Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger

THE KARENS.

The following extracts are from a work entitled "Sketches of Mission Work among the KARENS" by Mrs. Mason of Burmah. She says "It may be known to you that many believe that a hundred years hence the Karens will be the ruling power in India, and the Missionary nation to all Asia, the right-hand of the English nation, because they so generally receive the Bible, while so many of the nations reject it."

She says " Among the Karens the women have generally been the first to come forwardfirst to receive the teachers,-and first to renounce their superstitions."

She gives the following account of the first convert at Dong Yahn, on the Salwen River, twenty-five miles north of Maulmain.

"One day Gaupung was in a shanty by the Salwen River when she saw a 'Flying Ship' come up the river. It was about the year 1827. She ran down to see the 'Flying Ship' when a and, coming right up to her, extended his hand, asking in Burmese if she was well.

'Ma, th' kyen-well, my lord'-she replied with native grace. The stranger had only time to ask after her business, and say 'Go in and she stood gazing after him in mute amazeceremony of the 'Dead Bone Burial.'

" No,' said Guapung" no, ever since I band from beating me once. This white man eternity." spoke to me kindly and gave me his hand. His

to pray to the unknown God of the white over." foreigner, and this was her prayer :-

Great Aing! Mighty Judge. Father God, Lord God, Uncle or Honorable God, the Righteous One! In the heavens, in the earth, in the mountains, in the seas, in the north, in the south, in the east in the west, pity me 1 pray ! Show me thy glory that I may know thee who

thou art !' This prayer, she told me, she prayed for several years, never once again making offerings white teacher visited her village, when she ran and sat down at his feet for nine days. Then a white woman appeared, that indefatigable American, Phoebe Eleanor Macomber, whom Guapung hailed as almost divine, and escorted her home, as, she said, 'their goddess, right from the heavens, come to deliver the women of Dong Yahn from their oppressive masters; and indeed she did, under God, for the arrack pots were soon cast out, and the men, from being a whole village of bacchanalians, became a sober, God-fearing people.

All this was the result of a little human sympathy toward woman. It was Destudson who gave the hand; and if his ransomed soul could now speak from the spirit hand, would he not say to his brethren " Pity Heathen Wo-

Further on Mrs. Mason says-

" Guapung and I were talking to the women from six o'clock in the morning till ten in the evening, in the bungalow, for they thronged us continually, so that, although I remained with them four months at a time, I never could command time to touch a needle, or take up an English book; and several times returned to the city, so utterly exhausted, that the boatmen were obliged to carry me from the landing to the house. But then all weariness and pain were forgotten on seeing those poor mothers seeking so earnestly for light.

" My husband loves me now." " My boys bring me fire-wood now."

" My little girl do'nt run away now." He was the worst child in the world : he would consistency, aid in a work so dishonoring to bold his breath till almost dead, and all my God, and so ruinous to men. beating did no good. Now, see, I haven't Such remarks as those quoted above from H. struck him for a week, and he's just as good as W. Beecher are manifestly adapted to encourage chepoke ' (sugar cane.)

five miles to Guapung for a charm to cure her blacked their boots and shoes, or caused it to be husband from running away. Guapung sat done, on the sacred day. Those persons, howdown, listened to her sad tale, then said,—' Yes, ever, who believe that the command to keep it His uniform deportment evinced genuine piety, down, listened to her sad tale, then said,—'Yes, ever, who believe that the command to keep it and extraordinary prudence.

