



THE ITALIAN MOTHERS' MEETING IN NAPLES.—(From a Photograph.)

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The 1887 Sheffield Autumnal Meetings.

OUR readers will not expect a full and detailed report of the recent autumnal meetings of the Society. We should, however, be very remiss were we not to find space to express our sincere gratitude for the suitable and stimulating utterances of the honoured brethren who addressed us, as well as for the kind consideration and unsparing diligence of the Local Committee.

The early morning service will long be remembered for the very able discourse by the Rev. D. P. McPherson, B.D., the successor of the lamented Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, at Myrtle Street, Liverpool, who for an hour held the unbroken attention of his hearers. At eleven o'clock the large Wesleyan chapel in Carvers Street, kindly placed at our disposal, was thronged in every part. It is with much pleasure we are able to reproduce the sermon preached on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Maclaren, of Manchester. The perusal of its lofty sentiments will readily assure our readers that it was no ordinary opportunity.

The valedictory meeting in the afternoon was under the presidency of Dr. Dallinger, of Wesley College, when formal leave was taken of the following brethren:—The Revs. G. H. Rouse, M.A., LL B., T. R. Edwards, of India, and W. H. Gamble, of Trinidad. In addition to these senior missionaries returning to their fields of labour were the Rev. James Smith, formerly of Delhi, who, after more than forty years' service, feels impelled by a Divine necessity to go forth once again to the land of his adoption; and the Rev. R. Wright Hay, also proceeding to India, being transferred from the West Coast of Africa. Besides the above, the Assembly bade farewell to the

Revs. A. G. Shorrocks, B.A., J. P. Bruce, B.A., designated to China; A. B. West, to India, and A. D. Slade, to the Congo, Africa. We regret that, owing to the unavoidably prolonged duration of this service, the Rev. W. Carey Upton, of Beverley, had not time to say more than a few words of wise and loving counsel. The departing missionaries were commended in prayer to the care and blessing of God by the Rev. John Aldis, of Bratton.

The great meeting in the evening at the Albert Hall was presided over by the Mayor of Sheffield, Sir Henry Stephenson, whose remarks were most pertinent and sympathetic. The speeches of the brethren—the Revs. R. F. Guyton, F. D. Waldox, F. H. James, and R. Wright Hay—were full of missionary information, and were every way calculated to maintain and deepen missionary zeal.

We cannot conclude these brief remarks without very definitely thanking our friends at Sheffield—the Revs. J. Bailey, B.A., E. Carrington, T. J. Stockley, and Messrs. Eaton, Dixon, and Briggs—whose invaluable co-operation so largely contributed to the pleasantness and, we trust, the true spiritual success of our autumnal gatherings of 1887.

The Sun-lit Church.

A MISSIONARY SERMON.

By REV. ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D.D., OF MANCHESTER.

Preached in Carver-street Wesleyan Chapel, Sheffield, Tuesday Morning, October 4, in connection with the Autumnal Meetings of the Baptist Missionary Society.

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall rise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.”—ISA. lx. 1—3.

THE personation of Israel as a woman runs through the whole of this second portion of Isaiah's prophecy. We see her thrown on the earth a mourning mother, a shackled captive. We hear her summoned once and again to awake, to arise, to shake herself from the dust, to loose the bands of her neck. These summonses are prophecies of the impending Messianic deliverance. The same circle of truths, in a somewhat different aspect, is presented in the verses before us. The prophet sees the earth wrapped in a funeral pall of darkness, and a beam of more than natural light falling on one prostrate form; the old story is repeated, Zion sits in the light, while Egypt cowers in gloom. The light which shines upon her is the glory of the Lord, the ancient brightness that dwelt between the cherubim within the veil in the secret place of the Most High, and is now come out into the open world to envelope the desolate captive. Thus touched by the light she becomes light, and in her turn is bidden to shine. There is a very remarkable correspondence reiterated in my text between the

illuminating God and the illuminated Zion. The word for shine is connected with the word for light, and might fairly be rendered "lighten," or "be light." Twice the phrase "thy light" is employed: once to mean the light which is thine because it shines on thee; once to mean the light which is thine because it shines from thee. The other word, three times repeated, for *rising*, is the technical word which expresses the sunrise, and it is applied both to the flashing glory that falls upon Zion and to the light that gleams from her. Touched by the sun, she becomes a sun, and blazes in her heaven in a splendour that draws men's hearts. So, then, if that be the fair analysis of the words before us, they present to us some thoughts that may not be altogether inappropriate to our meeting this morning, and I gather them all up in three—the fact, the ringing summons, and the confident promise.

I. Now, as to the fact. Beneath the poetry of my text there lie very definite conceptions of a very solemn and grave character, and these conceptions are the foundation of the ringing summons that follows, and which reposes upon a double basis—viz., "for thy light is come," and "for darkness covers the earth." There is a double element in the representation. We have a darkened earth, and a sunlit and a sun-like church; and unless we hold these two convictions—both of them—in firm grasp, and that not merely as convictions that influence our understanding, but as ever present forces acting on our emotions, our consciences, our wills, we shall not do the work God has set us to do in the world. I need not dwell long on the former of these, or speak of that funeral pall that wraps the whole earth. Only remember it is no darkness that came from His hand, who forms the light and creates darkness, but is like the smoke that lies over Sheffield—the work of many an earth-born fire, whose half-consumed foulness hides the sun from us. If we take the sulphureous and smoky pall that wraps the earth, and analyse its contents, they are these: the darkness of ignorance, the darkness of sorrow, the darkness of sin. Of ignorance; for over all the wide regions that lie beneath that covering spread over all nations, is there any certitude about God, about man, about morals, about responsibilities, about eternity? Peradventures, guesses, dreams, precious fragments of truth, twisted in with the worst of lies, noble aspirations side by side with bestial representations—these are the things on which our brethren repose, or try to repose. We do not forget that light which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world. We do not forget, of course, that everywhere there are feelings after Him, and everywhere there are gleams and glimpses of a vanishing light, else life were impossible; but, oh, dear brethren, let us not forget, either, that the people sit in darkness of ignorance, which is the saddest darkness that can afflict men.

And it is a darkness of sorrow, for all the ills that flesh is heir to press, unalleviated and unsustained by any known helper in the heavens, upon millions of our fellows. They stand, as the great German poet describes himself as standing, in one of the most pathetic of his lyrics, before the marble image of the fair goddess, with piety on her face, and beauty raying from her limbs, but she has no arms. So tears fall undried. The light-hearted savage is a fiction. What a heavy gloom lies upon his past and his present, which darkens into an impenetrable mist, which wraps and hides the future!

And the darkness is a darkness of sin as well as of sorrow and of ignorance. On that point I need not dwell. We all believe that all have sinned and come

short of the glory of God, and we all believe that idolatry, as we see it, and as it is wrought out, is an ally of impurity and of sin. The process is this: men make gods in their own image, and the gods make devils of the men. "They that make them are like unto them, so is every one that trusteth in them." We need no other principle than that to account for the degradation of heathenism and for the obscenities and foul transgression within the very courts of the temple.

Now, dear friends, that I may not dwell too long upon the A B C of our belief, let me urge you in one sentence to be on your guard against present-day tendencies which weaken the force of this solemn, tragical conviction about the realities of heathendom. The new science of comparative religion has done much for us. I am not saying one word against this pursuit, or the conclusions which are drawn from it. But I want you to remember that the underlying truths buried beneath the system that any men hold as their religion are one thing, and the practical working of the system as we see it in daily life is altogether another. The actual character of heathenism is not to be learned from the sacred books of all nations and the precious gleams of wisdom and feelings after the Divine which we recognise in man. As a simple matter of fact, all over the world the religion of heathen nations is a mass of obscenity, intertwined so closely with nobler thoughts that the two seem to be inseparable. Unalleviated sorrows, hideous foulnesses, a gross ignorance covering all the most important realities for men—these are the facts with which we have to grapple. Do not let us forget them.

And on the other side, remember the contrasted picture here of the sunlit and sunny Church. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of my text! We behold His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. If you and I are Christians, we are bound to believe in Him as the exclusive source of certainty. We hear from Him no peradventure, but His word is, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee," and on that we rest all our knowledge of God, of duty, of man, and of the future. Instead of fears, doubts, perhapses, we have a living Christ and His rock Word. And in Him is all joy and in Him is the cleansing from all sin. And this three-fold radiance, into which the one pure light may be analysed, falls upon us. It falls all over the world as well; but they into whose hearts it has come, they whose faces are turned to it, they receive it in a sense which the unreceptive and unresponsive darkness of the world does not. The light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness will have none of it, and so it is darkness yet. The light shineth upon us, and if by His mercy we have opened our hearts to it, then, according to the profound teaching of this context, we are not only a sun-lighted, but a sunlike Church, and to us the commandment comes, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and has turned thy poor darkness into a sun too."

If we have the light we shall be light. That is but putting in a picturesque form the very central truth of Christianity. The last word of the Gospel is transformation. We become like Him if we live near to Him, and the end for which the Master became like unto us in His incarnation and passion was that we might become like to Him by the reception of His very own life unto our souls. Light makes many a surface on which it falls flash, but it is the rays which are not absorbed that are reflected in the optics of earth; but in this loftier

region the illumination is not superficial but inward, and it is the light which is swallowed up within us that then comes forth from us. Christ will dwell in our hearts, and we shall be like some poor little diamond-shaped pane of glass in a cottage window which, when the sun smites it, is visible over miles of the plain. If that sun falls upon us, its image will be mirrored in our hearts, and flashing in our lives. The clouds that lie over the sunset, though in themselves they be but poor, gray, and moist vapour, when smitten by its beneficent radiance, become not unworthy ministers and attendants upon its glory. So, my brethren, it may be with us, for Christ comes to be our light. Because He is in us and with us, we are changed into His likeness, and the names that are most appropriate to Him He shares with us. Is He the "Son"? we are sons. Is He "the Light of the world"? His own lips tell us: "Ye are the light of the world." Is He the Christ? The Psalm says: "Touch not my Christs, and do My prophets no harm." Critics have quarrelled over these last chapters of the Book of Isaiah, as to who the servant of the Lord is; whether he is the personal or collective Israel, whether he is Christ or His Church. Let us take the lesson that He and we are so united that His offices—all but the one office that made the union possible, wherein He was sacrificed on the cross for us all—belong by derivation to His servants, and that He, the Sun of Righteousness, moves in the heavens circled by many another sun. So, dear friends, these two convictions of these two facts, the dark earth, the sunlit, sun-like Church, lie at the basis of all our missionary work. If once we begin to doubt about them; if once we begin to think that men have got a good deal of light already, and can do very well without much more, or if we at all are hesitant about our possession of the light, and the certitudes and the joys that are in it, then good-bye to our missionary zeal. We shall soon begin to ask the question, To what purpose is this waste?—though the lips that first asked it, by-the-bye, did not much recommend it—and shall consider that money and resources and precious lives are too precious to be thrown away thus. But if we rightly appreciate the force of these twin principles, then we shall be ready to listen to the ringing summons.

