

when he was told. After it was evident to the family that Sarro was ill, a diviner was consulted, who convinced them that Dora, an aunt of Sarro's, had bewitched him, and that he was dying because of the spell she had cast upon him. He died a few weeks later, firmly convinced that he had died of witchcraft.

**Gaza (Palestine): Medical and Surgical Work.**—The hospital stands high in the estimation and affection of the people of the neighbourhood. The direct vision laryngoscope has been found most valuable.

A two-mil piece, a coin the size of a penny, firmly gripped by a muscle behind the larynx, was successfully removed from a small boy, after its position was verified by radioscopy. The doctor's fee was two mils (one halfpenny), not from the parent's pocket, but from the patient's throat! Several leeches have also been removed through the same treatment. One memorable case had his leech popping its tail up and down between the vocal cords. The suction pad was firmly fixed lower down the trachea. When the patient learned the knack of prolonging his expiration, that elusive tail was soon in the grip of the forceps, which made the leech loosen its suction hold at the other end, and it was soon extracted.

#### THE KING'S GIFT TO A CHINA UNIVERSITY.

The North China Herald publishes the following from a private letter:—

Prof. Frank Dickinson, of the West China Union University, at present in England, has been given an audience by King Edward VIII. It is further said that H.M. the King was gracious enough to present Mr. Dickinson and the university he represented with a thoroughbred bull and two cows from his ranch in Western Canada.

#### MODERN TREATMENT FOR OPIUM ADDICTS IN HANGCHOW.

Two methods of cure are being used constantly in the hospital. One is the blister method, developed abroad and now a favourite in Chinese anti-opium institutions. A large gauze pad smeared with a drawing substance is placed on the patient's chest, and in a few hours a large blister forms on the spot. The liquid is tapped from the blister and injected intramuscularly into the

patient without delay. Usually one such injection is sufficient—some 15 ccm. The other method involves the use of the patient's own blood-serum. Enough blood is taken from the arm to provide sufficient serum for an injection. The serum is given intramuscularly to the patient.

#### "SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD."

**Bible Society's Work for Anglican Missions.**—The Anglican Communion throughout the world is teaching today in about 200 separate languages and dialects. Out of these versions at least 192 are obtained by Church of England Missions from the Bible Society. Thus the S.P.G. has procured 86 versions and the C.M.S. 144 versions. In proportion, equally important help is rendered to the U.M.-C.A., the Melanesian Mission, the S.A.M.S., the B.C.M.S. and the Anglican Mission in New Guinea.

#### A NEW INDIA FILM.

A new departure in missionary films is marked by the production of a story film of India, "Kamalam," which will start its first run at the Polytechnic Theatre on October 12th, after which the film is to be extensively shown throughout the United Kingdom. The pictures have been taken by the Rev. W. Le Cato Edwards, a missionary in Hyderabad, and there is some excellent photography. The film opens with a prologue giving a glimpse into the life of William Carey, the great pioneer of Indian missions. The commentary will be given by Mr. Shoran S. Singha, and the filming of the prologue scenes, and the recording will be carried through by G.B. Instructional Films at their studio at Cleveland Hall.

#### OUR FINANCES.

**Not a Good Start.**—At the close of the first quarter this year we have received £689 of budget money, as against £912 at the same time last year. It only means, of course, that secretaries and treasurers, with some very notable exceptions, have not been quite so diligent in sending in funds this year as last. The board would ask all who can do so to send in every available penny before Christmas, as this is a very lean time for us.

#### NOTABLE VISITORS.

Next year we are to have visits from three Bishops, viz., those of Central Tanganyika, Melanesia and Polynesia. The last two will be attending the General Synod, which is to be held in Hamilton in April, and they will probably do some deputation work before or after Synod. The "Southern Cross" is bringing a party of Melanesians on that occasion, and will visit a number of ports.

Bishop G. A. Chambers, of Central Tanganyika, and Mrs. Chambers will arrive about the 4th March, and will spend approximately a month here. They will both do deputation work. The Bishop's subject will be "Pioneering in the Heart of Africa," and Mrs. Chambers' will be "Mothers and Babies of Tanganyika." Mrs. Chambers has done a good deal of speaking for the Mothers' Union in England.

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#### SYNOD ON THE PRAYER-BOOK.

A very interesting debate took place on the motion of Mr. G. C. Williams that it be a recommendation to next General Synod to authorise the 1928 Prayer-Book for use throughout the Church of England in New Zealand. The mover said:

"The variety and enrichment of the daily services and the use of the occasional prayers designed to meet modern needs," he said in support of his motion, "will add both interest and reality to the services."

Mr. Williams referred to the great improvement that had been made in the occasional services, particularly in the baptism and marriage services. The unreality of the latter, he said, was done away with by the alteration of the wording of the vows. Which of us to-day, he asked, wanted a submissive and obedient wife? Men looked for a help-mate, not a slave. And what man to-day endowed his wife with all his worldly goods?

Everyone felt, however, that the real difficulty of the matter lay in the Holy Communion service. He himself had been brought up in loyalty to the old school, but he recognised that the suspicion of any-