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talent as may be found on the spot, adapted to the purposes of the Christian ministry among the heathen.

1. All individuals of this description, who have been received into church fellowship, should be considered eligible for instruction, whether Natives, Indians, or Europeans.

2. In some cases the students may be able, wholly or partially, to support themselves, and then nothing would be required *gratis* but education; but more generally they must be entirely supported, either on the Mission premises, or by allowing them a sum sufficient to live upon among their friends, and requiring their attendance at stated hours.

3. The expense must devolve entirely on the Society, but perhaps benevolent individuals may be found, in England and in India, who would be disposed each to support an individual student at their own expense; in which case, the student so supported might correspond with his patron.

4. The plan of studies should include, besides the ordinary branches of scientific information, a regular and diligent attention to theology; the English, Sanscrit, Bengalee, Arabic, Hindoostanee, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages; and an examination of the Hindoo sacred literature. By the last, the students will acquire a knowledge of all the ideas of the natives on the most important subjects of religion, and of the best modes of combatting the popular arguments in favour of the Shastras, and against Christianity.

5. A select library will be required for the use of the students, and they may be engaged in useful preparatory labours among the natives, and otherwise, during the period in which they are receiving instruction.

#### SCHOOLS.

These necessarily divide themselves into two branches, Boys and Girls.

I. Boys Schools:—These may be classed under three distinct heads.

1. Common schools:—These are supported by the Natives, and partially by the Government and the Indian public. They need no more support.

2. Christian schools:—Of these there are at present too few, but they may be increased, provided the religious public will encourage them.

3. Private instruction:—Some children have been given up by their idolatrous parents entirely, and educated privately under the immediate superintendence of Missionaries. This plan has been adopted with success by the American Missionaries in Ceylon; but has not yet been tried in Calcutta.

II. Girls' Schools:—Those in Calcutta will in future come under two heads.

1. General schools:—In these religious instruction is introduced. Their numbers may be increased according to the contributions raised for them. They are most of them supported by small associations formed for the purpose in England and elsewhere. The sum furnished for each school, has been sufficient for its support, but something further is needed to meet the expense of ground rent and building, which in Calcutta are very great.

2. Central school:—A central school is to be formed on the Mission-premises, in which a number of girls taken from their idolatrous connections, are to be taught more extensively, and fitted to become teachers of the general schools.

The preceding plan has been carried into active operation in most of its parts; to complete it, the following additional aid will be needed.

1. A person who can officiate as minister of the Circular Road Chapel, and as Divinity Tutor to the young men.

2. An allowance for yearly itineracies among the Natives.

3. A sum for translation sufficient to enable the Missionaries to print some important parts of the Scriptures, which might be turned into immediate use, and serve as specimens of what a complete edition would be, and what it would cost. After this, it is probable that the Bible Society might print the complete edition.

4. Support for a certain number of Students. Supposing the expense for each, taken one with another, to be the same as in England, what shall the number be, and what period of time shall they continue their studies?

5. A small annual contribution of books to the Library.

6. Something under the head of Female Education, to support the Central school, and to assist in the erection of that and others.

#### JAMAICA.

We informed our readers last month, that his Majesty's Government had refused their sanction to the Consolidated Slave Act, passed by the House of Assembly at Kingston. By advices just received from Jamaica, we learn that this measure has excited a most violent sensation among the Colonists. The reading of Mr. Secretary Huskisson's dispatch in the Assembly is said to have been re-

peatedly interrupted by violent bursts of indignation, and public meetings have been held at Kingston, and in various other parishes of the island, in all of which strong resolutions have been passed on the subject. We observe that the clauses infringing on religious liberty, which are commented upon by Mr. Huskisson in a manner which entitles him to the warmest thanks of every friend of Missions, seem peculiarly dear to the Colonial Legislators, as a means of defence from "the spurious tenets of sectarians," and of preserving "the religion which has been handed down to them from their forefathers, and which is the keystone of their religious, civil, and political liberties." The fourth resolution passed at the Kingston meeting, states, "That it has ever been our most anxious desire to promote, by every possible means, the moral and religious improvement of our slave population;" and immediately subjoins, "yet we are convinced, from our own experience, as well as from the testimony of the sectarian ministers themselves, that the restrictions contained in our Slave law, with respect to Dissenters, are indispensable." On what shadow of a foundation the most extraordinary clause we have marked in Italics can rest, we are not fully informed; but all our brethren on the island have united in publishing the following advertisement in the Jamaica Courant of Dec. 3, which sufficiently explains their views on the subject. A similar article, from Messrs. Barry and Kerr, Wesleyan Missionaries, appeared in the preceding number of the same Journal.