Sister, I have a charm,' and repeated to her the holy is binding upon us, can hardly deny that by

It was in his heart to devote himself to the gosty, and His love for His enemies.

from that woman's village to see 'Guapung, that may be properly done on week days are forthe big teacheress, who had the charm;' for he bidden? allow women to sould their husbands! The un- which is obviously the only consistent one. I her husband, and the men of the village were Windsor, as follows:-" The subscriber wishes

Jesus Christ's women only make home happy, will therefore please call on Saturday night." the men won't oppose them.'

truth been forgotten!

gamblers, how slowly the work moves on.'

has yet a great work to do-woman in christian lands and in pagan lands. Let our brothers ample, to promote the strict observance of it. marshal their forces of preachers and books, but we will be the coral-workers, out of sight, under ground. Mark that assembly of culti- 13, 14. vated men and women under the impassioned eloquence of some master spirit. What sympathy will be elicited, what indignation, what determination! Even so have I seen it in the tall, handsome, white foreigner stepped on shere, Mother's meetings at Dong Yahn, under the inspiring lessons of the Bible. The missionary woman who has the native language, and the confidence of the people, wields a wand as magical as the orator of London or New York; so does the Bible woman of christian lands. peace,' when he returned to the Flying Ship, Nay, still mightier, for her instructions are not for the whirling, changing mass. She goes bement. That night she was called to attend the hind and tones the secret springs that move the mass. It is no light thing, christian sister, this lofty privilege either in heathen or christian was a child I have served Satan and Shen lands, to move the heart-wheel that is to roll Gaudama, yet they have never stopped my hus- and roll, and send out links doubling through

Mrs. Mason adds" If you would have God must be The God. Hereafter I worship Burmah redeemed to the Lord, send woman to the pity of Jesus only as they see it in his memwoman, and let her teach the ABC of chris-True to her purpose, she began that very night | tianity; which is mothers' work all the world

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CAUTION AGAINST INDISCRETION.

Mr. Editor,-

who are professedly ministers of the gospel, evi- from us. Sins are cherished within our hearts. dently ought to be very careful not to make in- We have coveted some accursed thing and hiddiscreet remarks, which are liable to produce den it in our tents. Our backs are turned beto idols or demons. After a long time, another injurious effects. In proportion to a man's fore our enemies. The men of Ai, the enemies popularity his observations are likely to be re- of God, are destroying us. Some Joshuas are peated and diffused abroad, and to exert an ex- on their knees before the Ark of mercy in sacktensive influence. If injudicious, they can cloth crying, "Wilt thou cut us off from the scarcely fail to do much harm.

mind by noticing, with grief, that several Editors "There is an accursed thing in the midst of -1 presume with no ill intention-have inserted in their papers, with apparent approval, the thy enemies, except ye destroy the accursed following remark, said to have been made in a sermon delivered by the celebrated Henry Ward Beecher :- " Some men will not shave on Sunday, and yet they spend all the week in shaving gathered about out lives. Is it with you my their fellow men: and many folks think it very brother, with you my sister who may read these wicked to black their boots on Sunday morning, and yet they do not hesitate to blacken their confession. O confess upon the head of Jesus neighbors, reputation on week days."

well adapted to rebuke the pharisaic punctiliousness of certain sharpers and slanderers. In the with fire and all that pertains to it. view, however, of more considerate persons it will be justly regarded as indiscreet, and calculated to do serious injury. Such expressions have an obvious tendency to strengthen the prejudices of graceless men, especially of skeptics, against serious christianity and strict piety. These are accustomed to allege, that the persons who are the most precise in their attention to the duties of religion are usually the greatest rogues. Though there unhappily are occasional instances of hypocricy, yet this broad statement is certainly untrue: and whatever tends to confirm it in the minds of the unregenerate, and consequently to bind them more strongly in Satan's chains, is exceedingly harmful. No professed 'There' exclaims a fourth 'you see that boy? friend of vital godliness can, with any degree of

the desceration of the Lord's day. Doubtless some One day a woman in great distress came some good men have inconsiderately shaved and ty, and His love for His enemies.

