

University of Oxford is very severe upon the great Independent for not being sufficiently dignified and solemn in his dress.

There are, no doubt, times when joy is impossible. When the heart is broken it cannot be 'merry.'

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No, the religion of Christ is not a religion of sorrow. It consoles wretchedness and brightens with a divine glory the lustre of every inferior joy.

Take the representations of the Christian faith which are given in the New Testament, and you will see that, though it may be a religion for the sorrowful, it is not a sorrowful religion.

To hearts oppressed with guilt, it offers the pardon of God; to those who dread the Divine displeasure, it reveals God's infinite love; to those who are tormented with the consciousness of moral evil, and penetrated with shame and self-contempt by the habitual failure of every purpose and endeavour to live a pure and perfect life, it offers the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

But I forbear to occupy more of your space at present.

TREVOR, Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 8th, 1883.

Foreign Mission Correspondence.

Miss Erith, of the Canadian Mission, writes from Cocanada to the Canadian Missionary Link.

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judgment seat; it reveals to the sick a life of immortal health; and to those whose hopes are wrecked in this world, a world beyond death, in which they may have a career brighter and more triumphant than their happiest imaginations can conceive.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. From Rochester, New York.

Rochester, the "Flower City," which is considered by many to be the most beautiful city in America, is now looking its prettiest.

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Dr. Pattison, the ubiquitous professor of Homiletics, has been spending his vacation in various localities, lecturing and preaching.

A goodly number of students were present at the opening, and received their assignments of work in the different departments.

Some new features appear this year in the curriculum, which indicate an advance in the Seminary training, especially as regards the practical aspect of the ministry.

The Judson Society will hold its missionary meeting one Monday evening in each month.

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hope I did not discourage him by some of the questions I asked. I will tell you a few: I said, "Munshi, what would you do if your wife eventually became a Christian through my visits to your home? You know that if I go it will be with this desire in my heart, and with this object and purpose in view. Now, what would you do if after a while she tells you that she loves Jesus and wishes to be baptized, would you let her?"

Later. It is now almost bed time; I have brought a little table and a lamp out on the veranda, it is so warm inside, but Mrs. Timpany has been looking at the thermometers, and she finds that mine on the veranda is 98° while the one in the study is but 96°.

Munshi had gathered seven or eight women, among whom were three widows. Munshi seemed to be overcome with gladness and was most entertaining.

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The highways between our stations are as good, at all seasons of the year, as the best country roads at home, and in the dry season, are for the most part as passable as the streets of Halifax or St. John.

II. Mission Compound. These appear to be in the healthiest parts of their respective towns, and are, at the same time, favorably situated for reaching the people.

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Bimlipatam, or Bimli, is the only station by the sea. It has a fine location on the lower slope of a hill three or four hundred feet in height.

Chicacole is 42 miles nearer Calcutta than Bimli, and is situated on the north bank of a river of the same name, four miles from its mouth.

It is 68 miles from Chicacole by carriage road, and 53 from Bimli. It is the largest town within a radius of 37 miles, and is also one of the cleanest and most healthful of the inland towns of this Vizagapatam district.

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wisely planned, and well calculated to secure to their occupants health and happiness. The same may be said, with some modification, of the house at Chicacole, which was bought and repaired.

IV. Missionaries. I believe them all to be intelligent and faithful Christian workers. Mrs. Churchill and Miss Hammond possess a large measure of the true missionary spirit, and God is blessing them in their work.

Bro. Churchill is a man of good ability, and is faithfully sowing the good seed of the kingdom. In no year since he came to the country has he had better health than during the last.

I have had a good opportunity of knowing that Bro. Sanford stands high in the esteem of the Hindu people, and of knowing, too, that he has the full confidence of all who labor under his direction.

Bro. Hutchinson is making excellent progress with the Telugu. He preaches and converses in it with much apparent ease. The work on the Chicacole field is prospering under his direction, and his whole soul is becoming absorbed in it.

V. Native Helpers. The greater part of them lack that measure of love to Jesus and hearty interest in the advancement of His kingdom which we all long to see them manifesting.

The number of native helpers at each station now are as follows:

VI. Occasions for gratitude to God. 1. We have seven missionaries on the field, all of whom have fairly good health, and are working hopefully on.

2. We have twenty-one native men and women, who, either as preachers, colporteurs, teachers, or Bible women, are devoting themselves to the work of spreading the knowledge of Christ.

3. You have nine young men on the way to the Theological Seminary at Samulcotta—five of whom upon their arrival will enter upon their second year.

4. Our mission churches have in all ninety-one members, a number of whom are good illustrations to the heathen about them of the transforming power of simple faith in Jesus.

5. The work of building being completed, the missionaries are in a position to do more real mission work than ever before. As much "touring" has been done the past year as during all the preceding years of our mission.

6. The number of those who listen to the gospel is increasing, as is also the number of sincere seekers for the truth.

7. The prospect is brightening for reaching the Guddapas on the Bobbili field, and the Savaras on the Chicacole field, and Miss Hammond has much reason to hope that ere long the Lord will break down the opposition to the truth in the hearts of the shepherd people.

III. Mission Houses. These are all very durable structures, being of stone, which is much cheaper here than wood.

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among them. So far as we know the Guddapas do not worship idols. Mrs. Churchill is seeking to reach them through the boys whom she has gathered into the school. Already their mothers have come to hear.

7. The greatest of all our occasions for gratitude is found in the cheering conviction that God is with us.

Your loving brother, I. C. ARCHIBALD. 24 JUNE, 1883.

My dear Missina,—

Up to this moment we are all quite well and are hoping that you are the same.

Then I took the Testament to read. Before I opened my book my intention is to read about Jesus' birth.

One night we went to sleep near shepherd people where they are watching their flocks. That night we sang some hymns and told them about Jesus.

My pen is bad. I close my few lines with many, many kisses to your self.

I am your most obedient servant, B. SUBBARAYUDU. P. S.—We visited nearly 20 villages.

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