II. We have here, in the second place, based upon these two facts, the summons to the Church: "Shine, for thy light is come." If we *have* light, we *are* light. If we are light, we shall shine; but the shining is not altogether spontaneous and effortless. Stars do not need to be bidden to shine nor candles either; but *we* need the exhortation because there are many things that dim the brilliance of our light and interfere with its streaming forth. True, the property of light is to shine, but we can rob the inward light of its beams. The silent witness of a Christian life transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ is, perhaps, the best contribution that any of us can make to the spread of His kingdom. It is with us as it is with the great lights in the heavens. There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard; yet their line has gone through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. So we may quietly ray out the light in us and witness the transforming power of our Master by the transparent purity of our lives. But then the command suggests likewise effort, and that effort must be in the direction of the specific vocal proclamation of His name. I take both these methods of fulfilling the command into my view, in the further remarks that I make, and I put that which I have to say upon this into three sentences: if we are light, we

shall be able to shine ; if we are light, we are bound to shine ; if we are light, we shall want to shine. We shall be able to shine. Any man can manifest what he is unless he is a coward. Any man can talk about the things that are interesting to him if only they are interesting to him. Any man that has Jesus Christ can say so ; and perhaps the utterance of the simple personal conviction is the best method of proclaiming His name. All other things are surplussage. They are good when they come, they may be done without. Learning, eloquence, and the like of these are the adornments of the lamp, but it does not matter whether the lamp be a gorgeous affair of gilt and crystal, or whether it be a poor piece of block tin ; the main question is : are there wick and oil in it ? The pitcher may be gold and silver, or costly china, or it may be a poor potsherd. Never mind. If there is water in it, it will be precious to a thirsty lip. And so, dear brethren, though it has not directly to do with foreign missions, my purpose this morning is principally to rouse each of us to a consciousness of our personal responsibility wherever those influences extend, and I press this upon you : every Christian man has the power, if he be a Christian, to proclaim his Master, and if he has the Light will be able to show it. I pause for a moment to say that this suggests for us the condition of all faithful and effectual witness for Jesus Christ. Cultivate understanding and all other faculties as much as you like ; but, oh ! you Christian ministers, as well as others in less official and public positions, remember this : the fitness to impart is to possess, and that being taken for granted the main thing is secured. As long as the electric light is in contact with the battery so long does it burn. Electricians have been trying during the past few years to make accumulators, things in which they can store the influence and put it away in a corner and use it so that the light need not be in connection with the battery ; and they have not succeeded—at least, it is only a very partial success. You and I cannot start accumulators. Let us remember personal contact is power, and only the personal contact. Arise, shine, but oh ! if thou hast gone out of the light, thou wilt shine no more.

Well then, again, if we are light we are bound to shine. That is an obvious principle. The capacity to shine is the obligation to shine, for we are all knit together by such mystical cords in this strange brotherhood of humanity that every one of us holds his position as trust property for the use and behoof of others, and in the present case that which we have received, and the price at which we have received it, gives an edge to the keenness of the obligation, and adds a new band to the stringency of the command. It is because Christ has given Himself thus to us that the possession of Him binds us to the imitation of His example, and the impartation of Him to all our brethren. The obligation lies at our doors, and cannot be delegated or devolved.

If we have light, we shall wish to shine. What shall we say about the Christian people that never really had such a wish ? God forbid that I should say they have no light ; but this I will say, it burns very dimly. Dear brethren, there is no better test of the depth and the purity of our personal attachment to, and possession of, our Master than the impulse that will spring from them to communicate Him to others. "Necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is me if I preach not." That should be the word of every one of us, and it will be in the measure in which we ourselves get thoroughly hold of Jesus Christ. "This is a day of good tidings, and we cannot hold our peace," said the handful of lepers in

the camp. "If we are silent some mischief will come to us." "Thy word, when I shut it up in my bones and said, I will speak no more in Thy name, was like a fire, and I was weary of forbearing and I could not stay." Brother, do you know anything of the Divine necessity to share your blessing with the men around you? Did you ever feel what it was to carry a burden of the Lord that drove you to speech, and left you no rest until you had done what it impelled you to do? If not, I beseech you ask yourselves whether you cannot get nearer to the sun than away out yonder on the very edge of its system, receiving so few of its beams, and these so impotent that they can scarcely do more than melt the surface of the thick-ribbed ice that wraps your spirit. If we are light we shall be enabled, we shall be bound, we shall wish to shine. Christian men and women, is this true of you?

III. Lastly, notice here the confident promise, "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." If we have the light we shall be light; if we are light we shall shine, and if we shine we shall attract. Certainly men and women with the light of Christ in them will draw others to them, just as many an eye that cannot look undazzled upon the sun can look upon it mirrored upon some polished surface. A painter will fling upon his canvas a scene that you and I, with our purblind eyes, have looked at hundreds of times and seen no beauty in it; but when we gaze on the picture, then we know how fair it is. There is an attractive power in the light of Christ shining from the face of a man. Of course, we have to moderate our expectations. We have to remember that whilst it is true that some men will come to the light, it is also true that some men love the darkness, and will not come to the light because their deeds are evil; and we have to remember that we have no right to anticipate rapid results. "An inheritance may be begotten hastily at the beginning, but the latter end thereof shall not be blessed," said the wise man; and the history of the Christian Church in many of its missionary operations is a sad commentary upon the saying. We must remember that we cannot estimate how long the preparation for a change, which will be developed swiftly, may be. The sun on these autumn mornings shines upon the fog; and the people below, because there is a fog, do not know that it is shining; but it is doing its work on the upper layer all the while, and at length eats its way through the fleecy obstruction, which then swiftly disappears. That must be a very, very long day of which the morning twilight has been eighteen hundred years. Therefore, although the vision tarries, we may fall back with unswerving confidence on these words of my text—"The Gentiles shall come to the brightness of thy rising."

But after all this has been said, are you satisfied with the rate of progress? Are you satisfied with the swiftness of the fulfilment of such hopes? Whose fault is it that the rate of progress is what it is? Yours and mine and our predecessors. There is such a thing as hastening the day of the Lord, and there is such a thing as protracting the time of waiting. Dear brethren, the secret of our slow growth at home and abroad lies in my text. Fulfil the conditions and you will get the result; but if you are not shining by a light which is Christ's light, who promised that *it* would have attraction or draw men to it? A great deal of the work of the Christian Church—but do not let us hide ourselves in the generality of that word—a great deal of *our* work is artificial light, brewed out of retorts, and smelling sulphureous; and a great deal more of it is the phosphor-

escence that glimmers above decay. If the Christian Church has ceased in any measure, or in any of its members, to be able to attract by the exhibition of its light, let the Christian Church sit down and bethink itself of the sort of light it gives, and perhaps it will find a reason for its failure. It is Christ, the holy Christ, the loving Christ, the Christ in us making us wise and gentle, it is the Christ manifested by word and by work, that will draw the nations to Him.

So, men and brethren, do you keep near your Master and live close by His side till you are drenched and saturated with His glory, and all your cold vapours turned into visible divinity and manifested Jesus. Keep near to Him. As long as a bit of scrap-iron touches a magnet, it is a magnet. As soon as the contact is broken it ceases to attract. If you live in the full sunshine of Christ and have Him, not merely playing upon the surface of your mind, but sinking deep down into it and transforming your whole being, then some men will, as they look at you, be filled with strange longings, and will say : 'Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.' So may you and I live, like the morning star, which, from its serene altitudes, touched into radiance by the sun unseen from the darkened plains, prophesies its rising to a sleeping world, and is content to be lost in the lustre of that unsetting Light !

The Congo Mission.

FURTHER HEAVY LOSSES.

THROUGH the denominational papers our readers will have already become acquainted with the heavy loss that has fallen upon the Congo Mission by the death of the Rev. Harry G. Whitley, which sad event took place at Lukungu, Lower Congo River, on Wednesday, August 3rd.

Mr. Whitley had just returned to Stanley Pool in charge of the *Peace*, with his colleague Mr. Charters, after having been engaged with the Emin Pasha Expedition for nearly seven weeks on the Upper Congo, taking Mr. H. M. Stanley to the mouth of the Aruwimi River.

Soon after Mr. Whitley's return to Stanley Pool, Mr. Bentley left in the *Peace* with Mr. Charters, for Lukolela, on the Upper River, taking stores and food for brethren Richards and Darby ; and Mr. Whitley started off down country intending, in response to the desire of the Committee, strongly expressed more than four months previously, to voyage to England.

Mr. Moolenaar writes :—

"As you know, our brother Whitley went up river with the *Peace* to take up part of Stanley's expedition. After about seven weeks' absence, he returned with the *Peace* in safety, after which he started down country on his way home.

"When he arrived at Wathen Station (N'gombe), he fell sick, and after a few days, having partially recovered, he made another start. When he reached Lukungu he was found to be in fever."

The Rev. Philip Davies, of Wathen, writing from Lukungu under date of July 28th, says :—

“ I am now travelling down country with Mr. Whitley, who arrived at Wathen Station with slight fever as to temperature, but very obstinate. We happily had enough hammock-men to enable us to have him carried every step of the way from N'gombe to Lukungu.

“ On arrival at the American Baptist Mission Station Mr. Whitley had serious exacerbation ; but I am exceedingly thankful to say Dr. Small was there and took the case in hand at once.”

Mr. Silvey, writing from Lukungu, on August 3rd, says :—

“ Our dear brother, Mr. Whitley, entered into his everlasting rest at ten minutes past seven this morning. God comfort and sustain his dear father and mother

Dr. Small, of the American Baptist Mission, whose kindness has been most marked and constant, writing to Mr. Whitley's father under date of Underhill Station, August 11th, says :—

“ Your son, Rev. H. G. Whitley, came to Lukungu on 27th July, greatly exhausted by a continued fever and suffering much disturbance of the nervous system ; and at his request I took the medical charge of him, although his condition was such that I had little hope of his recovery. His temperature, which was excessively increased at the time I saw him, steadily persisted and grew higher and higher each day, despite the use of every possible means for its reduction.

“ This early death in one who had such a bright and useful future here will be a sad affliction to you and your family, as well as a very great loss to the Mission ; but I can assure you that the utmost was done to preserve his life. He had been in fever the seven previous days before he came to me, and his temperature at the time he came to our station was 103·6°.