November 30, 1827.

Having seen the resolutions passed at a meeting convened by his Honor the Mayor of Kingston, for the purpose of taking into consideration the rejection of the Slave Law by his Majesty's Ministers, we feel necessi-

tated to insert in your valuable paper, our deliberate and united sentiments on No. 4. of these resolutions.

We respectfully state to all concerned, that we are fully sensible of every kindness shown to us or our mission, by gentlemen of influence and respectability in different parts of the Island, and that we highly appreciate all such kindness. That we have ever evinced great anxiety to avoid obtruding ourselves on the public attention by engaging in discussions not within our province as Christian ministers, and to this day we have studiously kept aloof from all interference with every party in politics, whether here or at home. We have corresponded with no such party, nor has any such party corresponded with us. We have confined ourselves, as the public must know, to teaching the doctrines and precepts of Christianity, in the most simple and unsophisticated manner.

We therefore feel ourselves aggrieved by being *designedly* and *unjustly* made a party in politics, as in the 4th resolution. We are *not* nor can we be, approvers of *religious restrictions*, however peaceably we submit to such as are imposed on us by powers unfriendly to the doctrines and precepts of the redeemer.

We firmly assert that none feel more anxious than ourselves to promote the best interests of the colony, and of all its inhabitants, and that our religion teaches us to feel, and act as shall most conduce to the welfare of the government under which we live.

We individually disapprove of every practice among slaves and others in our churches, that can be judged, by discerning and liberal men, to be inconsistent with the *dignified, equitable, and peaceable* doctrines taught by the Saviour.

We are decidedly of opinion, that the restrictions in the New Slave Law respecting dissenters are *not* "*indispensable*," that they are *not* calculated to promote the welfare of the colony, and that they are *strongly opposed* to the equitable and peaceable doctrines of Christianity, to the liberties of good and loyal subjects, and to the rights of Christians.

We therefore feel ourselves under increased obligations to his Majesty's ministers, for disallowing the restrictions respecting dissenters, contained in that law.

JAMES COULTART,  
 JOSHUA TINSON,  
 JAMES PHILLIPPO,  
 THOS. BURCHELL,  
 WILLIAM KNIBB,  
 JAMES FLOOD,  
 JAMES MANN,  
 EDWARD BAYLIS,  
 JOSEPH BURTON,

Baptist  
 Missionaries.

Just as the letters were dispatched from the island, our Missionaries were officially summoned to the bar of the House of Assembly, thence and there to answer such interrogatories as might be addressed to them. What the result may be, in the present inflamed state of that body, it is somewhat painful to conjecture. Our beloved friends are engaged, however, in the best

of causes; the God whom they serve will not forsake them, and we are fully assured the British Government will not allow them to be the victims of a blind indignation, stirred up by the line of policy which that Government has adopted, and which will secure for its advisers the respect and admiration of every true friend of his country and of the human race.

*Contributions received on account of the Baptist Missionary Society, from December 20, 1827, to January 20, 1828, not including individual Subscriptions.*

