the lads at our prayer-meetings, as in simple, earnest language they plead for the salvation of their relatives and friends. There is evidently a great and widespread desire on all hands to listen to the story of Christ and His love. And this is spreading in the towns and villages of the Congo district."

The Rev. W. K. Landels, of Naples, is only very slowly recovering from a grave attack of scarlet fever. He is still in a weak and prostrate condition, but the latest accounts indicate, we are thankful to report, a measure of improvement.

We venture to advise our friends to make early application for tickets for the Missionary Soirée, on Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Holborn, as the promised presence of Mr. Grenfell, of the Congo Mission—for the first time since his remarkable explorations in the Congo region—has already created a large demand for tickets.

The Bazaar in aid of the funds for the purchase of land and erection of a laundry for Walthamstow Hall School for Missionaries' Daughters is to be held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Thursday and Friday, the 5th and 6th of May, and Mrs. Pye-Smith, the Treasurer, will be greatly obliged by contributions being sent in to the Baptist Mission House, or to any member of the Committee, by the 18th of April at latest. Donations of money, work, books, linen, china, tea, biscuits, or, indeed, any articles of manufacture or of food are earnestly requested.

The Rev. S. B. Drake, on his voyage to China, writes from Singapore, January 20th, on board the *Glenfruin*:—"My wife, children, and self are all well. We expect to leave here to-morrow, and reach Shanghai in a fortnight from this date. We have held regular services on board every Sunday. They have been well attended, and I hope have done good."

Young Men's Missionary Association.—Our Young Men's Committee have taken a new departure, which meets with our most hearty approval, in inviting speakers

for their Annual Meeting this year from the Church Missionary Society, and the London Missionary Society, as well as from our own. The cordial relations existing between the sister societies and ourselves will no doubt be emphasised at this meeting; and we would urge all who intend to be present to be at the Mission House as much before seven as possible, as the accommodation will, we anticipate, be too limited. The Thirty-ninth Annual Public Meeting will be held in the Library Hall of the Baptist Mission House, Furnival Street, Holborn, on Tuesday, 19th April, 1887, when the Chair will be taken at 7 p.m. precisely, by H. M. BOMPAS, Esq., M.A., Q.C., Recorder of Plymouth. Speakers—Rev. R. P. Ashe, of the Church Missionary Society, Uganda, Central Africa; Rev. George Cousins, of the London Missionary Society, formerly of Madagascar; Rev. G. H. Rouse, M.A., LL.B., of the Baptist Missionary Society, Calcutta; and A. H. Baynes, Esq., F.R.A.S.

Mr. Ashe was at Uganda when Bishop Hannington and other devoted European missionaries, together with numbers of native Christians, were foully murdered by King M'wanga; and he has mercifully escaped to tell a story which is of thrilling interest to all who desire the extension of our Lord's Kingdom. Apart from this, the generous sympathy and liberality of our Church friends, especially in our Congo troubles, will ensure to Mr. Ashe a very warm and hearty welcome.

Mr. Cousins is not only well known for his missionary work in Madagascar, but he represents the new "Young Men's Missionary Band," just started by the London Missionary Society, to help in its work as our own Young Men's Association helps us; and we shall be most glad of the opportunity to give him and them a very cordial greeting.

Mr. Rouse, of course, is an authority upon our work in India, and everyone will feel it a privilege to listen to him.

Several warm supporters of the Society have written to the Secretary, asking if any special mission memorial fund in connection with the Queen's Jubilee will be organised by the Committee during the current year. In reply, the Secretary has informed such friends that, as the Mission Committee are intending to inaugurate a large and general effort in connection with the approaching CENTENARY OF THE SOCIETY, and are very anxious also not to interfere with any of the projects already before the public, or to appear in rivalry with them, they have not resolved to open a Jubilee Fund. But as it is found that many friends throughout the country, who desire to make some substantial Jubilee thank-offering to God for His wonderful mercies, wish specially to devote such gifts to the Foreign Mission cause, the Committee will thankfully receive any such gifts, either for the General Fund or for any special fund, such as the Congo, the China, or the Widows and Orphans' Funds, and gratefully acknowledge all such help.

Contributions

From 14th February to 12th March, 1887.

When contributions are given for special objects, they are denoted as follows:—The letter T is placed before the sum when it is intended for Translations; S, for Schools; N.P., for Native Preachers; W & O, for Widows and Orphans.