“ I told him three days before he died that it was impossible for him to recover ; but he was quite calm and seemed most peacefully resigned to the appointment of our gracious Lord, whatever it might be. I watched by him much, for he seemed to like me near, although I had never met him before he came to Lukungu. He often talked of home, and towards the last, in reply to a question, he said, ‘ Certainly I am going home.’ He became quite delirious before he passed away ; but on Sunday morning, 31st ult., after a night of fevered restlessness, the first words with which he greeted me were, ‘ I am perfectly happy.’ These were the last words which he spoke whilst his mind was quite rational.”

And so has passed from us one of the sweetest, gentlest, and bravest of the Congo brethren.

In the words of Mr. Comber, written only a few weeks before his death :—

“ Whitley is such a true-hearted worker—no show ; real right through, with a brave, gentle spirit, and a loving, generous nature. Send us as many like him as the churches at home can give us, and we shall all thank God for them.”

His whole soul was in the work. In his own words :—

“ Work for Christ in Africa must be my life work. I desire this work more

than all else, and, be my life long or short, I pray it may be faithful until the end. And who knows how soon the end may come? Life is not always to be measured by years, is it?"

Beloved and trusted by his brethren, his early removal is to them all a sore loss; yet they are not downcast or discouraged, and their latest letters are full of inspiration and hope.

Mr. Percy Comber writes:—

"Let the churches at home pray that our faith fail not. I beg you, my dear Mr. Baynes, to seriously consider whether or not the reserves at home should be called out. Surely young men at home will now come forward and offer themselves fully and wholly for this enterprise."

Mr. Scrivener adds:—

"I am wondering how our many and dear friends at home, who have the Congo Mission so much at heart, will bear the sad tidings. I pray earnestly that grace may be given to all of us both at home and here to bear submissively all the Father's will and work on.

"These repeated bereavements should surely increase our consecration, and remind us that we should work while it is called to-day. There surely will be no finching at home now."

The following letter from Thomas Whitley, Esq., the father of Mr. Harry Whitley, in acknowledgment of a resolution of sympathy from the Committee cannot be read without feelings of devout thankfulness:—

"Bycullah Park, Enfield,

"October 11th, 1887.

"DEAR MR. BAYNES,—With many thanks I acknowledge the kind letters of sympathy, from you personally and also on behalf of the Committee, in the loss which we have sustained by the death of our son on the Congo.

"Friends far and near, known and unknown to us, have written, showing how widespread is the interest taken in the Mission; and we most sincerely hope that the severe losses so recently sustained will not in any way diminish that interest, nor weaken the faith of those who are its directors and supporters.

"This faith is strengthened as we take a survey of the events in Central Africa for the last twelve years, and see what a great door and effectual has been opened to us; for, like Paul, we ought to find the fact that there are many adversaries an incentive to spur us on rather than a rein to draw us back.

"A few years ago Mr. Stanley crossed Africa from east to west, and as soon as the story of the great pioneer was made known, the Christian Church rightly appreciated the opportunities thus offered, and mission stations were pushed into the interior from both sides of the Dark Continent.

"The churches cannot incur the heavy expenses of exploration; but once more a private society provides the funds for the same intrepid traveller to endeavour to push his way through hundreds of miles of hitherto unexplored country, to reach Emin Pasha in the Southern Soudan, within easy reach of the spot rendered sacred by the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington. Is there not the finger of God in this? Is not Stanley once again the precursor of missionaries, who, perhaps in a

few years time, will form an unbroken line from Banana to Zanzibar, carrying not only the English flag, but better still, 'the Royal Banner' and the knowledge of Him who is the 'Light the world'?

"Mr. Stanley has by clever diplomacy enlisted in his company a man, Tippoo Tib, the great slave trader, whose influence for or against the enterprise was almost sufficient to make or mar its success; and was it not true mission work to do so, and by these means do more to break up the slave trade at its very source than any treaties made with monarchs? Our Lord came not only 'to preach the Gospel to the poor,' but also 'to proclaim deliverance to the captive, and to set at liberty them that are oppressed.'

"As soon as Mr. Stanley's expedition was made known, many were the applications of English gentlemen and highly trained officers to accompany him, and for what purpose? For the romance, the honour, the spirit of adventure. The dangers were well known, but these did not deter the applicants; and if for such ends men press forward willingly, surely men are to be found ready to brave all dangers, to incur all risks, even life itself, in order to

" 'Lift high His Royal Banner,
Which must not suffer loss.'

"In every grand and noble effort for good some pioneers fall. In every battle-field, when the standard-bearer is stricken down, men are always ready to fill the vacant places, to raise the flag once again, and press on to victory.

"It is gratifying to know that Mr. Grenfell, immediately on hearing of Mr. Comber's death, cheerfully sacrificed his well-earned rest and returned to the field, and that Mr. Slade willingly volunteered, undeterred by the long list of seventeen deaths in the Congo band. Who shall say that the present crisis is not the very testing time of our faith? 'Who knoweth whether we are come to the kingdom for a time like this?'

"Sorrowing as we do for the loss of our dear son, we propose to erect no monument to him in far-distant Lukungu—he lives in our hearts for ever; but we do propose to endeavour to forward the grand objects which he had so much at heart, and as we cheerfully gave up our son to the work, so now, parents, brother, and sister unite to equip some other soldier of the Cross, who, stepping into the gap, may carry on the warfare against heathenism; and we pray earnestly that our Heavenly Father may grant His blessing in large measure to him who will take our son's place.

"For this purpose I have great pleasure in enclosing a cheque to cover outfit and passage expenses of a new Congo missionary, and remain, on behalf of myself and family,

"Yours sincerely,

"THOMAS WHITLEY.

"To A. H. Baynes, Esq."

Death of Mr. J. E. Biggs, of Stanley Pool.

JUST as the current number of the MISSIONARY HERALD was being sent to press further sad tidings reached England of the death of Mr. J. E. Biggs, at Kinshasha, Stanley Pool, on Friday, August 26th, after little more

than one week's serious illness, from bilious remittent fever. Only a few weeks before he wrote, referring to the death of Mr. Comber :—

“You will be glad to know that although we are saddened by the death of our brother and the loss of our leader, we are not cast down and discouraged. The loss of one after another of our little band on the Congo must be only a more urgent call to those of us who remain, and are sustained in health and strength, to a more entire consecration in our Master's service. Our days of toil here may be but few, and we have need to make the best of them.”

Prophetic words! for, as he wrote them the shadows of the evening were drawing on, and the everlasting morning was near at hand.

“His sun has gone down while it is yet day.”

In his own words to Mr. Baynes, written at the time of his acceptance :—

“I desire to go to the Congo to live or die, as my Master sees best ; my only trust is in Him ; He is my only hope, and it is because I feel He calls me to this work that I desire to go. Of myself, I know I am quite unequal to such an enterprise, but in His strength I shall always be strong. I can thankfully, and without an anxiety, leave all the uncertain future to His unfailing love ; all must be well.”

Yes, doubtless “all must be well”—all is well ; yet our hearts are sad and sore, stricken by these mysterious dispensations, and by the removal of so many dear brethren on the very threshold of what we had fondly hoped might have been a long life's work.

Mr. Percy Comber, writing from Wathen, N'gombe, Station, under date of August 29th, says :—

“MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—This year is one of the darkest in the history of our Congo Mission. Yet once more we have to mourn the loss of a true and faithful comrade. Our dear and esteemed brother Biggs passed to his rest at Kinshasha, on the 26th inst., after a week of fever, which, at the last, was characterised by Dr. Sims as being ‘bilious and hæmaturic.’

“Mr. Bentley was away on the Upper River at the time, and our dear brother would have been alone had not Mr. Murphy, of the American Mission, gone over to keep him company. Mr. Murphy was with him even before the first symptoms of fever came on, and nursed him during the earlier part of it, and then, when the fever assumed a severe type, he sent at once for Dr. Sims (of the A. B. M. U.), who immediately went over, and, with Mr. Murphy's help, nursed him to the end.

“I cannot do better than send you a copy of Dr. Sims' letter, received here this morning ; it will show you that our friends of the sister Mission did all they could for our dear brother.

“Soon after I arrived here from Banana, our brother Cameron started off for the Pool, the same day that the first news of Biggs' sickness arrived. Cameron was within one day's march of Stanley Pool when he met the couriers with the sad tidings. He sent a few lines in pencil to us here to this effect :—

“The terrible news has come at last. It seemed scarcely possible that we

could be tried more, and yet here is another lost—lost, thank God, only so far as we are concerned, safe in glory himself. I hope to reach Kintamo to-morrow night, and will take care of Arthington, God helping me, till Bentley returns, which will probably be before long.'

"What can we say to these things? We can but be silent under such affliction. Our Father knows. Oh, for more faith, and for the strengthening of our trust in the love of our all-wise God! We shall not fail, though our own hearts are bowed with grief, to remember the sorrowing, bereaved parents and friends of dear Biggs at the throne of grace. Dear, faithful Biggs—all of us loved him most deeply. It was my privilege to travel up country with him in 1885, and I shall never forget his gentle, earnest prayers, as we gathered together in one of our tents before going to bed. Of the seven of us who came out in 1885, only three are left. Little did we then know of the future. May we who are left realise the more fully our responsibility to our Divine Master; and, although being willing to be called away too, if He should so will it, yet may we strive to *live* for Christ, and *work* for Him with a holier and deeper consecration than ever before.

"Davies and I are both well here, thank God, and shall look out very anxiously for the first news of reinforcements. We need seven men to fill up our ranks, without providing for forward work. Who will come? The work is grandly consecrated—IT MUST BE CARRIED ON. It is all dark now, but Christ is with us, and we can pass through this darkness, and by and by the sunshine of God's smile will shine forth upon us again. We must go on working and trusting. Our King must reign, whose right it is to reign. 'He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.'

"I am, dear Mr. Baynes, yours very sincerely,

"PERCY E. COMBER."

With this letter Mr. Percy Comber sends the following from Dr. Sims, of the American Baptist Missionary Union, who most assiduously and lovingly attended Mr. Biggs during his illness:—

"Baptist Missionary Society, Kinshasha,

"August 26th, 1887.

"*To the Brethren of the Congo Mission.*

"DEAR BRETHREN,—With extreme sorrow and pain I inform you of the decease of our brother in Christ, J. E. Biggs, this morning, at 2 a.m., after at first ague, then bilious fever, of a week's duration. As we gathered round his bed our hearts were full of sorrow for him, for you, and ourselves, for we all dearly loved him. We pray and trust you will look to the Comforter Himself to comfort your hearts, as He only truly can under this new trial.

