

Taylor is going to write an article for the Diocesan magazine telling about it, hoping that some of the other churches will feel able to take it up too."

"The Dark Places of the Earth are Full of Cruelty."—"The last young woman to enter says that the first time she knew that she had the disease was after her mother-in-law had beaten her (very common), then in her rage burned her hands and feet with burning cornstalks (a mother-in-law's privilege!). After the burns healed she couldn't straighten her fingers, and her hands and feet were anaesthetic.

—Shantung Leper Mission.

From the Bishop of Dornakal.—"At one place I was to have a confirmation. There were about fifty candidates, who were sitting on the floor. I found some high-caste people sitting upon seats. I did not like this, so went to the head man and asked if they would withdraw as we were going to have a service. He said they would, but I found afterwards that they only went behind me and watched the whole service. When it was over the caste people were still waiting, so I spoke to the head man and said I was glad to see them. He replied that these confirmees had practically all been their farm labourers for generations. 'Their parents have been working for my parents for years and years. Who are they? They are not superior to us in caste, they are not superior to us in looks, but as I was standing there and looking at them I felt that the light of the great God came to rest on their faces. There is a glory, there is a joy which we have not got. Now I want you to come and tell my people what Christianity can do for them. If it can do that for these people, surely it can do something for us also.'

"There is a growing feeling reinforced by the revealing witness of Dr. Pickett's arresting book—"Christian Mass Movements in India"—that what is happening by the grace of God in one part of India may happen anywhere, and the spirit of expectancy is abroad. Already from mid-India comes the message: 'All across the area God is at work. And all the signals on this main line denote 'line clear': the recent census records a steady growth in the Chris-

tion community (the increase in the last decade is thirty-three per cent); the Mission of Fellowship sent in 1932 to the churches in Britain has left a thrill in the heart of the Church in India and assured her of a place alike in the fellowship of the Church universal and the unfinished task of world evangelisation; reports of evangelistic campaigns, weeks of witness—the change-over of emphasis from campaigning to witnessing is illuminating — provide heartening reading and make clear that if the Church but deploy her resources into this wide and waiting field of witness-bearing she will enter more fully into the joy of her Lord; that eminent evangelist to educated India, Dr. Stanley Jones, whose work is now closely related to the National Christian Council, looks upon the past year as the best he has yet known in his long ministry; from other quarters we heard of refreshing readiness on the part of people generally to buy the Christian Scriptures and a growing demand for other Christian literature."

A similar report comes from Mr Haskell in N.W. India.

"No Need to Apologise.—There is no need to apologise for the presentation of the claims of the world Church in a depressed area. Unemployment and missions are international in their workings, and the creation of a 'plenty-poverty' civilisation is an added reason for the extension of Christian missions. And the fearless presentation of a gospel which is equal to the present occasion wins respect even from those who by tradition and temperament are parochial in thought and outlook. It is a curious fact, and one which is perhaps more obvious in a depressed area than elsewhere, that a thoughtful Christian man is often thoroughly international in politics, economics and citizenship generally, but is not so in his religion. He will know all about the doing of his national government in foreign affairs, but almost nothing about the work of his own church in foreign affairs.

In 1931 Mr Gandhi stood in the centre of Darwen—a typical east Lancashire cotton town—and watched the people as they passed him in the street. He had been brought from

London by a well-known Congregational family, deeply interested in the work of the London Missionary Society, in order that he might see for himself the state of a Lancashire town. He watched the people pouring from a matinee at a cinema and noticed that most of them were well dressed and well fed. He could hardly believe that they were unemployed, and asked how much relief they got. He gasped at a figure like twenty-eight shillings a week for a man and his wife, fifteen shillings for a single man and thirteen for a woman. Some of his Indian brethren were only getting that a year.

That visit of Mr Gandhi was a revelation to many Lancashire people of the real state of the people of India."

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PERSONALS.

Rev. P. C. Williams, of Melanesia, left Auckland on 10th February, returning to the islands. He is to be stationed at Vureas, in the Banks Islands where he will have charge of the boys' school.

Mr R. P. Garrity, of Wellington, who is a new recruit for the Mission, accompanied Mr Williams, and will assist him at Vureas.

Miss Ida Bowden left Wellington by the Monowai on the 8th February, returning to Raga in the New Hebrides Islands.

The Rev. and Mrs E. R. Elder, of Polynesia, arrived in Wellington early in February and are to leave for Sydney on the 3rd March. Mr Elder's home is in Sydney. Mrs Elder, it will be remembered, is the sister of Canon Percival James, of St. Paul's Wellington. She will probably spend a month in New Zealand in May.

The Rev. Dr. C. E. Fox and Henry Maabe left Auckland on 17th February on their return to Melanesia. Dr. Fox writes:—"Henry and I have spoken 15 times—at Waipawa, Rotorua, Tauranga, and Auckland. Now we go to the Bay of Islands to spend a week travelling among the Maoris and speaking, with Canon Keretene. We get back here on the 17th and I leave the same day by the Aorangi (3rd class to save money). I think we have helped to draw the