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guided, can we doubt that the same superintendence, even in a higher degree, was bestowed upon it by its Maker *after* man had appeared upon it? Certainly not. Human history is the exhibition of Divine Providence.

And so it also is with the little worlds of our own lives. They form, each of them, a field in which the Providence of God is working ceaselessly. Fret as we may, and worry as we will, there is a certain end to which everything is working, and towards which the guiding hand of an Almighty Father is steadily leading us.



## The Missionary World.

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HOW naturally children take to prayer, when they get the chance of being taught to pray, may be gathered from a report of work among the little ones at Bhagalpur, in *India's Women*: "At the time of Halley's comet . . . a report was widely circulated that on April 19 there was to be a great earthquake, and that the world would come to an end. The children of the Mission School at Sahibgunj had also heard of this. One day, when the teachers arrived at school, they found big and little girls assembled in one room and praying most earnestly, first of all for themselves, that they might be ready at any time to go to be with Jesus, and then imploring God to have mercy on their relatives." This, it must be confessed, is a great advance on the usual Hindu custom, which is to beat drums, pots and pans, and make a hideous din, in order to frighten away the demon who is about to swallow the earth!



We are constantly receiving proofs of the value of Christian education as a means of spreading the Good News, and of the appreciation thereof shown by non-Christian parents. The Rev. A. J. Harvey, Hon. C.M.S. Missionary among the Moslems in Lucknow, writes in the *C.M.S. Gleaner*: "Recently, as I was walking in Lucknow, a Hindu gentleman of my acquaintance, who was driving, pulled up his carriage, and, coming up to me, expressed his regret at not having been able to attend a lecture I had given at the end of January on 'Proofs of the Existence of God.' He said to me, 'We must have our boys grow up with faith in God, else they will turn out anarchists and come to a bad end. I myself went to a mission college in Calcutta, and I mean to send my boys, when they are old enough, to a mission college. We must have faith in a personal God; the impersonal God of our own religion is of no use.' What striking words from a man who does not call himself a Christian!"



Still another case from the same source proves the permanent effect of a Christian training in the days of one's youth. "An 'old boy' of the above-mentioned High School, now a Hindu gentleman with a large family, has for

many years given a small but regular monthly subscription to the school, in token of gratitude for the benefit received. He called on me the other day, and told me that he read his Bible daily, and meant to send his own sons to the school before long. All this shows that though the number of baptisms registered as the result of our school work may be small, yet the influence on thought and character is indefinitely great."



Miss E. Nash of Yonago, Diocese of Osaka, relates the following in illustration of the text (St. John xii. 24), "Except a corn of wheat," etc.: "On February 24, 1909, a young man, who was the only Christian in his family, entered into rest after a short illness. During his illness his faith was very bright, and he often had beautiful dreams and visions of heaven. On waking, he related these to his family, and they were much impressed. Just before the end came, he said: 'I have no anxiety about the future; I know I am going to the beautiful home above, but I am anxious about you all, because you are not yet ready; please prepare to meet me in the heavenly home.' It has been a great joy to us all to have this family, since that time, regularly attending church and other meetings. They are making steady progress, and we hope that before very long they will all be ready for baptism—grandmother, father, mother, and younger sister."



From the *C.M.S. Gazette* for September we glean the following, which is specially interesting as coming from a gentleman who was visiting friends in Uganda. It is quoted from an article entitled "Camping out in Darkest Africa" in the July number of *Uganda Notes*. "What a wonderful change must have taken place in the history of these people! Were it possible for the murdered Bishop Hannington to come back here now, what changes he would see! In place of the old heathen worship, he would see all through the country churches set up, schools built, training-schools for teachers. Whatever, sitting comfortably in one's armchair at home, one may have thought of the work of Missionary Societies, after a visit to a place such as this, one cannot help but realize that the Gospel that has made a great nation of England has still the wonder-working power in it to revolutionize a people's history, to change the whole aspect of a country, and to bring light where formerly there was darkness and the shadow of death."



In the September number of *Mercy and Truth*, Dr. J. M. Keith, in the course of his report of a year's work in the Jaffa Medical Mission, gives several wonderful instances which show that the Gospel is still the "power of God unto salvation" to those who believe. We quote the following: "Last year an Indian Moslem was in the hospital for about two months, and when he left he was apparently a changed man and a sincere believer in the Saviour. He was extremely grateful for all that had been done for him, and for all that he had heard and learned at the hospital. A few months ago we had a letter from him from India, whither he had returned, saying that he was not only firmly trusting in the Lord Jesus, but that he was trying to do some work for the Master, and that he had started two schools, and was seeking to lead others to the Saviour."

Another case given has an almost humorous touch about it: "The father of one of our patients complained some time ago that we had spoiled his son, who had been some weeks in the hospital. 'Before he went to the hospital,' he said, 'I could get him to steal anything I wanted; now he won't steal even a chicken if I ask him, but just says that the Lord Jesus would not like him to steal chickens nor anything else. You have completely spoiled him,' added the old man, 'and now he is of no use at all.'"



The following weighty words from a lecture recently delivered by the Hon. Sir Narayan G. Chardavarkar at the Central Y.M.C.A., Bombay, on "The Kingdom of Christ and the Spirit of the Age," deserve thoughtful and thankful consideration. "Let me tell you what I consider the greatest miracle of the present day: it is this—that to this great country, with its over 300 millions of people, there should come from a little island, unknown even by name to our forefathers, many thousands of miles distant from our shores, and with a population of only about 50 millions, a message so full of spiritual life and strength as the Gospel of Christ. This surely is a miracle, if ever there was one. And this message has not only come, but it is finding a response in our hearts. The process of the conversion of India to Christ may not be going on as rapidly as you hope, or in exactly the manner that you hope, but, nevertheless, I say, India is being converted—the ideas which lie at the heart of the Gospel of the Christ are slowly but surely permeating every part of Hindu society and modifying every phase of Hindu thought. And this process must go on as long as those who preach this Gospel seek above all things to commend it, not so much by what they say as by what they do and the way they live."



## Literary Notes.

AN enterprise of some duration is just reaching its climax in the publication, by the Religious Tract Society, of a Bible accompanied by 100 illustrations, the work of Mr. Harold Copping. The artist was very widely known as an accomplished book-illustrator, but when this work was thought of by the Religious Tract Society, he had not as yet turned his attention to Sacred Art. At their invitation, however, Mr. Copping went out to Palestine in the spring of 1905. He visited the traditional sites and scenes of Bible incidents, and, with a view to the most careful study of the people, he wandered a good deal off the tourist track. The result was a series of pictures alike remarkable for their fidelity to Eastern life, their fine feeling for character, and their realistic presentation of dramatic scenes. Such of these as have been published, in two devotional volumes, to which the Bishop of Durham contributed the letterpress, have definitely established the artist's position as an illustrator of Holy Scripture. The Bible, shortly to be issued, will have the distinction of being the first complete Bible fully illustrated by the work of a single artist. It will