

undoubtedly meant a personal, spiritual consecration. A third term was "Believers;" and it was needful to ask, Believers in what? We had received no creed from those early times. "Believers" meant "Trusting Ones." The proper object of our trust is a person, and the "believers" trusted in Jesus Christ. What they ought to think concerning Him, what was His relation to God and the world, the first disciples had not yet learned; but His claim was for trust in Himself, rather than in any statement or act. The fourth and favourite name of the early Christians was "Disciples." This name has now almost entirely perished; indeed, we have no direct evidence of its use out of the apostolic age. A fifth word demanding notice with the word "congregation" or "church." According to the Hebrew and Greek ideas, this word meant a popular assembly, representing the mass of the people. It was an assembly in which every member of it had an almost equal interest. The lecturer turned to the consideration of the word "Christians." The application of this term to the disciples at Antioch marked a new step in the history of the Church. The name was given from without; most likely in derision, by the Romans. It is only used twice in the New Testament (Acts xxvi. 28, 1 Peter iv. 16), and evidently is quoted as a word of reproach. The discussion of this word and the circumstances under which it was applied, gave occasion for some of the finest passages in the Dean's lecture. The history of this term showed, he said, how futile was the attempt to overwhelm by words of scorn or reproach anything that is really good or great. "Christian" was now the most honoured name on earth; honoured even by those who did not claim it; claimed by some who were not worthy of it; deserved only by the best and purest of mankind.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Reynolds, seconded by Dr. Angus, and put to the meeting by Dr. Newth, was carried by acclamation, and was then courteously acknowledged by Dean Stanley. Dr. Angus mentioned that some years ago he called upon a dignitary of Westminster Abbey, and asked him to take part in an examination of Regent's-park College students, and to deliver a lecture. The Canon when he had listened to the request, burst into tears, and said, "I have been for many years a minister, and this is the first time I have ever been asked to render any service to any ecclesiastical body except my own."

We regret that we have been obliged to defer our QUESTION DEPARTMENT and several other articles till next week.

The kind wishes received from so many of our friends and subscribers during the week, calls for a very hearty response. Would that we could reach out our hand to all and give each a personal "Thank you and may you have many of them." May New Year's blessings, in every sense of the word, be shed down upon you, and your families, every month of the year, and at the end of it may they all possess the durable riches and righteousness which cannot be taken away.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From Mrs. Armstrong.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.

Dear Sisters,—

There is reason why I should endeavor to keep you informed with regard to our mission in the East. In the first place you will be able to pray more intelligently for us, and again a thorough knowledge of what is going on can scarcely fail to deepen your interest in the work.

I feel deeply my own indebtedness to you thus far, and do not doubt that, so long as the Lord gives us strength, we shall yet labor together in this good work.

You have probably heard that about four months ago we removed to Kimsedy, in the Ganjam District, at the northern extremity of the Madras Presidency. To the South and East and all around us lie millions of heathen

Teloogoos. Not far distant on the North lies Orissa, and, on the West, Jeypore, where the Oriya language is spoken; the latter entirely destitute of missionary labor. It is there that Kroothe Basso Mahanty lives, who has lately been baptized and of whom Mr. Sanford has written.

Kimsedy, or Purla-Kimsedy as the natives call it, lies about 35 miles North and West of Calcutta; the latter town being our sea-port at the mouth of the rapid and unnavigable river which runs by us.

Cocanada lies in the midst of an unbroken plain, Kimsedy is encircled on every side by mountains, and is itself built at the foot of a mountain where the land slopes gently to the fertile valley of the river below. The town has about 18000 inhabitants, a large proportion of whom speak both Oriya and Telugu. The district is under English law so far as the people are concerned, but all the land is held by a descendant of the ancient Rajah or king. The dignity of this potentate may be imagined when I tell you that at the other end of the town he is having a new palace built, the estimated cost of which is three hundred thousand rupees.

NATIVE CHRISTIANS.

The people are all heathen except a few native officials who have come here from other parts of the country. These are three in number. Two belong to the church Mission and one to a Methodist Mission in Madras. There are also one or two Christians among the servants of the English gentlemen here.

Besides these, in a village about 12 miles distant, there are three Christian families, Baptists, who have been long waiting for a missionary to come and help them. The three men and the wife of one of them were baptized at Cuttack, a military station between one and two hundred miles North of us. After their return to Kimsedy, Anthruddy, a Christian Teloogo from Cuttack, who had been instrumental in the conversion of two of the men, came and visited them, and encouraged them to hold fast their profession in the midst of their unconverted brethren. Stimulated by his exhortations they built a chapel for themselves and have kept up worship there. The wives of the other two men have come to have good hope in Christ, and a brother of one of them, who is living in town, also is ready to be baptized, and seems to be an intelligent man well versed in Scripture. These Christian men have taught their wives to read, an unheard of thing in a heathen family. They all seem intelligent and devout, and are a light shining in a dark place.

Of these Christians, one man, Apallanarasiah, his wife and his brother, all baptized, are Teloogoos. The other baptized man, the two women, and the brother in town whom I have mentioned are all Oriyas, speaking both languages however. These are the beginning of your mission in Kimsedy.

Remember Apallanarasiah, he is the man whom we have called to help us in town as soon as we can get a house built for him.

HOUSE AND SCHOOL.

When we came to Kimsedy we found it impossible to rent any place to live in, and were obliged to build a temporary mud house. An English gentleman here kindly gave us a home with him while this was building; we have been living in it a month now, and find it quite comfortable. The only difficulty with this kind of house is that the white ants destroy the walls in two or three years, and they need constant repair.

Instead of putting up another building for a temporary school-house and chapel, we found it much cheaper to make a large verandah to the house and have all under one roof. In this way I can have the school under my eye all the time, which I could not have if it were in a separate building.

We hope soon to be able to begin a stone building for a school house and chapel. There is not a chapel, not a house of worship for the living God anywhere in Kimsedy. Since we came a Roman Catholic priest has made his appearance and is agitating for a Roman Catholic Chapel, but we hope to have ours up first, as we were first on the field.

Your prompt reply to our appeal for building funds was most welcome and opportune. It is nearly all expended already, and next week our school begins. I shall write of that hereafter. Remittances reach us regularly since our coming here, which is no small comfort.

COLLEGE ENDOWMENT AND MISSIONS. Some one has asked what we think of the College Endowment when so

much is needed for Foreign Missions. Dear sisters, we rejoice to hear that this home work has been proposed, and would urge you to do all you can to forward it. Foreign Missions will not suffer through your giving to the College, nor Home Mission either. "To give is to live" and to grow; the more we give, the more we have to give. The trouble is not that there is too much demand on our liberality, it is rather that we have not learned the blessedness of giving. Were we well-versed in this, there would be plenty everywhere. If you can raise the College Endowment, we need not fear for any lack in Foreign Mission funds.

Now, dear sisters, one word more and I forbear for this time. Do you love the little children in your homes? So do we. But ours are surrounded by idolatry and vice on every hand, and we cannot shut them out from it. Pray that they be kept pure, for God is able. Pray that we all, parents and children, may speak of Christ and His gospel to the people, and that our light so shine as to glorify Him always.

Your sister in Christ,
H. M. N. ARMSTRONG,
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