His fever commenced in the ordinary way on the 17th inst., rose to 105.4° on the 19th, and also to 105.4° on the 20th, when Mr. J. B. Murphy, who was staying with him, deemed it good to send for me. I found the fever of a severe type, and treated it accordingly. The next day (21st) it changed its character to that of bilious fever, with temperatures of 104.4°, and 105° on the 22nd. On the 23rd I succeeded in stopping the hæmaturmaia, after which date, though diligent use of quinine and the most active nursing were exercised, the fever refused to descend farther than 102° or 103°. This resisted all treatment and nursing, and

caused his death this morning. On Monday last, as the case assumed such a serious aspect, I thought it good to ask brother Banks to assist me; this he and Mr. Murphy did assiduously to the end. I took the opportunity to inform the brethren of the Lukolela Station of his state (though I could not of his death) by a passing steamer. The *Henry Reed*, which leaves (D.V.) next week, will inform them further of his death.

“Mr. Greshoff (agent of the Dutch Trading Company) has from the beginning shown wonderfully kind sympathy and consideration, and has furnished, from time to time, all needful help.

“Mr. Billington has also helped us with things, but most especially with his love and united prayers in the Kintamo household.

“Mr. Biggs' boys showed very great fondness for and faithfulness to him. Poor boys! they wept most bitterly for him.

“Brother Biggs' end was a sweetly quiet one; he had reading of the Scripture and prayer with each one of us, and when delirium and darkness were seizing his mind, he seemed occupied in thinking of Him whom he had served so well, and who was his Saviour.

“Commending you to the common Saviour and Comforter of all,

“I am, dear brethren, faithfully yours in Christ,

“A. SIMS, M.B., C.M.”

Mr. Samuel Silvey, writing from Lukungu under date of September 1st, says:—

“MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—Two days ago the sad news arrived here of the death of brother Biggs at Stanley Pool.

“Less than a month ago I wrote to him, and sent him the news of brother Whitley's death. In reply, he sent us a cheery letter all along the line, urging us to deeper spiritual life, and closer communion with God our Father. Now he, too, has joined the white-robed throng.

“These constant losses make us all very sad, but yet not at all discouraged.

“I know, dear Mr. Baynes, you will pray that the dark clouds which seem now to overshadow our Congo Mission may soon be dispelled, and that showers of Gospel blessing may speedily fall on this dark Congo land.

“Our ranks are sadly thinned, and we have hardly enough men to man our present stations. Who will fill up the places of those who have fallen? Surely there are many young men at home in our churches who will consecrate their lives to this noble work on the Congo river.

“Do send us reinforcements soon.

“My own health still continues good, and I very seldom have fever now.

“Yours sincerely,

“A. H. Baynes, Esq.”

“SAMUEL SILVEY.

Mr. Philip Davies writes from N'gombe, under date of August 29th:—

“MY DEAR MR. BAYNES,—We seem to have hardly time to recover from the shock of one loss when the news of another comes; and most earnestly we pray that the hand of Death may now be stayed.

“Our grief is now for our brother Biggs; news came to us to-day that he had succumbed to a long bilious fever.

"Again our warmest thanks are due to our A. B. M. U. friends, especially to Dr. Sims, for his unremitting medical attendance; and to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Banks for constant nursing.

"Mr. Greshoff, of the Dutch House, showed, too, the greatest kindness in sending whatever he had that could be of assistance.

"These losses are overwhelming; it does make a man really grateful to God for life and health such as we all have at Wathen. Our duty remains the same, except that it is all the greater. These dear Congo people cannot be left in darkness; and in proportion to our losses is it incumbent on us who remain to be the more devoted and whole-hearted in the service of our King.

"Surely there are many young men at home who, desiring to be baptized for the dead, will now come forward for work out here. Our need is urgent, and our work most inspiring.

"Ever sincerely yours,

"PHILIP DAVIES.

"A. H. Baynes, Esq."

The following letter has also been received from Dr. Sims:—

"Kinshasha, 26th August, 1887.

"MY DEAR SIR,—With great regret I inform you of the death of our brother in Christ, Mr. Jno. E. Biggs, this morning at 2 a.m.

"Soon after sunset on the 20th inst, a messenger came to me at Kintamo, begging me to come here, as Mr. Biggs had fever of a severe kind. I hastened over in the night, and found him suffering from ague, with a high temperature. I treated him with the best of my ability at once, and Mr. Jno. B. Murphy, son of the Baptist minister of Barnstaple, who was staying with him, assisted me in the nursing. In the remission which followed, quinine was given; but early on Sunday morning, after a rigor, the fever suddenly changed to a bilious, remittent one (a fairly common occurrence on the Congo). This I combated in the usual way, with great attention to nursing and feeding. From 21st the patient's weakness grew greater from day to day.

"The fever was extremely obstinate in his case, and remedies failed to keep it down.

"Mr. Biggs was very patient from the beginning, and no murmur of any kind ever escaped his lips. He seemed aware of the gravity of his case from the beginning. We had prayer and reading with him daily, and his appreciation of Scripture was very pleasant to see. Towards the end his mind was directed to the Lord in ejaculatory prayer. Rev. C. B. Banks, from Kintamo, was also with us to assist in taking care of him. He and Mr. Murphy kindly took all-night duty, and assiduously looked after Mr. Biggs.

"Representatives from the Congo Free State, French Government, and all trading houses, and all the members of our Kintamo household, were present at the funeral, and were very kind and sympathetic. We laid him by Miss Spearing's side, overlooking the river.

"I had only known Mr. Biggs five months, and was greatly drawn to him by his gentle ways and quiet piety.

"All of us are full of the deepest sorrow for the dear friends we have lost in your

Mission this year, and our constant united prayer is that we may all be spared, and that the Lord may have many witnesses to His Name in this country.

"I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

"To A. H. Baynes, Esq."

"A. SIMS, M.B., C.M

In view of these repeated losses friends of the Congo Mission should know that for months past the Committee have been constantly engaged in the most careful inquiries and investigations as to the best course of treatment to be adopted in fever cases, and specially for the reduction of fever-temperature. In this quest they have had the benefit of the best and most experienced medical counsel, which has resulted in the despatch of special medical instructions by Mr. Grenfell on his return to the Congo in August last.

The Committee entertain the confident hope that the adoption of these special instructions will result in immediate good, and enable fever-stricken brethren to more successfully grapple with this terribly fatal malady.

The details of every case, and complete diagnosis as to symptoms and treatment, are sent home from the Congo and submitted to the consideration and examination of medical experts in this country; and in this, as in many other ways, the Committee are ever anxiously seeking for guidance and counsel as to best action for the future.

The Committee also, some months ago, directed that searching inquiries should be made as to the position and construction of the houses in which our brethren live and their sanitary arrangements, and gave special and positive instructions as to the use of only boiled and filtered water for personal purposes.

The Committee are still anxiously considering further steps that may be taken with a view to render the various stations of the Mission more healthy and comfortable.

The Committee are also, just now, earnestly seeking to obtain the personal services of two or three fully-qualified and well-equipped medical missionaries, who shall make the study of the Congo fever and climate their chief object, and who shall be able to render thoroughly skilled and efficient medical treatment to the brethren at work in the Congo district.

Surely there must be in England to-day many such qualified young medical men who, impelled by the love of Christ and a desire to follow in the Master's footsteps, will offer themselves for this special enterprise. In the words of the Editor of *Medical Missions at Home and Abroad*:

"Surely so fine a field for missionary labour as the Congo offers to young Christian medical men should at once be occupied. The privilege of taking part in laying good and sure foundations for a Christian community, which is to fill that immense region, is one which ought powerfully to attract our younger men.

Rightly regarded, it should be coveted by noble hearts as one of the real prizes of the profession. What post at home will compare with it for real importance and far-reaching influence? Wealth certainly it will not bring; whereas toil and hardship, with some of the rarest spiritual joys, may as surely be looked for. What then? Are our young Christian doctors going to admit to their own hearts that, in these days, when their Lord is summoning every talent to this great service of winning the world for Him, they shrink from a calling which so intimately concerns the planting and forming and moulding of infant Christian peoples because it involves a life of hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ? We would urge our young medical brethren to look at this whole subject very earnestly. In these days the responsibility laid on every young Christian medical man to choose very carefully his life-sphere is far greater than ever before in the history of our profession. Not for the Congo Mission only, but all round the heathen world, Christian doctors are wanted. If ever the Master called, He is calling now to His servants to fulfil His great commission. We trust that this important position on the Congo may be speedily filled. Who will go?"

FURTHER CONGO TIDINGS.

The Rev. Thos. Lewis writes from San Salvador, September 5th :—

"Here we are all enjoying the very best of health. I have only had two days illness since my residence here. Mrs. Lewis enjoys equally good health, and brethren Graham and Phillips are also quite well.

"The work here is progressing, and the Lord is manifestly blessing our work. We are indeed glad and thankful."

Mr. Moolenaar writes from Underhill, September 12th :—

"Mrs. Moolenaar had a little son on September 10th. I am glad to say mother and child are both well and strong. We are all quite well here. The name of the Lord be praised!"

Mr. Scrivener, under date September 12th, writes :—

"We are all in good health here. We are joyously expecting dear Mr. and Mrs. Grenfell and the new brethren by the next mail. We shall hail them with intense delight. Our numbers decrease, alas! but our work out here daily widens, and daily grows in interest and encouragement. There are blessed times coming, I feel sure."

Cheering tidings have been received from the Rev. George Grenfell, from s.s. *Landana*, off Sierra Leone, dated September 8th. He writes: "All well, so far. My colleagues, Harrison and Brown, have been devoting themselves to special Congo studies, and I have been trying to attend to some of the many matters which, in the hurry of getting away, escaped me. We call at both Victoria and Cameroons, and from the former I hope to take away John Pinnock and his wife with us. I am very sanguine that his presence and work at Underhill will be of great service to our Congo Mission.

"I do trust your last news from the Congo is good. But yet we will not be anxious, whatever may betide. The path of the servant of our dear Lord and

Master is a plain one. May we all, my dear Mr. Baynes, have grace to walk therein till walking days are done—faithful, yes, ever faithful unto death.”

Good news has also been received from Messrs. Richards and Darby, at Lukolela, on the Upper Congo. We hope next month to print in the HERALD a very interesting letter recently received from this station.

Mission School, Ts'ing Cheu Fu.

MR. COULING writes:—“The picture I now send shows the recently-opened school at Ts'ing Cheu Fu, with the Chinese teacher at the left, and Mr. and Mrs. Couling on the right. These boys are, with one exception, children of church members; two of them are themselves church members; and it is hoped that after a few years of Christian teaching and mental training, they will all be of great service to the church in Shantung.”