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Phillips, Miss M. A., Leamington, for Congo	0	10	0				
Pierce, Mr J. J.	5	0	0				
Pols, Mrs L. W.	1	1	0				
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Stansfield, Dr G. S.	3	3	0				
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DONATIONS.							
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Adams, Mrs, per Rev J. T. Wigner, for Congo	5	0	0				
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A Servant, for Congo	1	6	0				
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Barber, The late Miss "E."	3	0	0				
Five Schoolgirls, for Congo	10	0	0				
Foster, Mr C. F.	4	7	6				
Hanson, The late Miss, for Congo	100	0	0				
Henderson, Rev W. T., and Family, for Congo	1	0	0				
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Johnson, Mr W., Fulbourn	5	0	0				
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Masters, Mr J. (special)	35	0	0				
Matt. vi. 1-4, for Congo	30	0	0				
Nicoll, Mr W., Annan, for Bibles for China	0	0	0				
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Do., for Congo	0	10	0				
Pastors' College Students	0	10	0				
Pollinger, Mrs	1	13	0				
Powtreas, Miss-Profit on photos, Congo Quilt	5	0	0				
"23 N.G." for Africa	3	0	0				
Scrivener, Mr J. C. (special)	0	11	7				
Scrivener, Miss R. (special)	1	0	0				
Stevenson, Mr P. H., Nottingham, for Congo	0	10	0				
Swan, Mrs (box)	1	1	0				
Thomas, Mr T., Ealing, for Congo	0	18	6				
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Under 10s.	0	10	6				
Do., for Congo	0	3	11				
Do., for Congo	0	5	0				
LEGACIES.							
Haggas, the late Miss Sarah Ann, of Keighley, per Miss E. Haggas	80	0	0				
Do., for W & O	50	0	0				
Turner, The late Miss Eleanor, of Tewkesbury, per Mr L. W. Lewis	100	0	0				
LONDON AND MIDDLESEX.							
Bermondsey, Drummond Road Sunday School, for N.P.	0	17	2				
Brixton, Gresham Ch. S. Sch.	4	11	1				
Broadstour	10	10	0				
Do., for support of two Congo boys	10	0	0				
Camberwell, Denmark Place	4	15	3				
Camden Rd. Sun. Sch., per Y.M.M.A., for Baptist Sch.	6	0	0				
Deptford, Octavia St. Sunday School	1	13	0				
Do., Midway Place	1	8	0				
Forest Gate, Woolgrange Ch., for W & O	3	1	1				
Hackney, Mare Street	2	0	0				
Do., for Congo	1	0	0				
Hammersmith, West End Ch.	15	3	3				
Hawley Rd., St. Paul's Ch.	30	13	1				
Do., for Congo	0	10	0				
Islington, Sultons' Hall Ch. Sunday Sch., for Backerguanga Sch.	5	0	0				
Kilburn, Canterbury Road Sun. Sch., for Congo	3	0	0				
Metropolitan Tabernacle	200	0	0				
Do., Sun. Sch., for Mr Weeks	6	5	0				
Peckham, Park Road Sunday School	4	10	2				
Do., for Agva Sch.	0	0	0				
Do., do., for N.P. Ram Chunder Ghose	20	0	0				
Do., James's Grove, Sunday School, per Y.M.M.A., for Baptist Sch.	8	0	0				
Putey, Union Ch.	100	0	0				
Do., M. Sch. (monety)	9	15	11				
Do., Werton Road	3	10	7				
Regent St. Lambeth, Sunday School	4	0	0				
Do., for Y.P.	0	0	0				
Do., do., for Baptist Sch.	4	0	0				
Teddington, Y.M.B.C., for Congo	0	10	0				
Tewkesham	3	2	0				
Walworth Road	11	7	2				
Wandsworth, East Hill	6	8	0				
Do., for W & O	2	0	0				
West London Juvenile Mission Band, for support of orphan in Mrs Kerry's Sch.	4	0	0				
Willesden, College Park	1	5	0				
BEDFORDSHIRE.							
Amphill	4	18	8				
Do., for W & O	1	0	0				
Do., for Y.P.	0	15	4				

Houghton Regis.....	24	0	4
Keysoe, Sunday School	0	5	7
Luton, Union Ch.....	20	16	4
Do., for W & O.....	1	10	0
Maulden.....	15	19	3
Do., for W & O.....	0	6	0
Ridgmont.....	6	8	0
Do., for W & O.....	1	2	0
Sandy.....	11	3	3
Do., for W & O.....	0	18	0
Do., for Congo.....	5	0	0
Thurleigh.....	0	13	3
Do., for W & O.....	0	6	9

BREKESHIRE.

