

Missionary Herald.

BAPTIST MISSION.

Home Proceedings.

ANNUAL MEETING.

RESOLUTIONS of the General Meeting, held on Thursday, June 22, 1820, at Great Queen-street Chapel; Joseph Gutteridge, Esq. in the Chair:

I. On the motion of the Rev. James Hinton of Oxford, seconded by Benjamin Shaw, Esq. of London,

"That the Report now read be received and printed, under the direction of the Committee; and that, from a review of the progress of the Society, during the twenty-eight years of its existence, this Meeting sees abundant cause for unfeigned thankfulness to the God of all grace, on account of the success with which he has been pleased to crown its operations."

II. On the motion of the Rev. George Burder, Secretary to the London Missionary Society, seconded by David Bethune, Esq. of New York,

"That, duly appreciating the vast importance of presenting heathen nations with the scriptures in their vernacular tongues, and imparting the benefits of education to their children; this Meeting especially rejoices in the great extent to which the Missionaries connected with the Society, have been enabled to cultivate these very useful departments of Missionary labour; by which they have not only prepared the way, under the Divine blessing, for the success and perpetuity of their own instructions, but greatly facilitated the progress of all Christian Missions throughout the Eastern world."

III. On the motion of the Rev. James Bunting, A.M. (one of the Secretaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary So-

ciety,) seconded by Henry Wymouth, Esq. of Wandsworth,

"That this meeting, gratefully acknowledging the services rendered to the Society, during the past year, by its Officers and Committee, requests that the Treasurers, Thomas King, and William Burls, Esquires; and the Secretaries, Dr. Ryland and Mr. Dyer; will resume their respective offices; that those gentlemen whose names will be read by the Secretary will act as the Committee for the year ensuing; and that J. C. Gotch, Esq. and Mr. Wm. Beddome, be the auditors of accounts."

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Christopher Anderson, Edinburgh.
George Barclay, Kilwinning.
Isaiah Birt, Birmingham.
John Birt, Manchester.
Thomas Blundell, Northampton.
Thomas Coles, Bourton.
F. A. Cox, Hackney.
Thomas Edmonds, Cambridge.
Moses Fisher, Liverpool.
William Giles, Chatham.
Thomas Griffin, London.
Robert Hall, Leicester.
James Hinton, Oxford.
James Holy, London.
Reynold Hogg, Kimbolton.
Richard Hosey, Taunton.
William Innes, Edinburgh.
Joseph Ivimey, London.
John Jarman, Nottingham.
Joseph Kinghorn, Norwich.
Thomas Morgan, Birmingham.
Wm. Newman, D.D. Stepney.
Wm. Nicholls, Long Collingham.
Henry Page, Worcester.
John Palmer, Shrewsbury.
Thomas Roberts, Bristol.
John Saffery, Salisbury.
Wm. Steadman, D.D. Bradford.
Micah Thomas, Abergavenny.
Wm. Winterbotham, Horsley.
Messrs. John Deakin, Birmingham.
James Deakin, Glasgow.
Joseph Dent, Milton.
W. B. Garney, London.

Messrs. Joseph Gutteridge, London.
 Joseph Hall, Northampton.
 Joseph Hanson, Hammersmith.
 James Hobson, Kettering.
 James Lomax, Nottingham.
 John Marshall, London.
 Thomas Potts, Birmingham.
 Edward Phillips, Melksham.
 William France, Plymouth.
 Benjamin Shaw, London.
 John James Smith, Watford.
 Wm. Tomkins, Abingdon.
 J. B. Wilson, Clapham.
 John Yates, Leicester.
 Dr. Gregory, Woolwich.
 Dr. Stock, Bristol.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Thomas Blundell.
 Thomas Coles.
 F. A. Cox.
 T. C. Edmonds.
 T. Griffin.
 Robert Hall.
 James Hintou.
 James Hoby.
 Joseph Ivimey.
 Joseph Kingloru.
 Dr. Newman.
 John Saffery.
 William Winterbotham.
 Dr. Gregory.
 Messrs. W. B. Gurney.
 Gutteridge.
 Hanson.
 Marshall.
 Shaw.
 J. J. Smith.
 J. B. Wilson.