Mr. Forsyth adds:—“I might supplement the description by a few facts which may be interesting. The boys are as bright and intelligent as any to be found in this district. Their parents provide *food* and clothing for them, we giving the housing and tuition. This feature of the work is a distinct advance on anything hitherto done in this province by any other mission. The object of the school is to provide thoroughly trained Christian men who shall be bulwarks and leaders of the church, and on whom ultimately the burden of the work of upholding and directing it will fall, and it is also intended as a feeder to the Training Institute for Native Pastors and Evangelists.”

Jubilee of the Rev. D. J. East,

PRESIDENT OF CALABAR COLLEGE, JAMAICA.

IN pleasant contrast to announcements we have often of late been called to make of the early removal of brethren from labour in the mission-field, with devout gratitude we now record the jubilee of ministerial service which the President of our Calabar Institution has reached, and the enthusiastic public celebration of it in Kingston, in which all classes seem to have united. Full reports of the proceedings and addresses, with comments of the public papers, are before us, indicating that there was in it a unanimity and heartiness seldom, if ever, shown before to a missionary in that island. Our space does not permit us to give these at length, though our doing so would be no less gratifying to very many in this country who have long known and honoured our brother for his high character and varied devotion, than to those who have been in closer fellowship with him through many years of service in the Mission. Meetings and services appear to have been held through several preceding days; they culminated in one on the



MISSION SCHOOL, TSI'NG CHIEU KU, SHANTUNG.—(From a Photograph.)

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evening of August 31st, in East Queen Street Chapel, which will be long remembered for its crowded attendance and unanimity of feeling, but more so from its constituents—all creeds and classes having assembled to render honour to whom honour was due—and from the variety and character of the addresses and testimonials which indicated the varied nature of our brother's work, and the strong confidence and affection his labours had evoked. After usual preliminary devotions by the Revs. J. Balfour and E. J. Hewett, an old student of Mr. East's, the Rev. W. N. Brown, was introduced by the Secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union to preside, and the Rev. W. Teall, one of the oldest European missionaries, gave some account of the work which Mr. East had been engaged in through the fifty years then closed, with reminiscences of brethren who, during the early years of their Jamaica residence, had been fellow-labourers, but who had now entered into rest. The Rev. P. Williams then, as Secretary, read the "Address to Mr. East of the Baptist Union" of Jamaica, some paragraphs of which we subjoin, as they express convictions and sentiments which would be endorsed by a much wider Union:—

"It is a matter calling for grateful acknowledgment that for fifteen years in England, and now for thirty-five in Jamaica, you have discharged the duties of the high and holy office of the Christian ministry with unsparing industry and great prosperity; and that, in and through all, you have been enabled, by God's grace, to maintain a high-toned Christian character, by which your brethren in the ministry and others have been deeply impressed, and for which they 'glorify God in you.'

"We refer also with great thankfulness to your life and labours for thirty-five years as President of Calabar College, first at Rio Bueno and afterwards in Kingston. We have always considered you eminently qualified for this important position; and the action of the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society of England, in appointing you to this responsible post, has been fully justified by the thirty-five years' successful labours. During the years of your presidency at least fifty theological and over a hundred normal school students have passed through the Institution, exclusively of those now in residence; and the majority of those thus trained are doing useful work for God and man in Jamaica and other countries.

"While diligently fulfilling your own duties, both as pastor and president, you have ever been ready to aid other churches which have needed and sought your assistance; and on several occasions some of our most important churches have enjoyed the benefits of your ministrations for months together, while smaller ones have grown up and gathered strength under your fostering care.

"Nor would we forget to refer to the hearty and self-denying manner in which, as a minister of the Jamaica Baptist Union, you have united with your brethren in seeking to promote the general interests of our beloved Mission in this land. Every project, whether for consolidation or extension, has been favoured with your most cordial support.

"Not only have you taken an interest in religious matters, but you have been

foremost in every movement having for its object the improvement of the social condition of the inhabitants of this island and the extension of the benefits of education. And we take especial pleasure in observing that your influence and abilities in these directions have been repeatedly recognised by successive governors of the country who have placed you on various Boards and Commissions.

"In speaking of your multiform and important labours, especially as pastor and president, we thankfully call to mind all the loving sympathy and faithful help which you have received from your dear partner, Mrs. East, who has been your willing co-worker during nearly the whole of your residence in Jamaica.

"Looking at your lengthened period of service in the Lord's vineyard, and at all the results of a social, educational and religious character which have sprung from it; looking, too, at the happy fraternal relation existing between you and all your brethren in the ministry in the island, and at the confidence in and love towards you entertained by all the members of our churches; and knowing the high esteem in which you are held by the officers, committee, and constituents of the Baptist Missionary Society of England: it was unanimously agreed at the annual meeting of the Jamaica Baptist Union, held in February last, to ask your kind acceptance of this address of Christian congratulation at your brethren's hands, together with the small tangible token of their love which accompanies it."

A handsome timepiece and a silver tea-pot were the testimonials presented with this address. The Rev. J. S. Roberts afterwards read an "Address from the East Queen Street Church," recalling the chief events of Mr. East's ministry amongst them since 1868—gratefully acknowledging their own increase of number and their profit by his teaching; his success in establishing neighbouring stations and building chapels and school-rooms; expressing strong affection and hope for future years—which address was accompanied by a testimonial in the form of a cheque for £44. The Rev. T. Geddes with an appropriate speech presented an "Address from the Ministers of Religion in the City of Kingston cordially testifying to the great value of Mr. East's services to every benevolent and Christian cause that had appealed to him, to the constant readiness of his response to every claim of that kind on his time and attention, and to the courtesy, urbanity, and brotherly kindness which had marked all his intercourse with them, while to the whole community he had set an example deserving everywhere to be commended and imitated." Nineteen signatures were appended to this address. The Rev. W. Gillies then presented, as President of the body, an "Address from the Young Men's Christian Association," acknowledging the deep obligation the Society was under to Mr. East. Afterwards the Hon. W. Malabre and the Rev. J. S. Roberts presented "a large album containing congratulatory letters from prominent men in all parts of Jamaica." The Hon. W. Malabre, after a complimentary address, read extracts from some of these letters. Among others the one from His

Excellency the Governor of Jamaica, those from the late Colonial Secretary, from the Bishop of Jamaica, from the Venerable Archdeacon Douett, and many others. The portfolio of letters was accompanied with a purse containing £112, which the Rev. J. S. Roberts said was the spontaneous expression of the admiration and respect in which Mr. East was held by the community. He also expressed the hope that it would not end in that presentation, but that before long they might have to call another meeting to decide on the erection of some lasting memorial in honour of Mr. East, and for the general good of the Island. The letter of the Governor was as follows:—

“Craighton, August 29th, 1887.

“DEAR MR. EAST,—You must allow me to congratulate you upon the completion of fifty years of your ministry in the Christian Church, thirty-five of which have been passed in useful labours in Jamaica.

“I am aware that during the long period of your residence here you have worked very earnestly, and with self-denial, for the good of the people.

“Of your ministerial work I am hardly in a position to speak, but I am aware that in this you have been blessed with much success.

“In efforts to further education, in literary labours, and in all that has seemed to you calculated to raise the people of Jamaica, you have been untiring, and I know that you have always been a supporter of good government, and that you have given valuable assistance to predecessors of mine in the government of Jamaica.

“From the time of my landing here, in the end of 1883, I have had frequent intercourse with you respecting educational and other matters affecting the welfare of the people, and I have found that you combined a great knowledge of the people with a very earnest desire to benefit them, and a sound judgment as to their needs.

“Personally I have to thank you for ready and valuable assistance upon various occasions, and I desire to express a sincere hope that you may be spared to do good in this island, or elsewhere, for many years to come.

“I am in hopes that a sufficient fund may be raised to establish some useful and lasting memorial in Jamaica of your long service in the Christian cause in this island.

“With every expression of goodwill towards Mrs. East and yourself,

“Believe me, yours sincerely,

“Rev. D. J. East.”

“H. W. NORMAN.”

To these addresses Mr. East replied as they were presented. We greatly regret that we can find room for only portions of the reports of these replies which have reached us. In speaking to the first he reviewed his whole ministry, his happiness in pastorates in England, his early interest in African missions, what led him to Jamaica, what he found there in his special department of mission work, and what he had by God's blessing and his brethren's co-operation been able to do. The following are extracts:—

"I landed in Jamaica with my family on the 13th of January, 1852, after a voyage of seven weeks in an old-time-sailing vessel.

"In a week or two I was settling down to my work, but it was with only four students, these being the complement with which to commence; but, small as was the number, I had great joy in my duties.

"Soon, however, I began to feel that so small a number could hardly justify the expenditure involved, and I was led to consider how the Institution might be expanded. On examining the title-deeds of the property I saw that the founders had contemplated, not only the training of ministers, but also of schoolmasters, and I was led to consider how this object could become associated with the higher one which had brought me to Jamaica, and soon learned that some of my brethren were in full sympathy with it. Many difficulties and discouragements had to be overcome, and it was several years before this department of the Institution was established on a satisfactory basis, with a normal school tutor from England, under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society. I rejoice that this branch of the College has grown to its present dimensions, and that side by side with the theological students there are nineteen young men now training for schoolmasters, in all twenty-five. Since its commencement, as is stated in the address, nearly 100 have gone forth as day-school teachers, besides over fifty as ministers or missionaries, not including some failures from various causes. A general educational work has also been carried on with varying success, both at Rio Bueno and in Kingston. Our High School has not accomplished all we could desire; but it has done work, as numerous young men occupying respectable positions in the city, and in different parts of the island, gratefully testify; while our day school, the training-ground of our normal school students, is second to none among the elementary schools of Kingston.

"The removal of the College from Rio Bueno to Kingston formed a new and important epoch in its history. Of the buildings now appropriated to its use, the Students' Hall, which has been recently enlarged, and the dwelling-houses of the Normal School, and of the classical and mathematical tutors, are entirely new erections, while the president's residence, and the model school-room were put, and have been kept, in thorough repair, the latter having been fitted up in adaptation to its use. For the accomplishment of this work we are indebted to friends in England, from whom it was my privilege personally to collect over £1,600.

"In this review of the Institution, I desire to make grateful recognition of the kind and generous co-operation of the committees of the Baptist Missionary Society in England, by whom the tutors are appointed and supported, and who have been ever ready to unite with the committee in Jamaica for the furtherance of the work. For all these five-and-thirty years my relations with them have been the most happy conceivable. The officers of the Society have favoured me to the fullest extent with their confidence, and have claimed from me the most affectionate esteem. And I take this opportunity of recording my deep indebtedness to them.