Boorton.....	12	6	3
Do., for N P.....	1	6	9
Drayton, Sunday Sch., for N P.....	0	14	7
Field Mission.....	6	16	6
Maddenhead.....	11	3	6

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Chebam.....	14	15	2
Great Marlow.....	4	13	4
Do., for W & O.....	0	11	0
Little Kingshill.....	5	1	7
Do., for W & O.....	0	5	0
Do., for N P.....	1	5	11
Quinton, for W & O.....	0	5	0
Stantonbury, for W & O	0	6	6

CAMBRIDGEHIRE.

Burwell, Sunday Sch., for N P.....	0	12	0
Cottenham, for N P.....	2	0	4
Waterbeach, for W & O	0	17	0

CHESTER.

Birkenhead, Welsh Ch., Price St., for N P	3	9	9
Do., Cathcart Street, Ssn. Sch., for N P	1	0	0
Northwich.....	3	5	0
Onston.....	17	12	1
Stockport, Greek Street, for N P.....	2	2	6

CORNWALL.

Calstock.....	7	4	5
Do., for N P.....	0	14	11
Do., for W & O.....	0	10	0
Helson, for W & O.....	2	6	5
Turo, for N P.....	0	19	3

DERBYSHIRE.

Derby, Trinity Ch., for W & O.....	1	15	0
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DEVONSHIRE.

Bampton, for W & O...	6	2	9
Barnstaple.....	3	3	0
Do., for W & O.....	2	2	0
Cullompton.....	3	1	6
Do., for W & O.....	0	15	0
Do., for N P.....	2	13	8
Georgetown.....	14	6	1
Do., for W & O.....	1	0	0
Hfracombe, for W & O	1	5	0
Kilmington.....	6	13	0
Newton Abbot, East Street, for W & O.	1	1	0
Do., for N P.....	1	17	0
Taverton.....	28	6	5
Do., for W & O.....	2	2	0

DORSETSHIRE.

Buckland Newton, for N P.....	0	17	0
Dorchester, for W & O	0	10	0
Lyme Regis.....	14	1	0
Do., for W & O.....	1	0	0
Sherborne.....	1	5	0

DURHAM.

Consett, for W & O.....	0	10	0
Hemsterley.....	1	0	0
Do., for W & O.....	0	5	0
Stockton-on-Tees, Wel- lington-street.....	8	7	0
Do., Sunday School.,	1	15	0
Sunderland.....	2	3	0

ESSEX.

Abndon.....	4	9	6
Barking, Queen's Rd. Sun. Sch., for N P.	1	1	10
Burnham, for W & O.....	0	10	6
Do., for N P.....	1	10	0
Earl's Colne.....	11	19	2
Do., for W & O.....	1	14	0
Harlow (on account)...	10	10	0
Rayleigh.....	0	8	0
Romford.....	10	10	0
Do., for W & O.....	2	6	7
Saffron Walden.....	2	2	0
Walbam Abbey.....	1	1	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Burford.....	5	10	0
Cheltenham, Cambay Ch.....	5	10	0
Cirencester, Sun. Sch., for N P.....	4	16	8
Fairford, for W & O.....	0	3	8
Goington, Slimbridge, for W & O.....	0	6	0
Do., for N P.....	1	1	10
Hillsley.....	0	19	0
Do., for W & O.....	0	13	6
Longhope, Zion Ch.....	5	13	6
Do., for W & O.....	0	11	7
Do., for N P.....	0	3	11
Wickwar, Sunday Sch.	1	10	0
Wotton-under-Edge, for W & O.....	2	2	0

HAMPSHIRE.

Andover.....	1	1	0
Beaulieu.....	1	0	0
Lyndhurst.....	1	17	0
Do., for W & O.....	1	1	0
Lockerley.....	5	17	3
Do., for N P.....	8	6	2
Milford (special).....	1	0	0
Portsea, Ac., Auxiliary (on a count).....	11	11	8
For W & O Fun. —	0	7	6
Brockhurst.....	0	2	2
Fort on.....	1	0	6
Gosport.....	0	0	6
Lake-road.....	6	0	0
Kent-stre.....	3	11	2
Southampton, East St. Sun. Sch., for N P.	1	0	0
Kali Chand, under Mr Price, Singapore	1	0	0
Southsea, Elm Grove, for W & O.....	6	0	0
Wallop.....	8	5	4
Do., for W & O.....	0	12	8
Westbourne.....	5	1	4
Do., for W & O.....	2	4	6
Do., for N P.....	2	14	2
Whitechurch, for W & O	1	5	6

Winchester.....	10	4	3
Do., for W & O.....	0	13	6
Do., for N P.....	1	2	9

ISLE OF WIGHT.