'Now go,' says Guapung, 'and ask your husband home, and then don't scold him again, and see if he don't love you.'

any work, is violated.' Works of necessity and reduction, and applied to the to teach into the rudiments of Latin. His visits at my house for this purpose were always highly pleasing. I never thought of receiving any remuneration; but before he left the place be addressed a letter

About three weeks after, a man came over If it be right to do these things on it, what acts

understood that Jesus Christ's religion did not. In accordance with this view of the subject happy woman, he said, was living quietly with observe with pleasure, notice by a barber in all anxious to have their wives join the chris- to inform his customers that . . . he will close his barber shop on Sunday, and will posi-'Ah,' said Guapung to me that night, 'if tively do no business on that day. Customers

So strong is the propensity to violate this di-Was she not right? Yet how sadly has this vine and beneficent command, so numerous the pretexts for the violation of it, and so ruinous Yes! if preachers and teachers are only sent are the consequences of its desceration, that it to men, and women are left idolaters, scolds, and is abviously incumbent on all ministers of the gospel, editors of periodicals, teachers of Sab-In this department of mission labor, woman bath and week day schools, parents, guardians, &c., to do all in their power, by precept and ex-

The reader will please ponder attentively my text for last Lord's day morning, viz. : Isa. lviii.

Yours fraternally, CHARLES TUPPER. Aylesford, March 16, 1870.

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A FRATERNAL EXHORTATION.

I join with all God's weeping Israel in deep humiliation over the sinful slumbers of his professed people. Has the church forgotten her mission? Does she believe that there is nothing for her to weep for, or to labor for in this world of souls sinking every hour into an endless hell!

The Lord Jesus bled under all the curse of Calvary for the very souls under our eye. He lives this day to pity them and to love them as in that awful hour! He weeps through his church which is his body. Sinners cannot see bers. I'ut alas! They are too sleepy to weep, too dead to feel. Hence the world supposes that Jesus does not care for them. The love of Jesus and the soul's danger of the vengeance of eternal fire are veiled from the sight of those that need so much to know it.

Brethren in the Lord, God's anger is kindled against us. Our sins have risen up to heaven Men of talent and notoriety, especially those in his sight. He has taken His Holy Spirit earth?" And What wilt thou do unto Thy These thoughts have been suggested to my great name?" O the purport of that answer thee O Israel. Thou canst not stand before thing from among you." Family by family must be searched, and man by man. God sees the accursed thing under the stuff which has lines? Then give glory to the God of Israel by who bore our sins. Then put it away as we To some this may appear very smart, and would desire the curse of Almighty God to depart from us. Yea stone it with stones, burn it

Thus shall God be honored and the soul shall be blessed with the presence of its Lord. Israel shall lift up her head in rejoicing, the Word of God shall slay the foes of the gospel and many shall arise to call our Saviour blessed.

E. N. A.

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IN MEMORIAM.

MR. EDWARD A. BENNETT.

[Soon after the decease of this valued brother, a request was sent me to publish an Obituary of him. In reply I asked for information on some particulars not known to me. Though no answer has been received, yet affection and gratitude prompt me to furnish a notice of one so well worthy of being held in lasting remembrance. C. T].

In the time of my pastorate in Amherst, bro. Bennett, who was a native of Horton, was for several years a member of the church under my care. He was a man of an excellent spirit.

story of Christ, of His forbearance, His humili-such acts the prohibition, "in it thou shalt not do pel ministry. To this end he sought to acquire ty, and His love for His enemies. any work, is violated." Works of necessity and

to me, expressive of esteem and gratitude, and generously enclosed four dollars,

When he was about to visit parts of the United States where I had acquaintances, at least by correspondence, I wrote him introductions to several of them. On handing them to him I remarked facetiously, 'you have made my arm ache; I hope you will never make my heart ache.' It may be truly said, he never did.

Bro. B. persevered in a course of diligent study, and obtained a good education. His voice, however, which was naturally feeble, seems to have become more so; and it was not deemed prudent for him to engage in preaching the gospel. Toward the close of the years 1853 my youngest son went to Philadelphia, where bro. Bennett was residing. I naturally gave him an introduction to this esteemed christian friend, by whom he was treated with the utmost kindness.