"But most of all do I devoutly unite with my brethren in saying, To God be all the praise. Without His help and blessing the trials, discouragements, and anxieties incident to the work could never have been borne; the

difficulties encountered could never be overcome, and any measure of success with which it has been favoured would never have been attained. Nor can I close this notice of the College without grateful recognition of the earnest co-operation I have had from the Normal School tutor during the past twenty years, the members of the College Committee, and, within the last three years, of the Classical and Mathematical tutor.

"In becoming a college tutor, however, I would not lay aside my vocation as a minister of Christ. I confidently believed that my call to the Christian ministry was of God, and I have felt with Paul that 'Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel.' I felt bound, therefore, to avail myself of every opportunity to declare it, and for the first fifteen years of my Jamaica life held the pastorate of the church at Rio Bueno.

"There was one prevailing sentiment in Jamaica amongst our brethren in the ministry, in which I deeply sympathised. It was a family one. The members of our Mission were commonly regarded and spoken of as a family; and one of the most common expressions in prayer was 'that God would bless the mission family and the families of our mission.' The effect of this was to bind all together in one common interest, and out of this recognition of a community of interest it was that what we now call the Jamaica Baptist Union originated. Under this influence I was drawn into it, and having once identified myself with it, I felt not only that the one church of which I was pastor had claims upon me, but all the churches as it became needful should be for a care to me. I have done my best to serve them, and have ever cherished the liveliest concern for them. At one time I remember to have had temporarily no fewer than seven churches under my pastoral oversight. These were voluntary services to the churches and their pastors. For five years I had charge of the church at Kettering, in Trelawny, jointly with that at Rio Bueno, and had the satisfaction of erecting the chapel which now stands in Duncans. For several years I held the pastorate of the church at Mount Charles and Rose Hill, jointly with that at East Queen Street, during which the beautiful little mountain chapel was built that was unhappily blown down during the last terrible cyclone. All these labours it was my privilege to render gratuitously, without charge, not even for my travelling expenses. I say this not boastingly, but to vindicate the Christian ministry from the reproaches from men of corrupt minds, who think that the ministers of the Gospel can perform no service except for filthy lucre's sake.

"With all the institutions of our Mission it has been my happiness to co-operate, not by constraint, but willingly and lovingly. And it has been my joy to see them grow; our Union from a membership of 11,000 to 31,000, and our Jamaica Baptist Missionary Society with an increase of from £300 to upwards of £2,000, and to an agency, not of one or two missionaries in Jamaica, but to two in Hayti, two in Cuba, two in Honduras, two in Cayman Brac, and five or six in Jamaica. I believe our 'Union,' along with this Society, our Sunday and Day School Society, and Widow and Orphans' Fund Society, is a great power for good. Without laying claim to synodical authority, it is a potential moral influence in our churches, guiding and regulating our movements in various ways, without interfering with their congregational independence. Believing this to be the case, I have felt under solemn obligations in the interests of our churches with heart and soul to co-operate in it. And in attending its

annual sessions it has been our inexpressible satisfaction to see at the board a succession of holy men of God, full of youthful fire and energy, and godly zeal and devotedness, filling up the places and taking up the work of the sainted brethren who have left the earthly for the heavenly sphere. How many are the brethren, faithful and beloved, with whom in former years I was lovingly associated—Phillippo, and Dendy, and Clark—among the fathers and founders of our Mission—and how many more, without reading too lengthened a roll, it would be invidious to name. Yet I may be allowed to make mention of Benjamin Milard, who through so many years acted as secretary of our 'Union,' and left a noble example to his successor—an example which, by the grace of God, our present beloved secretary is worthily following. These honoured brethren have passed away. I miss them. But for two or three veterans in our army, G. R. Henderson and Wm. Teall—who still survive, I might feel lonely. Yet this feeling is forbidden by the loving confidence of my younger brethren, a majority of them my own sons, through the relationship existing between us as *quondam* tutor and students.

"I am at a loss to know how to thank my brethren in the ministry, and the churches in association with our 'Union,' in behalf both of my dear wife and myself, not only for the address with which they have honoured me, but also for the beautiful gifts by which they have given tangible expression to their appreciation of our work. I am especially gratified that in this proof of their love they have joined my wife with myself. For two-and-thirty years of my Jamaica life she has been my faithful and devoted helpmate, not only in my family, but in the College and the Church. This I am sure both students and church members gratefully acknowledge. Her devotedness to the interests of both have been exemplary and unwearied. How much I owe to her piety and zeal in the Master's service it is impossible for any besides myself and our Heavenly Father to know. The address of the ministers and churches of the 'Union,' and the gifts that accompany it, are doubly appreciated by me because her work of faith and labour of love are so cordially recognised."

In the reply to the address from the church in East Queen Street, Mr. East said :—

"On the removal of the College to Kingston, I was appointed by the Baptist Missionary Society pastor of the church, an appointment which I had the satisfaction of knowing was unanimously accepted by those brethren and sisters who were then in church fellowship. The state of things at the time was, to say the least, most uninviting, looking to the small remnant in attendance on Divine worship, and the dilapidated condition of the premises. But I was not disheartened; and especially during the struggles and discouragements and toils of the earlier years of my pastorate, I have to acknowledge the zealous co-operation of the Rev. J. Seed Roberts, who, as assistant minister, was most helpful to me. It is now eighteen years since the church was organised, and during these years the work has grown to no inconsiderable proportions. From a little over fifty members the membership has increased to about 500. The church buildings have been placed in their present condition at a cost of considerably over £2,000.

"This sum, at different periods as required, has been raised entirely within the church itself, without any appeal for aid either from Great Britain or from

the building funds of the churches of the Jamaica Baptist Union. In this and in all other relations the pastor's hands have been held up by the officers of the church, and largely by the members generally. To some who have gone to heaven, to some now far advanced in age, as also to others still in their vigour, I shall ever cherish a grateful and affectionate sentiment of deep indebtedness. I thank them most lovingly for the loving confidence they have ever shown towards me as their pastor; and I bless God for peace and unity and love still prevailing in our communion, while I earnestly pray that as a Christian people they may ever be kept in the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace."

We can only add from the reply to "Letters and Testimonials from Citizens of Kingston and others":—

"With reference to the portfolio of letters and the generous testimonial which accompanies them from my fellow-citizens in Kingston and other parts of the Island, which the Honorable William Malabre, our respected and elected member of the Legislative Council, has done me the honour of presenting, I may say that I am taken by surprise. I believed that I was held in esteem, for I had received many proofs of it. But I was not prepared for such an expression of it from all classes of the community as that with which I am highly favoured.

"While I have ever desired to remember that I am a minister of Christ, I have never excused myself from the obligations of citizenship. Hence, in my Jamaica life I have felt bound to the utmost of my ability, compatibly with more sacred claims, to throw myself into the social interests of our beloved country. Without vain boasting, I may say that I have lived for Jamaica. Hence, at the call of Government, I have felt it to be my duty to serve in its philanthropical and educational institutions, and in sundry ways to let the Government and my fellow-citizens feel that I am one with them in desiring to advance the common weal. I love Jamaica. My heart's desire is to see our people progressing in truth and righteousness, and in whatever under God's blessing can exalt a nation. I am a believer in human progress, and I rejoice in the progress which our people are making. I have no higher ambition than to promote their moral, social, and religious welfare. So, while I live, I hope never to cease to labour for it.

"Words cannot convey my thanks to the numerous gentlemen who have written the letters which are within the covers of that handsome portfolio. I shall ever value among my choicest treasures these expressions of appreciation of my endeavours to serve my adopted country."

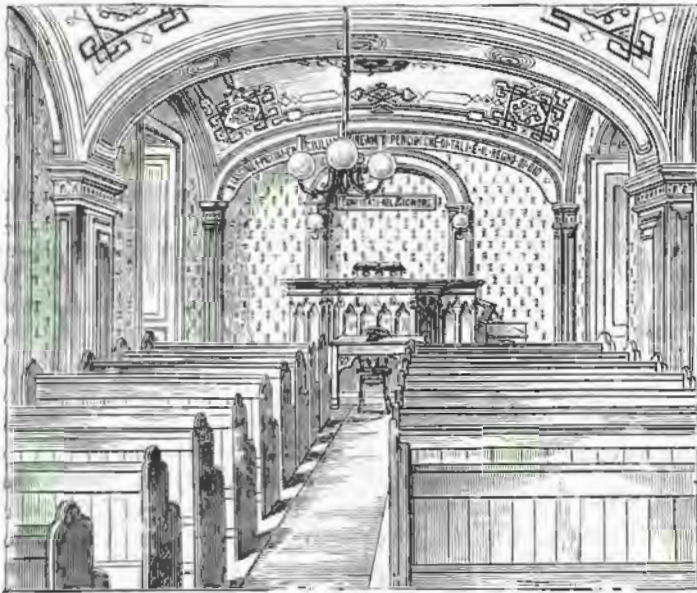
Addresses were subsequently given by Rev. M. Webb and Rev. J. Kingdon, and after singing and the Benediction the meeting separated. In concluding this notice of a memorable event in the history of our Jamaica churches we call attention to one phase of this regard for Mr. East, the desire to associate his name with some memorial that may be for the benefit of the Island, and emphasise the pleasure friends there will feel if their attempt receive assistance from friends in England to make it a more worthy acknowledgment of a consecrated life.

An Italian Mothers' Meeting in Naples.

(See Frontispiece.)

BY THE REV. W. KEMME LANDELS, OF NAPLES.

I SEND a photograph, a group of Mrs. Landels' "Mothers," which I think will be interesting to you. Six of these have been baptized, and are now members of the church. I will endeavour to point out which they are. Beginning then with the left-hand side of the picture we pass over three; the next three, two standing and one sitting, have all been baptized. We then pass over four others, until we come to a younger woman than most of them, standing almost behind an orange tree. She and the two



BAPTIST CHAPEL, NAPLES.—(From a Photograph.)

next to her on the right are also members of our church. The young woman behind the tree was married about a week ago to an evangelist of the American Baptist Mission, who is stationed at Barletta. I also send you a photograph of our chapel at 175, Via Foria, Naples. W. K. LANDELS.

Appeal on Behalf of the Congo.

