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## BAPTIST INTELLIGENCE.

## FOREIGN.

AMERICA.—Mr. Thomson, of Hull, has favoured us with the following extract of a letter just received from a baptist minister in America.—“At Warsaw, about twenty miles from New York, the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist ministers were, this last summer, baptizing at the same time, in the same river, and all in the same manner. One of them was not quite pleased that he had to do so.” He adds, “Our people have just had another ‘donation party,’ as they call them, and which are annual. They have brought in about 120 dollars worth of one thing and another. The young people brought me a suit of clothes—my wife a very neat cloak, &c. &c.—my boy, boots, cloth, &c. &c. The farmers brought hams, butter, cheese, apples, wheat, (about seven bushels) wood, &c. One of the members has made me a Life Member of the Hamilton Baptist Education Society, by paying on my account, the sum of twenty dollars.”

JAMAICA.—Mr. Knibb, writing to Mr. Saffery, says—“I have again dismissed about 300 to form another church, and 100 more have been dismissed to other churches by change of residence. Thus in fourteen years, and three of those interrupted by martial law, there are seven churches where there was but one; and still, though not crowded, we have generally a good congregation at Falmouth, and a very good one at Refuge. We have in all the churches much to try us, but we have what *all* such churches have not, much to cheer us; and I hope that still a kind and gracious God will watch over us for good.”

## DOMESTIC.

BAPTIST MISSIONS.—In *India*, a greater number of converts (viz. 177) have been added to the churches than in any previous year of the mission; the schools are greatly increased, and 47,247 copies of Holy Scripture circulated. In the *Bahamas* 521 have been baptized. To *Trinidad and Hayti* missionaries are to be sent. The *Jamaica* members now number 33,044.

JUVENILE MISSIONARY MEETING.—We have an interesting report from “Fidelle,” of one of these pleasing gatherings of the young, at Bury St. Edmunds, where about 200 met, in the garden of one of the teachers, with the pastor and about thirty teachers and other friends. The weather and the scene, the buns and the singing, and the smiling happy faces of the children, are all described as delightful! They afterwards retired to the chapel, where addresses were delivered. Since 1841, twenty-five pounds have been collected.

SCOTLAND.—The village of Catrine, in Ayrshire, contains upwards of 2,600 inhabitants, who are mostly employed in the Cotton Manufactory. Besides myself, there are four others who, upon a profession of our faith in Christ, have been baptized in His name. The controversy in the United Secession Church on the Nature and Extent of the Atonement, has stirred up many to search the scriptures. In consequence of this, a number have met together in a room weekly, who have been supplied with preachers from Mr. Morison's church, Kilmarnock, which is in connection with the sect sprung from the above mentioned controversy, and is called the “Evangelical Union.” In this weekly meeting, in the course of reading the word of God, the subject of baptism came before us, and some were led to see that observing it was a personal thing; but for fear of destroying the harmony of the meeting, which had come to the decision of being formed into a church in connexion with the Evangelical Union—and before the *heresy* could spread further—the leaders sent for Mr. Morison, who came and preached every evening for about a fortnight, and thus, for a time, we expect, put down the *heresy*, having satisfied the majority “that their being sprinkled in infancy is a clear proof that they are interested in all the blessings of salvation.” The Saviour himself says, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.” I believe that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation; still it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness, and to testify our love to the Saviour by our obedience to his commandments. A. Y.

[Our friend applies for a grant of tracts, which have been forwarded.]

THE BAPTIST UNION met this year on the new mission premises, in Moorgate-street, April 18, Mr. R. Roff, baptist minister, of Cambridge, chairman, and consisted of 102 members, and fifty-two visitors. In 992 churches, an increase was reported of 5246 members—the increase in all the churches would thus be about 10,000; giving an increase of six to each church. Sixty-two churches were added to the Union. Twenty new churches have been formed last year, and forty-two places of worship built or enlarged. The subjects discussed were, “The Library”—“Government interference with Education,” which was protested against, and the British system recommended—“The *Regium Donum*,” against which a memorial to government, and a petition to parliament were agreed on, and the baptist agents of its distribution were requested not to touch it—and “The Anti-State-Church Conference,” to which two delegates were appointed.