IV. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. *Steadman* of Bradford, seconded by the Rev. *James Hoby* of London,

"That it is highly gratifying to this Meeting, to hear of the liberal pecuniary aid which has been derived from the establishment of Auxiliary Societies in different parts of Great Britain, and that similar exertions have been made by the friends of the Mission at various places on the Continent of India; but as the funds are still far too limited to meet the growing demands on the Society, this Meeting earnestly recommends the formation of such Institutions to the utmost practicable extent; and trusts that the Committee will afford the most prompt assistance to promote an object so important to the interests of the Mission."

V. On the motion of the Rev. *Wm. Winterbotham* of Horsley, seconded by the Rev. *John Birt* of Manchester,

"That, with sentiments of gratitude for what has been accomplished in the cause of Missions, this meeting would combine the joyful anticipation of those

yet more illustrious events which the sure word of prophecy has taught us to expect; and, in the full conviction that nothing but a copious supply of the influences of the Holy Spirit can realize our expectations, would, with the utmost seriousness and affection, urge it on all the friends of the Society, to offer up their solemn, united, and persevering prayers for this essential blessing."

VI. Moved and seconded by the same,
 "That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be presented to those Christian friends of other denominations, who have so cheerfully accommodated the Society with the use of their chapels at the present anniversary; and that we view, with satisfaction and delight, the encouraging progress made by various similar institutions, at home and abroad, in propagating the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

VII. On the motion of the Rev. *John Saffery* of Salisbury, seconded by the Rev. *James Upton* of London,

"That the next Annual Meeting of the Society be held in London, on Thursday, June 21, 1821."

VIII. On the motion of the Rev. *Joseph Ivimey* of London, seconded by the Rev. *John Saffery*,

"That the thanks of this meeting be given to Joseph Gutteridge, Esq. for his able conduct in the Chair this day."

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

THE Committee have been favoured with a number of interesting communications from their friends, connected with Auxiliary Societies in different parts of the kingdom, in reply to a Circular transmitted a few weeks since by the Secretary. The plans detailed in these communications bear, as it was natural to expect, a near resemblance in their general features; but many of them contain highly important suggestions, resulting from experience, in reference to this subject, the principal of which we shall now subjoin.

1. Many concur in urging on Collectors the necessity of being regular and punctual in calling for subscriptions at the times in which they are considered due. Attention to this point seems to have

been, almost universally, the chief means of preserving the vigour and efficiency of a Society.

2. A very strong testimony is borne to the value and great importance of *Female aid*: Associations formed and conducted by our Christian sisters, have always been among the most productive, in proportion to their extent.

3. It is stated, that much benefit would result from the *regular, prompt and efficient* circulation of Missionary intelligence, by those friends, in different districts, who receive the Herald, &c. from the Secretary. An intelligent friend, who feels a lively interest in the cause, has remarked, that the Committee of each Auxiliary Society must include some one individual, at least, who would willingly charge himself with the specific duty of putting the various publications into the hands of the respective persons for whom they are designed, as soon as possible after their arrival; and recommends that each Society would appoint some active and competent person expressly to this office.

4. Experience amply testifies that the *cordial and affectionate concurrence of our ministering brethren* is essential to the success of Auxiliary Institutions; and that where their influence is prudently exerted, it will invariably be seconded by the zeal and liberality of their people.

5. *Prayer Meetings*, for the express purpose of supplicating a blessing on Missionary exertions, at which short extracts from the Herald, and similar publications, have been read, are found highly useful in cherishing and perpetuating a Missionary spirit.