MISS E. PEWTRESS, of 41, Penn Road, Holloway, London, reports that, in reference to her appeal in last month's HERALD, for funds for passage and outfit and expenses of missionaries waiting to be sent out to the Congo Mission, she has received the following, which she acknowledges with grateful thanks :—

"IN MEMORIAM" FUND.—Josiah Fletcher, £5; Emily Oxford, 1s.; J. B., 1s.; Mrs. Pottenger, £1; E. J. H., 5s.; Mrs. E. F. Beddome, 5s.; Stanley Smith, 2s. 6d.; Mr. E. Williams, 10s.; "Alysson," 1s.; "One interested in Missions" (Monmouthshire) sends silver locket, chain, and bracelet; "Quicksilver," 2s.; Mrs. S. Northcott, 2s. 6d.; Southend-on-Sea, 2s.; Mrs. Sharpe (Thrapston), 5s.; A. E. T. (Edinburgh), 5s.; S. P., £1; A. H. H. (Wincanton), 5s.; A. H. B. (Wincanton), 2s. 6d.; Caversham Women's Bible-class, £1 10s. 3d.; Two Sisters, 2s.; S. F. (Cambridge), 10s. 6d.; A Thankoffering (Bury St. Edmunds), 2s.; Gentleman's gold scarf pin; Pair of gold earrings from London.

The Treasurer.

WE are glad to announce that, in response to the earnest and unanimous request of the Committee, William R. Rickett, Esq., of Sunnyfield, Hampstead Heath, has accepted the office of Treasurer to the Society, vacant by the lamented decease of the late Joseph Tritton, Esq. We are well assured that all the friends and supporters of the Mission will rejoice at the acceptance of this important position by a gentleman so deeply interested in the great work of the Society, and so practically and generously active on its behalf.

The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver.

THE grateful thanks of the Committee are given to Miss Town, of Eaton Terrace, for a gold cameo brooch and a white muslin jacket, for the Congo Mission; to "Odds and Ends," Shipston-on-Stour, who writes:—"I send a box of small fancy articles made from 'odds and ends' of material, and worked at 'odd' moments. I know they are not worth much, but thought, though they would not fetch any money at a sale or bazaar, they might be sent out to missionaries, who could give such articles away to children. If worth that much trouble I should like them sent to the Congo Mission." A Widow, per Rev. J. T. Brown, a pair of earrings for the Congo Mission; "One who wishes to do something for the Congo Mission," Bristol, for a small box of jewellery; S. A., for £10, for the Congo Mission; Kate Millard, Leigh, for a small locket for the Mission; "Hope," for ten shillings, who writes:—"If only it were ten *lives* I had to give! Oh! how gladly should they be given for Congo. I have just heard the last news of another life's work finished there, another foundation-stone laid for others to build upon; none of these are lives *lost*; surely they are far more precious in God's sight than in ours. It does make me so angry to hear of people wanting the work to be given up. I have not heard anyone say: 'In view of the recent railway disasters, surely the time has come to give up railway travelling,' nor that trade in unhealthy climates must be relinquished. What soldier, worthy of the name, would shrink back when ordered to certain death in the battle?" A Cheerful Giver, for £10, for the Congo Mission, who writes:—"A fortnight ago exactly I lent the Lord five pounds for the Congo Mission, and to-day, most unexpectedly, He has

returned it to me *doubled*. I never expected it to be thus repaid, and, as I am not needing it, I will put it into the safest bank in the universe. I enclose it for the Congo Mission, hoping it may be used to send another Elijah in Mr. Comber's place. It is terrible to think there are some delayed from going for want of money. I would give myself were I in any way fitted for such work, but the Lord has not given me an open mouth at present. May the Lord accept this offering, which is His own gift, and may it be the blessed means to assist others to go and sound abroad the glad tidings of salvation by the death of Jesus." F. Black, of Ogle Mews Ragged School, for six shillings for the Congo Mission, who writes :— "The origin of this effort was the hearing of a missionary sermon preached by the Rev. T. O. Fellowes, at John Street Chapel, by some of the girls; at their request I obtained a box. I should like to have it mentioned in the HERALD, so that the girls may see it." "A Blind Sailor," for an old silver coin, for the Indian Mission, and a "Board School Teacher," for a small pencil case, for the China Mission. The cordial thanks of the Committee are also given to the following generous donors for most timely and welcome gifts :— Mr. T. M. Russell, £200; Mr. J. Marnham, J.P., for *support of Congo missionary*, £75; In Memoriam, for *outfit and passage of successor to the late Rev. H. G. Whitley*, of the Congo, £100; Mr. Joseph Wates, £15; A Sheffield Friend, £10; Mr. J. T. G. Dodd (£5 Congo), £10; Faith's Offering, £10; Mr. Arthur Robinson, for *Congo*, £25; E. H., "In loving memory," for *Congo*, £25; Mr. J. Dodson, Eastbourne, £25.

Acknowledgments.

THE Committee gratefully acknowledge the following welcome and useful gifts, received up to the 12th October :—A parcel of books from Mrs. Spurgeon, Upper Norwood, for Rev. J. W. Ratnayeke, native preacher, Colombo; a box of dolls from Misses Chappell, Bath, for Mrs. Anderson, Barisal; a parcel from Mrs. Jackson, Rochester, for Mrs. D. Jones, Agra; parcels of fancy goods from Willing Helpers' Society, Bloomsbury Chapel, for Mrs. Harris, Allahabad, and Mrs. Grenfell, Congo; a box of fancy goods from Mrs. Philp and friends at Forton, Gosport, for Miss Thorn, Delhi; a parcel of clothing from Miss Richards, Cardiff, for Rev. D. Jones, Agra; a box from Mrs. E. E. Smith, Finsbury Circus, for Mrs. Kerry, Barisal; a photographic camera from Young Men's Missionary Association, for Rev. G. Grenfell, Congo; a parcel from Ladies' Missionary Society, Brunswick Road Baptist Church, Gloucester, for Mrs. Anderson, Barisal; a box of clothing, &c., from Miss M. A. Maris, Huixton, for Miss Pledsted, Furreedpore; box and bale from Miss Starling, Sutton, for Mrs. Thos. Lewis, Congo; a parcel from Plymouth for Rev. G. H. Rouse; parcels of fancy goods from Mrs. Wright, Baptist Church, Kingston-on-Thames, for Mrs. Anderson, Barisal, and Miss Thorn, Delhi; a parcel of garments from South Barton School, Frome, per Mr. A. J. Hodder, for Mrs. Kerry, Calcutta; a parcel of books from Mrs. Moore, Langham, for various missionaries of the Society; a parcel of clothing and work-cases from Camden Road Missionary Working Party for Mrs. Thomas, of Delhi; a box of clothing from Miss J. Anderson, for Rev. J. H. Anderson, Barisal; three medical chests and several medical books for Mr. Tregillus, of Barisal, and Mr. Shorrocks and Mr. Bruce, of China, from Mr. Fredk. Ross, of St. Paul's Churchyard.

Recent Intelligence.

WE are deeply grateful to the many kind friends who have signified their desire to act upon the plan suggested by Sir Morton Peto, as expressed in the following resolution, a full list of whom we hope very shortly to publish; but we earnestly plead for further promises of help in this direction, so that ALL our missionary brethren in the field may thus be reached. The resolution of the Committee is as follows:—"That, in view of the lonely position occupied by so many of our missionary brethren in distant fields of labour, and their practical exile from home, friends, and associations, the Committee feel it most desirable that efforts should be made to secure for each missionary in the field some friend, or friends, in this country who will undertake to keep up personal sympathetic communication by periodical despatch of Christian literature—say, of papers, magazines, pamphlets, and books, and occasional correspondence—it being the judgment of the Committee that such sympathetic thought and consideration will tend greatly to the happiness and encouragement of their missionary brethren, who are now bearing the heat and burden of the day." We desire very earnestly to commend these suggestions to the thoughtful attention and practical sympathy of all our readers. We shall thankfully correspond with friends who may feel drawn to render personal aid in the manner suggested by this timely and welcome proposal. To our brethren on the field such expressions of thought and sympathy are more cheering and refreshing than words can tell. Communications to be addressed to Mr. A. H. Baynes, at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, London.

The friends connected with the Havelock Baptist Church, Agra, N.W.P., have appealed to the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society to use their good offices to secure a pastor.

The church suggests that the new pastor might, with advantage, be about twenty-seven years of age; physically strong; mentally up to the average; unmarried, a total abstainer, and with two or three years' experience of a home pastorate; a devout, evangelical, godly man, with warmth of heart, genial disposition, and accustomed to look at the cheerful side of things.

The General Secretary, Mr. A. H. Baynes, will be glad to receive communications relative to this important and promising post.

With a view to secure thoroughly efficient medical and surgical treatment for the brethren of the Congo Mission, the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society have resolved to appoint and send out, at the earliest practicable date, one or two fully-qualified and well-equipped *medical missionaries*. Detailed particulars can be secured on application to Mr. A. H. Baynes, at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, London, E.C."

The Rev. T. R. and Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Benjamin Evans, Miss Wenger, the Misses Prideaux, Miss Hartley, and Miss Allen left Liverpool for Calcutta in

the s.s. *City of Khios* on Saturday, the 15th ult. Messrs. Bruce and Shorrock in the P. and O. s.s. *Khedive*, from London to Shanghai, on Thursday, 28th ult., and the Rev. James and Mrs. Smith, for Bombay, per Rubatino Line, from Genoa on 31st ult.

The Committee of the Camden Road Sunday-school Missionary Association request us to mention that their annual "Congo Sale" will be held at the close of the current month, and is expected to present features of unusual interest. Contributions of work, &c., towards this sale will be thankfully received by Mrs. Jonas Smith, 26, Carleton Road, Tufnell Park, and Miss E. Ball, Eythorne Road, Hornsey Rise.

On the 8th of the current month the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Rouse, Rev. R. Wright and Mrs. Hay, Mr. Arthur B. West, and Miss Hayward will leave Liverpool, for Calcutta, in the s.s. *City of Calcutta*. On the previous evening—Monday, the 7th—it is intended to hold a special farewell service in Pembroke Chapel, Liverpool.

The present position of the Society's finances gives cause for serious concern. The EXPENDITURE for the six months ending September last shows an INCREASE of

£1,660

upon that of the same period of the previous year, during which year the expenditure was **£4,385** in excess of the year's receipts.

It should also be borne in mind that during the last twelve months the Mission has lost by death five friends whose personal subscriptions alone amounted to **£1,500** annually. It is clear, therefore, that this sum will have to be secured during the current year before any real increase in the total annual receipts can take place.

We desire to commend these grave facts to the prayerful and generous consideration of our friends throughout the country.

THE REV. GEORGE AND MRS. GRENFELL.—A warm friend of the Congo Mission has generously offered 100 copies of fine cabinet photographs of either Mr. or Mrs. Grenfell, of Stanley Pool, for the benefit of the Congo work, at one shilling and sixpence each. Copies may be obtained by sending post orders direct to Mr. Thos. Lewis, 135, Stratford Road, Birmingham. The entire receipts will be devoted to the Congo Mission.