Ryde, George St., for W & O.....	2	9	6
Sandown, for W & O.....	0	7	0

HESKETHSHIRE.

Fownhope.....	3	13	3
Do., for W & O.....	0	18	0
Do., for N P.....	2	5	4
Do., for Mr Price's Sch., Dinapore ..	5	0	0
Gorsley.....	5	10	0
Stanshatch, Sun. Sch.	2	6	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Boxmoor, Sunday Sch.	4	12	3
Do., for N P.....	1	6	0
Hemel Hempstead.....	1	18	9
Do., for N P.....	0	4	3
Hitchin, for W & O.....	6	4	0
Mill End.....	0	8	7
Do., for N P.....	0	7	8
New Barnet.....	6	0	0
Rickmansworth, for NP	2	3	9

KENT.

Canterbury, for W & O	2	13	8
Catford Hill.....	27	16	0
Do., S. Sch., for NP	0	7	0
Deal.....	9	3	0
Dover, Salem Ch., Sun. Sch., for N P.....	4	1	5
Eythorne.....	13	0	0
Foots Cray.....	2	1	0
Goudhurst, for Congo.	3	0	0
Maidstone, Bethel Sun. Sch.....	6	10	0
Pembury, for W & O (moist).....	1	3	6
Plumstead, Conduit Rd.	14	12	1
Ramsgate, Ellington Ch.....	23	13	0
Sevenoaks, Walham- stow Hall Sch.....	1	10	0
Shooter's Hill Rd., Sun. Sch.....	31	3	0
Smarden.....	1	17	0
Sutton-at-Hone, Sun. Sch.....	1	14	0
Woolwich, Queen St., per Y.M.M.A.....	4	0	0
Do., do., for Barisal Sch., per do.....	4	0	0
Do., Parsons Hill.....	2	2	0

LANCASHIRE.

Accrington, for W & O (1865).....	5	0	0
Do., for do. (1867) ..	10	5	0
Astley Bridge.....	17	15	0
Bacup, Irwell Terrace	7	10	0
Do., for W & O.....	1	0	0
Blackpool.....	9	10	0
Eccles, for W & O.....	1	3	0
Lancaster.....	15	0	0
Liverpool, Myrtle St.	73	1	7
Do., for W & O.....	35	0	0
Do., for China.....	1	0	0
Do., for Congo.....	1	0	0
Do., Richmond Ch.....	12	4	4
Do., do., for Congo.....	9	10	0
Do., Pembroke Ch.....	13	2	11
Do., Fabius Ch. Sun. Sch., for N P.....	1	0	0
Do., Auk. (on ac- count), per Mr J.W. Winchester.....	9	0	0

Lamb, for W & O	1 10 0
Manchester, Moss Side	25 0 0
Do., for support of boy under Mr Silvey, Congo	5 0 0
Southport	57 12 0
Do., for W & O	5 0 0
Waterfoot, Bethel	1 15 2

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Leicester, Melbourne Hall	40 2 0
Do., Belgrave Road	3 15 6
Do., do., for N.P.	0 8 11
Melton Mowbray	13 8 5
Do., for W & O	1 18 6
Do., for N.P.	8 15 6
Oadby	9 11 11
Do., for W & O	0 13 8
Do., for N.P.	2 0 10

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Barton-on-Humber	1 10 0
Great Grimby, Tabernacle	40 17 7
Do., for N.P.	3 12 7

NORFOLK.

Dias	19 28 2
Do., for N.P.	0 19 10
Lyss, Union Ch.	0 12 9
Norfolk (on account), per Mr J. J. Colman, M.P., Treasurer	43 19 0
Old Buckenham	3 17 6
Do., for W & O	1 2 8

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Clipsdale, for W & O	1 5 0
Do., for N.P.	1 9 8
Cogenhoe	1 0 6
Ecton, for W & O	0 5 0
Gulsthorpe	4 0 6
Do., for W & O	1 0 0
Do., for N.P.	1 4 8
Hackleton, for W & O	0 10 0
Harpole, for W & O	1 0 0
Do., for N.P.	0 10 0
Kingsthorpe, for W & O	0 10 0
Long Buckby, for W & O	1 7 6
Do., for N.P.	0 17 0
Milton	4 9 2
Do., for W & O	0 10 4
Northampton, College Street	6 10 2
Ringstead, for W & O	0 15 0
Do., for N.P.	0 8 2
Rushden	2 0 0
Walgrave, for N.P.	0 5 7
West Haddon, for W & O	0 10 0
Do., for N.P.	0 10 2