6. Finally, an esteemed Correspondent from a central county remarks, that if our ministers who reside in the principal towns were to visit the smaller churches in their respective neighbourhoods, and explain the nature, objects, and progress of the Mission, much interest would be excited, and considerable assistance received, which is now lost for want of some channel in which it might be conveyed.

On the whole, the intelligence which the Committee have received, tends to confirm them in the persuasion that, amidst all the commercial difficulties which are so generally complained of, there is much more money which would be cheerfully devoted to the cause of God among the heathen, if vigorous and combined

exertions were made to collect it. Feeling how much these exertions are required, in order to enable the Society to meet its present expenditure, we solicit the attention of our friends, in the first instance, to a set of Resolutions, which are recommended for adoption in the formation of Auxiliary Societies; and, then, to a Plan for "Missionary Unions," designed to combine and encourage exertions on a larger scale, so as to include a district of such dimensions as local convenience may dictate.

RESOLUTIONS recommended for adoption at Meetings assembled for the Formation of Auxiliary Societies to the Baptist Mission.

1. That a Society be formed, for the purpose of aiding the funds of the Baptist Missionary Society; to be denominated The _____ Auxiliary Baptist Missionary Society.

2. That all persons subscribing not less than One Shilling per quarter, be considered Members of this Society. The contributions to be paid quarterly, monthly, or weekly, at the option of the Subscriber.

3. That the business of this Society be under the management of a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee, five of whom shall form a quorum, who shall convene an Annual Meeting of the Subscribers, when the accounts, as audited by the Committee, shall be presented, and a new Committee and Officers appointed.

4. That the objects of the Committee shall be to call forth the zealous co-operation of the friends of the Redeemer, particularly those of the Baptist Denomination, in support of the Mission; to disperse, as widely as possible, Missionary information; and, above all, to unite in earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Mission, and for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

5. That the subscriptions be collected by the Committee, or by Collectors appointed by them; each Collector to be supplied with a Collecting Card for that purpose. That the monies be paid into

the hands of the Treasurer once a quarter; and that the whole of the funds so obtained, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be annually remitted to the Treasurer of the Parent Society.

6. That any person who shall obtain six Subscribers, of One Shilling per quarter, or upwards; or subscriptions to the amount of Sixpence per week, or upwards, shall be entitled to become a Member of the Committee.

7. That the Missionary Herald, together with such other of the Society's publications as may be found necessary, shall be regularly forwarded to each Member of the Committee, for general circulation among the Subscribers, and such as may be thought friendly to the object.

8. That whenever persons shall prefer subscribing to the Translations or Schools separately from the general objects of the Mission, a distinct account shall be opened for that purpose.

9. That all meetings of the Society be opened and closed with prayer.

10. That a copy of these Resolutions, together with an account of the formation of this Society, be sent to the Secretary of the Parent Institution.

11. That _____ be the President of this Society.

That _____ be the Treasurer.

That _____ be the Secretary.

That _____ be the Committee for the year ensuing, with power to add to their number.

Note.—Any number of the following papers, &c. which have been prepared for the use of Auxiliary Societies, may be obtained on application to the Rev. John Dyer, 15, Wood-street, Cheapside:

Address to the Friends of Missions.

Brief Statement of the Baptist Mission.

List of Stations.

Account of the Translations, Schools, &c.

Collecting Cards.

Map of the Missionary Stations.

It has been considered that, in many parts of the kingdom, where the distance of our friends from each other is such, as to prevent their acting together as an Auxiliary Society, or where Institutions of this kind already exist in part, it would be very desirable to adopt some plan, by which the Mission may become more fully known, and the zeal

and affection of those Christian friends already engaged in it, be diffused all around them. With this view, it has been thought that Missionary Unions might be formed, something on the plan of the Sunday School Unions, which would accomplish this desirable end, without interfering, in the slightest degree, with the plans and operations of Societies already formed; and which would, at the same time, tend to provide for Annual Collections amongst those Churches, in the District where Auxiliary Societies are not yet established. With this view, the following Resolutions have been framed, which are now respectfully submitted to the attention of the friends of the Mission.