Contributions

From 13th September to 12th October, 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*.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
"Alysson"	2 0 0
Burt, Mrs. Beaulieu	1 0 0
Chapman, Mr J. L.	3 3 0
Cox, Mr A. H.	0 10 6
Dodd, Mr J. T. G.	5 0 0
Do., for Congo	5 0 0
Edminson, Mr Jno.	1 0 0
Freer, Mr F. A.	5 0 0
Gregory, Miss M.	0 10 0
Joplin, Mrs C. E.	1 0 0
Keynes, Mr J. N., M.A. ..	1 1 0
Knight, Mr W. Duncan ..	20 0 0
Larard, Mr James,	
Gravesend	0 10 0
Marnham, Mr J., quar- terly, for support of Congo Missionary	75 0 0
Masters, Mr Jno.	5 0 0
Masters, Mrs Jno.	3 0 0
Milligan, Mrs	1 0 0
Neal, Mr Jno.	2 2 0
Do., for Congo	1 1 0
Oliver, Mr R. G.	0 10 0
Ormerod, Mr S.	0 10 6
Rabbich, Mr H. P.	1 0 0
Reid, Mr John F.	0 10 0
Shackleton, Mr W.	1 1 0
Sharpe, Mr W.	0 10 6
Under 10s.	0 7 6

DONATIONS.	
A Birthday Present, for Congo	0 15 0
A Friend, for Congo	2 0 0
A Friend, per Mr A. H. Baynes	1 0 0
Angus, Mr Geo., New- castle	50 0 0
Anonymous, for Congo ..	1 0 0
Anon., Leicester	0 10 0
"A Sheffield Friend" ..	10 0 0
"A Thankoffering, E. A.," for Congo	10 0 0
A Young Solicitor	0 10 6
Braine, Mr A. A.	0 10 0
Chrystal, Rev. J. R., B.D.	1 0 0
Clark, Mr J. W., Leicester	10 0 0
E. O. (box)	3 7 6
Goodchild, Mr J.	5 0 0
Grenfell, Miss M. R.	0 10 0
Haynes, Mrs Thirza, for Congo	4 0 0
Hayward, Messrs. J. and C.	0 10 0
"Hope"	0 10 0
"In loving memory" ..	0 10 0
J. W., Woodside, N.B., for Congo	0 10 0
"Lambda"	5 0 0
Lewis, Mrs, Stratford- on-Avon, for Congo ..	1 0 0
Russell, Mr T. M.	200 0 0
Sloley, Mrs. Barn- staple, for Congo	5 0 0
Wates, Mr Joseph	15 0 0
Whitley, Mr and Mrs T., and family, En- field, for passage and outfit of successor to Mr H. G. Whitley, Congo	100 0 0

Under 10s.	0 5 0
Do., for Agra	0 5 0
Do., for Congo	0 10 0
LEGACY.	
Smith, the late Miss Jane Greig, of Aber- deen, per Messrs. Duncan & Morice	24 5 4

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX.	
Amburst Park Bible- class	1 0 0
Battersea, York Road Do., Sun. Sch.	2 10 0 5 0 0
Bermundsey, Haddon Hall	5 5 0
Bloomsbury	45 16 10
Borough Road Sunday Evening Sch.	0 15 9
Brixton, Gresham Sun. Sch.	5 15 6
Do., Kenyon Church Sun. Sch.	6 11 3
Camberwell, Denmark Place	9 15 4
Child's Hill	0 5 0
Do., Sun. Sch., for Congo	0 12 1
Dalston Junction Sun. Sch.	10 0 0
Enfield	4 9 1
Do., for Congo boy Hampstead, Heath Street	1 5 0 60 0 0
Harrow Sun. Sch., for N.P.	2 4 3
Hendon	15 0 0
Highbury Hill Sun. Sch. Highgate Road Y.M.B.C., for Congo	5 10 1 2 2 2
Islington, Salter's Hail Chapel Sun. Sch., for Central Sch., Back- ergunge	10 0 0 0 3 6
John Street, for India Kilburn, Canterbury Road Sun. Sch.	3 8 10
London Baptist Associ- ation, Northern Dis- trict, Quarterly Meeting at Highgate Metropolitan Taber- nacle, for W & O	2 15 0 5 0 0
Notting Hill, Talbot Tabernacle	3 3 0
Ogle Mews Ragged Sch., for Congo	0 6 0
Peckham, Norfolk Street Sun. Sch.	2 12 0
Stoke Newington, Devonshire Square Chapel	4 1 4
Stratford, Carpenter Road	2 10 0
Teddington Bible-class Upper Holloway Y.M.C.A., for Congo Victoria Ch., Wands- worth Road	1 5 0 7 0 0 13 10 0
Walworth, Ebenezer Sun. Sch.	3 2 8

Wandsworth, East Hill Sun. Sch.	7 7 6
Westbourne Grove Sun. Sch.	6 12 6
Willesden Green Sun. Sch.	1 8 9
Woodberry Down	5 5 0

BERKSHIRE.	
Reading, Wycliffe Ch. Do., for Congo	3 17 0 0 18 7

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.	
Cambridge, St And- rew's Street Sun. Sch., for "Cam- bridge" Sch., Agra Cambridgeshire, on account, per Mr. G. E. Foster, Treasurer ..	2 10 0 40 1 7

CHESHIRE.	
Birkenhead, Grange Lane	40 0 0
Do., Jackson Street ..	1 10 0
Chester, Grosvenor Park	4 5 0

DERBYSHIRE.	
Loscoe	0 12 6
Riddings	2 11 9
Stonebroom	0 7 4

DEVONSHIRE.	
Bradninch	32 7 7
Honiton	7 16 0
North Curry and Stoke St. Gregory	7 10 6
Plymouth, George St. ..	9 0 6
Tiverton	8 8 6
Torquay	20 17 6

DORSETSHIRE.	
Bridport	3 12 5
Weymouth	3 14 0

DUREM.	
Hamsterley	3 0 0
Jarrow-on-Tyne	1 5 0
Spennymoor, English Ch.	1 4 8
Stockton-on-Tees, Well- ington Street	10 0 0

HAMPSHIRE.	
Beaulieu	1 5 0
Brockhurst	0 19 0
Fleet	3 4 6
Southampton, East Street Sun. Sch., for N P, Dinapore	1 0 0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Hemel Hempstead	2	8	3
New Barnet Christian Band, for support of boy under Mr Medhurst, China	4	10	0

KENT.

Ashford Sun. Sch.	2	5	0
Bexley Heath, Trinity Ch., for W & O	2	0	0
Gravesend	0	8	0
Lee, for Congo	0	5	0
Woolwich, Queen St. Sun. Sch., per Y.M.M.A., for support of Congo boy ..	5	0	0

LANCASHIRE.

Bacup, Doals	2	14	2
Briercliffe, Hill Lane ..	4	0	0
Liverpool, Myrtle St. ...	0	10	0
Manchester, Union Ch., on account	80	0	0
Openshaw, for Congo ..	0	3	6
Oswaldtwistle	3	4	5
Southport, London Street Sun. Sch.	2	10	0

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Blaby and Whetstone ..	18	13	11
Leicester, Belvoir St. ...	139	17	4
Do., Sun. Sch., for Congo	15	0	0
Do., Charles Street	63	19	4
Do., Victoria Road	25	4	4
Do., do., Sun. Sch., on account, salary, N P, "J. G. Greenhough," Congo ..	20	0	0
Melton Mowbray	14	3	6
Less expenses	296	18	5
Less expenses	6	12	0
Less expenses	290	6	5

NORFOLK.

Norwich, St. Mary's Ch. ..	46	13	2
Do., Unthanks Road	13	8	0
Yarmouth, Park Chapel ..	14	7	6

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Welford	2	11	0
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NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alnwick	0	16	0
Gateshead	20	0	0
Newcastle, Westgate Road	26	7	8

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Nottingham	10	8	10
Do., Derby Road	32	19	9
Do., Circus Street	1	12	4
Do., Radcliffe Street ..	5	15	4
Juvenile Association:—			
Bentinck Road	2	3	3
Circus Street	3	0	0
Derby Road	5	8	9
Independent Street	6	14	8
Palm Street	2	12	0
Public Services	8	10	7
Less expenses	79	4	6
Less expenses	4	10	8
Less expenses	74	4	10

OXFORDSHIRE.

Caversham	15	5	0
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SOMERSETSHIRE.

Bath, Hay Hill	10	0	0
Crewkerne	3	10	0
Do., Sun. Sch.	1	8	0
Watchet and Williton ..	5	5	9
Wellington	11	5	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Brierley Hill	2	14	9
Stafford Sun. Sch.	1	16	0
Wednesbury	3	10	0

SURREY.

Cheam	16	5	2
Lower Tooting, Sun. Sch.	0	6	6
Thornton Heath, Beulah Sun. Sch.	1	18	6
West Norwood, Chatsworth Road Sun. Sch. ..	5	6	1
York Town, for W & O ..	2	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Birmingham, on account, per Mr Thos. Adams, Treasurer	40	0	0
Do., Hagley Road, for Debt	21	6	0
Rugby	14	13	11

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Evesham	17	0	2
Stourbridge	5	8	0

YORKSHIRE.

Bradford, on account ..	54	13	0
Do., Public Meeting	16	12	0
Do., Westgate	16	8	0
Harrogate	29	10	0
Do., Juv., for Congo ..	5	6	1
Huddersfield District, on account	40	0	0
Leeds, Blenheim Ch.	3	7	3
Do., Camp Road, Juv. ...	10	0	1
Lindley Oaks	7	9	4
Lockwood	9	8	6
Do., Primrose Hill	2	10	6
Long Preston	9	16	6
Rawdon	14	18	9
Shipley	1	1	0
Do., Bethel	5	11	3

SOUTH WALES.

GLAMORGANSHIRE.

Cardiff, Tredegarville ..	1	1	0
Do., Can ton, Hope Ch. Sun. Sch.	6	7	3
Swansea, Mt. Pleasant ..	29	3	4
Do., Mt. Zion	1	0	0

PEMBROKESHIRE.

Neyland	0	2	6
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SCOTLAND.

Glasgow, Adelaide Place	10	0	0
Do., John Street	6	0	0
Kirkcaldy, Whyte's Causeway Sun. Sch., for support of Congo boy	1	5	0
Leslie	4	6	3

IRELAND.

Belfast, Regent Street ..	3	0	0
Grange Corner	3	13	0
Do., for Congo	3	0	0

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Guernsey	11	0	0
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FOREIGN.

Holland, per Mr. N. Beck	3	0	0
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