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alwark, for Congo	2 0 0
Berwick	23 5 10
Do., for W & O	3 8 6
Ford Forge, Sun. Sch.	1 5 0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Newark, for N.P.	0 4 6
Stoke-on-Trent	0 5 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Banbury	7 3 3
Do., for W & O	1 10 0
Do., for N.P.	0 10 3

Caversham	5 0 0
Do., for W & O	7 7 0
Do., for Brittany	5 0 0
Chipping Norton, for W & O	3 13 0
Coals, &c.	3 13 6
Leafield	1 15 0
Woodstock	3 9 11
Do., for W & O	0 5 1

ROTLANDSHIRE.

Langham, Sun. Sch.	0 12 0
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SHERIFFSHIRE.

Bridgnorth	13 16 2
Do., for W & O	0 10 0
Do., for N.P.	1 19 10
Craven Arms, for N.P.	1 1 0
Snailbeach	0 19 7
Do., for W & O	0 2 6
Do., for N.P.	1 7 4
Wellington	5 10 0
Whitchurch	7 1 6

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Boroughbridge	8 15 0
Bristol, on account per Mr G. H. Leonard, Treasurer	40 0 0
Do., Totterdown, for N.P.	1 9 3
For W & O Fund -	
Buckingham Ch.	6 10 3
City Road	4 4 0
Fishponds	4 0 0
Keynsham	0 17 6
King Street	2 14 10
Philly Street	1 15 0
Totterdown	2 8 0

Burnham	5 9 8
Hatch Beauchamp	11 10 0
Do., for W & O	0 15 0
Do., for N.P.	0 17 0
North Curry, for N.P.	0 1 0
Othley, for W & O	0 15 0
Shepton Mallet	1 18 2
Do., for W & O	0 8 10
Street, for W & O	0 10 0
Stogumber	3 7 2
Wedmore and Mark	11 19 1
Do., for N.P.	2 8 7
Wells	2 19 0
Weston - super - Marc (special)	23 9 6
Wilton Sun. Sch.	1 0 9
Wincanton, for N.P.	1 13 10
Yeovil, for W & O	5 0 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Hanley	0 6 3
Do., for N.P.	1 7 0

SUFFOLK.

Berdwell	1 11 0
Do., for N.P.	0 6 0
Eye	3 0 11
Ipawich, Stoke Green Sunday School	8 0 0
Do., for N.P.	0 32 8
Walton	10 3 7

SURREY.

Carnallton, for N.P.	0 1 0
Godalming	2 12 6
Dulwich, Lordship Lane Sunday School	4 7 0
New Malden, Friends at Cong. Ch.	4 14 6
Sutton	20 7 9
Do., for Mr Guyton's N.P.	1 7 3

West Norwood	30 19 0
Do., for China	0 19 0
Do., for Congo	0 18 0

STAFFS.

Brighton, Bond Street	14 6 6
Do., for W & O	1 0 0
Do., Sunday School	6 18 1
Do., Sunday Square	13 12 8

WARWICKSHIRE.

Alcester	0 1
Birmingham, on account per Mr Thos. Adams, Treasurer	100 18 9
Studley	5 5 0
Walston, for W & O	1 0 0

WESTMORLAND.

Kirkby Stephen, for N.P.	0 5 7
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WILTSHIRE.

Calne, for W & O	2 5 0
Do., for N.P.	3 4 3
Swindon	19 5 8
Do., for W & O	2 13 6
Do., for N.P.	4 0 0
Trowbridge, Back St.	25 0 0
Do., Bethesda	13 4 0
Do., do., for W & O	2 2 0
Warminster, for W & O	1 10 0
Westbury, West End	18 12 11
Do., for W & O	2 0 0
Whitebourne Corsley, for W & O	0 5 6
Do., for N.P.	1 1 5

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bromsgrove, New Rd.	2 8 10
Redditch	0 7 6
Shipston-on-Stour	3 6 4
Do., for W & O	0 6 11
Worcester	5 17 4
Do., for Congo	2 0 0
Do., for N.P.	0 14 10

YORKSHIRE.