RESOLUTIONS recommended for adoption at Meetings assembled for the Formation of Baptist Missionary Unions, in a County or District.

1. That a Society be formed for the purpose of watching over and promoting the interests of the Baptist Missionary Society, in the _____; to be denominated the _____ Baptist Missionary Union.

2. That the objects which this Union has in view, are, to animate and encourage those Societies and individuals who are already engaged in the Missionary cause within the district—to promote the establishment of new Auxiliary Societies, Ladies' Committees, and Juvenile Associations, wherever it may be found practicable—to superintend and arrange, (in conjunction, if necessary, with the Secretary of the Parent Society,) respecting annual collections to be made among those churches in the district where Auxiliary Societies are not yet formed—to promote the observance of Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings—and to diffuse, as much as possible, Missionary intelligence and zeal throughout the district.

3. That the business of this Union shall be conducted by a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee. That the Committee shall be

chosen from amongst the ministers of the different churches, and the officers of the different Auxiliary Societies, within the district, with power to add to their number; and that they shall meet once a quarter, or oftener, if necessary, for the furtherance of the above objects.—Five being considered a quorum.

4. That deputations from this Society be appointed, whenever it may be thought necessary, to wait on persons of distinction and affluence residing within the district, who may be judged likely to contribute to the general objects of the Mission, its Translations, or its Schools.

5. That an Annual Meeting of this Society be held, in rotation, in the principal places included in this Union; when Missionary sermons shall be preached, and collections made for the Mission; and a general statement of the progress of the Union, together with the amount of the funds raised by subscriptions and collections within the district, printed and circulated.

6. That all Meetings be begun and concluded with prayer.

N.B. By the constitution of the Parent Society, all Subscribers of 10s. 6d. per annum, or upwards, donors of £10. or upwards, and ministers making Annual Collections, are considered Members of the Society.

Foreign Intelligence.

SERAMPORE.

A succession of afflictive Providences has had the effect of affording us opportunities of personal communication with several of our Missionary friends from this station, of late. After our June Number had been prepared for the press, our widowed sister Randall, of whose affecting bereavement some accounts were given in the *Heralds* for March and May, reached her native shores in safety, accompanied by her only child; and on the 31st of May, arrived, in the Hon. Company's ship *Carnatic*, our oldest female Missionary, Mrs. Marshman, after an absence of something more than twenty-one years. Nearly the whole of this period having been occupied in the laborious duties connected with the superintendence of a large school, the health of Mrs. M. has become so much impaired,

as to render a voyage to Europe absolutely necessary. She has brought with her the younger part of her family—two daughters and a son—who will probably remain in England for a time after their mother's return. It may be proper to remark, that the whole expense of these voyages is borne by our Serampore brethren.

It will gratify the friends of the Society to learn, that, at the period of Mrs. M.'s departure from Bengal—the latter end of January—both Dr. Marshman and Dr. Carey were in good health; and, it is almost superfluous to add, diligently occupied in their important labours. The printing of the Chinese Bible is approaching to a termination; several additional portions of this great work have been forwarded by the *Carnatic*. Thirty-seven pupils have entered the College, and an examination has taken place, in which it appeared that the students had made considerable proficiency. We expect that the Report of this first Annual Meeting of the College, will soon be circulated among the subscribers.

CALCUTTA.

Extracts from Mr. Adam's Journal concluded.

July 5.—The interest at Boronagur still continues considerable; we had a large congregation yesterday morning, although they were rather wanting in seriousness, which was occasioned by the levity of some young men who infected the rest. Amongst all the kinds of religion with their various divisions and subdivisions, idolatry is, I believe, that which is most fitted for *thoughtless inconsiderate* man. There are many forms that false religion assumes, that will not permit a man to live in a complete want of mental exertion. Covetousness is one species of idolatry, yet the miser has his mind occupied with a great degree of intensity upon his darling money. But he is the finished idolater, in whose mind one serious thought cannot claim a resting-place, and this alas! is the point of perfection at which almost every Hindoo has arrived. Hence an important advantage will be gained, when serious inquiry is at all generally excited.