FOR THE MISSION.		£	s.	d.
Tooting, for a Female School in India, by Mrs. Thomas.....		20	0	0
Jersey and Guernsey, Collected by Rev. P. Saffery and C. Evans.....		34	1	4
Bridgnorth, Collection and Subscriptions, by Rev. Thomas Morgan.....		24	11	0
Hebden Bridge, Female Association (and Subscription £1 1 0), by Rev. J. Jackson .....		7	7	6
Falkirk, Society for diffusing Religious Knowledge, by Rev. D. B. McKenzie .....		5	0	0
Dumdee, Chapelshade Association, by Mr. Easson, for Female Education..		3	5	0
Paisley, Youth's Society for Religious Purposes, by Mr. Brough (Translations)		10	0	0
Middle Parish, Female Bible Association, for Bibles .....		7	0	0
Otley, Penny Subscriptions, &c. by Mr. Alfred Catt .....		5	14	0
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Balance of Auxiliary Society, by Mr. Cowell.....		6	0	0
Wigan, Female Association, by Mrs. Brown (for Translations).....		6	0	0
Nairnshire Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, by Rev. W. Barclay		5	0	0
Ross, Contributions for Female Education, &c. by Mr. Lewis.....		12	14	6
Oxford, Female School, by Samuel Collingwood, Esq. Treasurer.....		17	10	0
Leeds and West Riding Auxiliary Society, by Rev. James Acworth, M.A.:				
Bramley .....	1	15	0	
Preston .....	3	10	0	
Leeds .....	28	17	6	
Ditto, for Female Education.....	23	4	10	
		57	7	4
Glasgow Auxiliary Society, by Mr. James Deakin, viz.—				
Translations .....	297	19	6	
Mission.....	16	16	8	
Schools .....	32	6	3	
College .....	4	3	0	
		351	5	5
Anonymous (Matt. vi. 3, 4.) by the Secretary .....		3	0	0
Salome, "part of a ring sold," by Do. ....		0	10	0

JAMAICA SCHOOLS.

Miss Wildman, Clifton, by Mrs. Coultart.....	10	0	0
Miss — Wildman, Do. by Do. ....	5	0	0

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The thanks of the Committee are presented to Robert Wigney, Esq. of Brighton, and to Miss Russell, of Lant-street, Borough, for several volumes of Magazines, &c.

Our esteemed Correspondent, W. H. A. is perfectly correct in the remark he has made on our notice of his communication in the Herald for October.

Persons who write in the spirit of P——s, need not conceal themselves by an anonymous signature; which, of course, precludes all direct and personal reply.

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## FOR THE MISSION.

£ s. d.

Legacy of Daniel Lister, Esq. late of Hackney, by D. N. Lister, Esq. sole Executor, <i>free of duty</i> .....	100	0	0
Yorkshire, &c. Collected by Rev. Messrs. Mann and Carey:—			
Newark .....	21	10	6
Shipley .....	31	5	3
Haworth, 1st Church.....	10	10	0
Do. 2d Church.....	40	10	11
Farsley .....	10	5	0
Bradford (including £15 for Spanish Town).....	63	12	2
Cowling Hill .....	5	0	0
Leeds (including £2 16s. for Female Education) .....	53	17	0
Hebden Bridge .....	11	12	1
Halifax .....	9	18	0
Salendine Nook .....	9	0	0
Horsforth .....	11	1	0
Keighley.....	6	10	8
Colne .....	40	0	0
Barnoldswick .....	6	1	3
Sabden.....	3	5	8
	333	19	6
* Water Fulford, Donation, by T. Key, Esq.....	200	0	0
	533	19	6
Northumberland, West Glendale Society for Propagating Christianity, by Mr. W. Smith .....	3	0	0
Bilderston, Collected by Mr. Osborn.....	2	0	0
Western District, by Rev. R. Horsey: viz. Watchett.....	2	0	0
Wellington .....	1	0	0
	3	0	0
Cambridge, Ladies' Society for Female School, half-year, by Mrs. E. Foster	12	10	0
Aylesbury, Collected by Mr. Reynolds .....	1	7	6
Leicester, Collections, Penny Society, and Subscriptions.....	66	14	0
For Harvey-lane Female School, by Miss Cort.....	15	0	0
	81	14	0
Norfolk, &c. by Rev. Joseph Kinghorn, viz.—			
Worstead .....	13	6	6
Martham .....	4	4	0
Norfolk and Norwich Society in aid of Missions .....	15	0	0
Diss.....	5	12	2
Ingham .....	13	8	6
Norwich, Sundries.....	3	6	0
	54	17	2
Cardiff, by Mr. Thomas Hopkins: Collection and Subscriptions..	11	0	8
Female School .....	15	0	0
	26	0	8
West Middlesex Missionary Union, Kensington Gravelpits, Collection, by Rev. Eustace Carey .....	8	0	0
Bacup, Subscriptions, by Rev. F. W. Dyer (Female Education £3 14s.)..	13	9	8
Friend at Watford, for Female Schools at Calcutta.....	2	0	0

\* Acknowledged in last Herald.

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