The following extracts from a letter addressed to me by my esteemed bro. Bennett, dated "Philadelphia, Feb. 13, 1854," furnish a pleasing outline of his course to that time.

"I was glad, last autumn, to receive your letter, and to hear from you verbally through your son, who is here attending medical lectures. It seems hardly possible that nearly a quarter of a century has elapsed since I had the pleasure of seeing you; and yet it is only about one year and a half less than that period since I bade you farewell.

"To you, who stood to me in the relation of one of my first pastors (the second) and who, in the days of my youth, always evinced a deep interest in my temporal as well as my spiritual welfare, I presume a briefoutline of my history, since I saw you, will be as interesting as any thing I can communicate; especially as it is illustrative of God's goodness, and the truthful-

ness of His promises. "Of my connexion with the Academy at New Hampton, and also at South Reading University, I believe I wrote you. When I graduated in 1836, Dr. Wayland recommended to me to fill a situation in Fredericton, N. B., but I declined the proffer on account of the probable coldness of the climate; and concluded to go to Kentucky with the former principal of New Hampton Academy, Rev. B. F. Farnsworth. At Louisville, by his advice, I went into a wholesale store, as an assistant book-keeper, at a salary of \$500 per year, without contemplating to remain there long. Providence thus by circumstances pointed out the way in which I was to walk. remained in that house till 1842; and was enabled while there, by God's blessing, to increase in the favor of my employer, and to pay off about one thousand dollars of debts that I was compelled to contract " to get though College." My salary was increased from \$500 to \$750, to \$900, \$1000, and \$1200; and I was getting \$12.40 when I left, which I did against the urgent solicitations of the principal in the concern, to come to Philadelphia.

" My connexion in marriage was occasioned so unusually that it was to me as obviously the Providence of God, as if that Providence were written in a book. Mrs. Bennett being a native of Philadelphia, and her father and family residing here, I was induced to come to this city, and to go into my brother-in-law's store; and in 1847 was admitted as partner in his business. Since that time I have not only been permitted to make a comfortable living, support a small family, contribute something toward the support of an aged parent, and to the demands of the benevolent objects of the day, but also to

save a little for the future. "I have thus far adverted to temporal mercies alone; but these are among the least of the mercies that have been my portion. Now that I am seated in my pleasant home, more pleasant than in my youth I aspired to, enjoying the society of an excellent companion, surrounded with half a dozen happy playful children, (one having, I trust, joined the ransomed,) engaged in a pleasant and honorable business, situated in one of the most delightful cities in the world, having a conscience void of offence, enjoying a place among God's people, and entertaining a good hope in the Redeemer, which is as an anchor of the soul, I can say, from my heart. Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all my days. Bless the Lord. O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name. Not unto me, not unto me, but to Grace be the

" As a memento of my respect for you, I purpose making you a life member of the American Tract Society; and to hand your son the certificate of life membership. Each life member is entitled to receive their books yearly to the amount of one dollar. This will procure about 1500 pages of tracts."

I learn that this pious, benevolent, and happy man was, as many others have been, called to taste the cup of sorrow by the removal of a beloved wife; that he subsequently enjoyed the society of another for a short season, and, on the 18th day of October, 1867, leaving a widow, 6 children of the former family, and 2 of the latter, he was himself removed, unquestionably to a higher, holier, and happier state.

His generous benefaction of \$30 on my behalf, to aid an excellent Institution, and to afford me the pleasure of gratuitously circulating many highly useful tracts, seems to me the best way in which he could have indicated affection and esteem. It is a measure well worthy of imitation, with reference to esteemed friends

and benevolent Institutions. The upright, useful, and happpy life of Edward A. Bennett daily illustrates the truth of the Apostle's declaration, (1 Tim. iv. 8.) "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."-Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.

Ir is a point of true wisdom to discover the name of God in the voice of God, and to learn what he is from what he says .- M. Henry.