6th.—Yesterday afternoon went out on the Chitpore road, entered a large temple of *Seeb*, which I found in ruins and inhabited by a few miserable Byroggees,

who spend their time in begging. Standing on a piece of ground near the temple, which is a little elevated above the road, we collected a large audience by singing a hymn, after which we addressed them respecting the gospel. Proceeding along, we came to another temple, into which we inquired if there was permission to enter. We were assured by a Bramhun, who had accompanied us from the former temple, that there was nothing to prevent us. As soon however, as the proprietor of the temple perceived us approaching, he darted out of his house, and pouring imprecations upon us, commanded us to be gone. After remonstrating with him for some time to no purpose about his intemperate language and conduct, we quietly departed. At a short distance we collected an audience of nearly three hundred people, to whom we preached the gospel; and were afterwards invited by a Baboo into his house, that we might explain our object to him in what he had seen us doing. After he had raised many objections, I concluded by assuring him that he was unable to judge of Christianity until he had read the Bible, to which he very willingly assented.

21st.—To-day, a person came with a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour, but after learning that he must not remain idle, that he must work with his hands and eat his own bread, he left us—he came in quest of the loaves and fishes. Another inquirer of a more pleasing description, reads the scriptures with Panchou almost every day. I have given him all those portions of the scriptures which I have by me, which he reads at home, and whenever a doubt or a difficulty arises, requests an explanation. To-day he read with me the account of Abraham calling Sarah his sister, to save his life. I asked him if Abraham by this committed sin or not. He replied, that if he were to judge by the rules of the Hindoo shastras he was not to blame, because for the preservation of life they permit a man to tell a lie. That a lie in every circumstance is a sin, was quite a new idea to him.

23rd.—Have not been able to go out as usual on account of the illness of Panchou. I was greatly afraid to-day that we should have lost him; his mind seemed composed and serene, and deeply affected with the love of Christ. Not being able to obtain any European medical assistance, I sent to him a Bengalee doctor, who had called on me with inquiries about the gospel, but Panchou refused to have any thing to do with him. The reason I afterwards discovered was,

that when a native practitioner prescribes, he invokes in the ear of his patient the name of some deity, performs many other absurd ceremonies, and ascribes the virtue of his drugs to the blessing obtained by these means.

25th.—Had the four usual services of the Lord's-day. In the morning it was with the utmost difficulty we could prevail on any one to enter the place of worship from the road; but when two or three had the courage to approach, many followed their example. On some occasions they are very backward through an undefined suspicion of what they do not know, and not unfrequently they are very forward and intrusive. In the evening, although the worship was conducted not in the chapel, but in the house, there was an attendance of eight or ten respectable natives; and, although their conduct was somewhat light and irreverent, yet there is, I think, great ground for expecting, that by steady perseverance, for a few years, we may succeed in collecting an audience even of unconverted natives, who will rather listen to Christian instruction, than attend to the old detail of house-chat, or idolatrous ceremonies.

27th.—After the worship this morning, which was very well attended, I led the hearers into an examination amongst themselves, of the qualifications of their gooroos to instruct them. They all concluded, that the gooroos had no other object than to get their money, and never aimed at leading them into the way of salvation. This naturally made them inquire whether they trusted in their gooroo or in the incantation which he pronounces in their ear, and they left me disputing about this. I was strongly reminded of the point which I have heard warmly contested in my native country, whether or not the preaching of the gospel, the Lord's Supper, &c. are nullified by the irreligion of the preacher or administrator. In one important respect, however, the cases are very dissimilar—the incantation does not convey a single idea to the mind of him in whose ear it is pronounced, and in whose memory it is stored. I was induced to converse with the people on this subject, because a person called on me last Sabbath, who stated that he was the gooroo of fourteen hundred houses in different parts of the country, that from them he collected annually about seven thousand sicca rupees, of which fourteen hundred were his own, and the rest he sent to his superior gooroo. He described a complete system of espionage. The chief gooroo appoints two subordinate ones, and un-