Barnsley, for N.P.	0 12 10
Bathley	0 10 3
Halifax, Trinity Road Sunday School	23 5 5
Harrrogate	1 1 0
Huddersfield	0 2 4
Do., New North Road for W & O	4 13 0
Leeds, South Parade	4 3 5
Do., for St. Aidan	20 0 0
Do., Burley Rd., Jov.	26 2 6
Multon, Sunday School for N.P.	0 10 0
Milnsbridge, Sun. Sch.	0 16 0
Sheffield, on account per Mr F. E. Smith, Treasurer	60 3 3
Shipley, Hasso Street, for W & O	2 0 0
Do., Bethel, for W & O	1 1 0
Staincliffe	1 12 6

NORTH WALES.

ANGLESEA.

Holyhead, Hobron	1 12 6
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DEWDARSHIRE.

Llanrhidr	1 0 5
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FLINTSHIRE.		MORROWSHIRE.		GREENACK, OMAGEFIELD, for W & O.	
Treuddyn, for N P	0 10 7	Abergavenny, Bothany, for N P	1 13 11	Hamilton	2 10 0
MERIONETHSHIRE.		Maindee, for Agra	0 5 0	Hawick, for W & O	0 15 0
Llanantfridd	1 6 0	Newport, Commercial Street, for W & O	5 0 0	Do., Sun. Sch., for Mr Jones, Agra	8 1 6
SOUTH WALES.		Do., Stow Hill, for Mr Jones, Agra	1 0 0	Irvine	7 3 6
Maes y Berllan	1 19 7	Risca, Bothany	3 10 0	Do., for W & O	1 0 1
Do., for N P	4 13 6	PENFROKESHIRE.		Do., for China	0 14 0
CARDIGANSHIRE.		Letterston, for N P	3 1 5	Do., for Congo	0 14 0
Cwmsymlog, for N P	1 2 0	Marletwy	3 18 6	Kilmarnock, Sun. Sch.	0 8 0
CARMARTHENSHIRE.		Pisgah	0 12 0	Rothesay	8 10 5
Cwmsarhddu, for N P	1 3 7	RADNORSHIRE.		Wishaw	1 17 3
Llanelli, Greenfield	0 1 0	Frestige	2 4 7	Do., for W & O	0 10 0
Do., for support of N P, Francisco, Congo	30 0 0	Do., for N P	1 1 6	IRELAND.	
GLANORGANSHIRE.		SCOTLAND.		Belfast, for N P	0 15 3
Caerphilly, Tonyfelin	4 17 5	Aberdeen, Academy St.	1 0 0	FOREIGN.	
Do., for N P	0 18 3	Do., for Congo	1 0 0	EUROPE.	
Cardiff, Bethel	4 14 9	Do., for China	1 0 0	Stuttgart, Schauder,	
Do., Tredgarville	2 10 0	Anstruther, Sun. Sch., for Congo	1 10 0	Rev L.	0 10 2
Do., Long Cross Sun Sch.	8 5 1	Cambuslang	1 1 0	TURKEY.	
Do., Woodville Road	14 15 3	Cupar	2 0 0	Constantinople, Mr W.	
Do., do., for W & O	0 10 0	Do., for Congo	0 5 0	Sellar	1 1 0
Do., Pearl Street	0 10 0	Dunfermline, Sunday School, for Congo	6 5 0	Do., Beshik Sun. Sch., for Congo	7 5 0
Do., Canton, Hope Ch., for N P	5 4 10	Do., for support of N P "Joseph," under G. C. Dutt	20 0 0	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONGO FIRE FUND.	
Glydach, Calsary	2 12 3	Edinburgh, &c., for Palestine	0 0 0	Bristol—	
Glais, near Swansea	0 6 0	Do., Marshall Street, for N P	1 1 8	Totterdown	0 10
Merthyr, Bethesda	0 12 0	Elgin for N P	2 12 0	Hackney—	
Rhondda	5 15 0	Do., for China	0 10 0	Mare Street	0 4 0
Tafarnaubach, Salem, for N P	1 3 4	Do., for Congo	0 10 0	Leicester—	
		Glasgow	17 17 0	Hardy, Mr Arthur	5 0 0
		Do., for Italy	40 0 0	Wood, Mr E.	25 0 0
		Do., for Congo	1 6 0	New Zealand—	
		Do., Adelaide Place, on account	60 0 0	Cockrell, Mr F. H., per Rev C. H. Spurge- son	5 0 0

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