der them are several servants, who go about the country and observe the conduct of the disciples. Those who offend are threatened, beaten, and if at last they prove refractory, they are excommunicated. Poor creatures! they have freed themselves from the tyranny of bramhuns, and thrown away the chain of the cast, only, I am afraid, to put their neck under a harder yoke.

W. ADAM.

MOORSHEDABAD.

Letter from Mr. Sutton, to Dr. Marshall, dated

Moorshedabad, July 19, 1819.

I AM exceedingly obliged for your kind letter. The expectations which both you and myself have formed of this station are not likely to be disappointed. On the contrary, every day the Lord appears enlarging my borders, and increasing my expectations with hopes of an abundant harvest. Pray for me, my brother, that my ideas of the divine blessing may be realized, and that I may have all that wisdom, zeal, spirituality, and purity, which are necessary to make me a faithful messenger of God.

I should have answered your letter the day it arrived, but I have been out for a short time upon a missionary and baptizing trip, and am only this morning returned. I believe you are aware, that at Daudpore, about eight coss from Berhampore, brother Wympass, a steady pious man who has been baptized many years, resides, and also Mr. H. an indigo planter. Mr. H. I believe you have before heard of. I have likewise been informed much about him since my residence here. There has also been a native with me for some time from this place, and Kureem has been down to Daudpore several times. Letters have also passed between Mr. H. and myself respecting his religious feelings; and last week I was earnestly requested to visit Mr. H. as there was evidently a work of God going on in both families. I went down, and never do I think I enjoyed three days of such continued devotional exercises before. It was a Bethel to my soul. Our hearts were full—we had no time to think of the world or its concerns; but only of what Jesus had done and suffered on our behalf. And after brother Wympass and myself had ex-

mined attentively the circumstances of all the candidates for baptism, and were agreed in sentiment concerning their spirituality of mind, and their dependence alone upon Jesus for salvation, I baptized Mr. H., Mrs. Wympass (the wife of brother Wympass), Hurrynaut, a Brahman, and Bonor, a Mussulman; and on Thursday evening administered the ordinance to them. Our brother H. has been brought through a dark and intricate way, but our covenant Father has led him home at last; and I attribute both his change and that of Mrs. Wympass, in a great measure, to the steady, mild, Christ-like conduct of our brother Wympass. I think if ever I saw the clear indications of the work of the spirit, it is to be seen in brother H.; and I have little doubt he will be of great assistance to me; for his circumstances are good, his education superior, and his acquaintance with Scripture very considerable. You would be conferring a very great favour on me, and it would be gratifying to him, if you would, from the multiplicity of your engagements, write a line to him, and inform him of your joy in hearing of his being on the Lord's side.

I feel fully persuaded, my dear brother, that this is only the first fruits of my labours here, and that if the Lord should spare my life, many more will enrol themselves under the standard of the cross. I expect some to come forward shortly at Berhampore; and I have six natives now near me who have expressed their earnest wish to seek the way of salvation, and of some of them my hopes are great. If we labour for God and have a singleness of eye for his glory, we shall no doubt be blessed in our ministry. Brother Carey remarked to me, when at Serampore, that in whatever place we labour we shall find a few whom the Lord has already prepared to receive the word in the truth of it, although an extraordinary success may not attend our labours: and this remark I have found fully verified in my experience.

The society and schools go on as well as can be expected. I of course meet with some difficulty in establishing schools in a proper manner; but perseverance and the divine blessing will enable me to overcome every opposition.

I enjoy a good state of health, and I hope this is the case with every member of the family at S. and that the work of God is abundantly prospering in your hands.

I am, my dear brother,

Yours affectionately,

S. SUTTON.

DIGAH.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Rowe to Mr. Saffery, dated Digah, Oct. 1819.

Mrs. Rowe has removed her school, and now rents a place in a populous part of Dinapore, where she has the most flourishing Native School for boys that we have. She has boys brought to our Bungalow every Wednesday, to undergo an examination; and it is most encouraging to see what rapid progress they make. On these occasions, the greatest proficient in each class obtain chintz caps, as rewards; and these fine caps prove a powerful stimulus: such return home with a great deal of glee. Her female department is reduced to one native woman, who comes daily to her, to learn to read, and to work with her needle. She intends letting things remain in their present state, till we see what is likely to be done in our neighbourhood respecting Native Schools. Should there be a prospect of getting a regular supply of pecuniary aid, I hope she will be able to set up a Female School, that shall prove a blessing to many around us. She has lately written a Hindoostanee spelling-book, on the plan of Murray's. The master and boys of her Native School are much pleased with it, and I intend getting it printed, if I can. I am much pleased with a Native School we have near Bankipore. The Zemindar (land-holder) refuses to accept any thing for school-rent, and he and his family are very desirous of being instructed. Some of the boys frequently come to Digah to see me, though they live about four miles off. I fear I shall not be able to set up a school on the other side the Ganges this cold season, as I intended; my funds will not admit of my doing it.

Mrs. Rowe has lately received an interesting letter from sister Judson, dated July 3. I will give you an extract. "Our prospects begin to look a little brighter than formerly in this Mission. Mr. Judson preaches publicly in a building, erected in one of the most public roads. He spends all his time there, from morning till night, in talking and preaching to all who call. Last Sabbath was a peculiarly interesting day to us. The first Burman in all this great empire was baptized, in the presence of many of his countrymen, who seemed to wonder at the strangeness of the ordinance. He has given good evidence of having been renewed, and is a great comfort to us in this gloomy country. We confidently hope that others will follow his example shortly, and that the religion of Christ will take deep root here, and that nothing

will be able to destroy it. The old king died last month, and his eldest grandson is now peaceably seated on the throne. Two or three of his uncles rebelled, and were put to death, together with their families and adherents. The young king is said to be amiable and enterprising. O that his heart may be prepared to receive the gospel on his first bearing it preached. Mr. Judson intended going to Ava some time in the present year, before he heard of the king's death; but we hardly know what to do now, as the mind of the young king is so entirely occupied with state affairs. We must wait the openings of Providence, and we shall, I have no doubt, be directed."

Sister W. is safely arrived at Agra, and intends doing all in her power to promote Native Schools. One of our native brethren went up with her. She writes, that on their way up, thousands of the natives listened to him with the greatest attention, and that he distributed many books.

SUMATRA.

LETTERS have been received from our brethren Evans and Burton, which announce their safe arrival at St. Helena, after a pleasant passage, on the 7th of March. They speak in high terms of the kind and respectful attention which they had received from the captain and officers of the London; and of the Christian hospitality which they had experienced from the Rev. B. J. Vernon, junior Chaplain of the island, his lady, and other pious friends. It was expected that the ship would remain at St. Helena for some weeks; and indeed it appears to have been somewhat providential that they had to touch at this intermediate port, for on examining the ship's timbers, it was discovered that they were infected with the dry rot—a circumstance which might have rendered the latter part of their voyage dangerous. Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Evans had both been much indisposed, but had derived considerable benefit from being on shore. The Carnatic put in here on her way to Europe, our young friends were unexpectedly gratified by seeing Mrs. Marshman and her family.—We hope to insert extracts from their correspondence in our next.

N. B. We omitted to state in our last, that the £300 presented for the support of a Native Missionary, was given by Mr. John Warner of Edmonton.