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BEDFORDSHIRE,

ACCORDING to the notice which appeared in our Number far March, a meeting was held at the Old Meeting house, Bedford, on Wednesday, the 21st of March, to form an Auxiliary Missionary Society for the County.

In the morning of that day, after prayer by the Rev. John Dyer, Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society, an excellent discourse was preached by the Rev. Robert Hall of Leicester, from John i. 35, 36, Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God 1 Mr. Hall also closed the service in prayer.

Met again in the afternoon, when the Society was formed, not exclusively in aid of any one denomination, but on the catholic principle which has, for many years, been adopted by our brethren in this county, in promoting itinerant labours in their own neighbourhood. To secure, however, to every contributor, the most entire freedom of choice as to the appropriation of his contribution, it is judiciously enacted, by one of the rules, that, on the payment of each subscription and collection, it shall be distinctly specified to which of the various Missionary Institutions the same shall be applied. At this meeting the chair was ably filled by John Foster, Esq. of Biggleswade; and the various resolutions were moved and seconded by the following ministers : the Rev. W. Anderson of Dunstable, Hillyard of Bedford, Morall of St. Neots, Sinmonds of Olney, Bull of Newport Pagnel, Knight of Great Staughton, Dyer of

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Battersea, Hobson of Maldon, Cuttriss of Ridgmount, Seckerson (Wesleyan) of Bedford, Manning of Gamlingay, Hindes of Sharnbrook, Hemming of Kimbolton, West of Harrold, Daniel of Luton, Anthony of Bedford, and Middleditch of Biggleswade.

The worthy Chairman was requested to accept the office of Treasurer to the Society, and Messrs. Hillyard and Middleditch were appointed Secretaries.

The evening service was commenced in prayer by the Rev. A. B. Seckerson, of the Wesleyan denomination, after which a very appropriate sermon was delivered by the Rev. S. Hillyard, minister of the place, from Psalm xcvi. 10-13, Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth ; the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved; he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord; for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peo-Rev. E. Daniel conple with his truth. cluded in prayer.

We believe that we express the general sentiment when we say that the whole of these services were, in a high degree, pleasing and edifying; and calculated, under a divine blessing, to diffuse a lively interest in the sacred cause they were designed to promote. Several of the ministering bretbren, with a frankness which did them honour, acknowledged that they had not been sufficiently attentive to the claims of the heathen world, and avowed their determination to aid the Society to the utmost of their power. Besides several handsome subscriptions and donations, the sum of f_{42} 7s. was collected at the doors; which was presented to the Baptist Missionary Society, in kind consi-deration of the present low state of its funds.

REV. MR. WARD.

WE feel great pleasure in announcing that Mr. Ward arrived safely at Liverpool on Saturday evening, the 14th inst. (April,) after a passage of ninetcen days from New York. The friends of religion in the United States have shewn him great kindness, and contributed about 8000 dollars towards the College at Serampore. Mr. Ward was mercifully preserved in good health, though, at one period, the cold was so intense as to freeze his breath on his pillow. It is his intention, without delay, to make the necessary arrangements for returning to Bengal with Mrs. Marshman and her family; and it is probable that they will leave England some time in the month of June.

OUR readers will observe with pleasure, that the Society has been aided by some very liberal donations in the course of last month; and among these, they will notice, with peculiar gratification, the generous contributions of some distinguished members. of the established Church. It is merely an act of justice to state, that the condescending kindness and promptitude with which the application of the Secretary was honoured by the individuals alluded to, added not a little to the value of their donations.

Foreign Intelligence.

SERAMPORE.

FROM his early years the vemerable Dr. Carey has been strongly attached to the cultivation of a garden, and, since his residence in India, is well known to have acquired considerable celebrity as a botanist. By the following extract from a recent communication to Dr. Ryland, (23d of October last,) it will be seen that his fondness for this pleasing branch of science has led to results, which will probably promote, in no small degree, the future welfare of the inhabitants of India.

" I bless God, I am as healthy as I ever remember to have been. I have for some time back had much at heart the formation of an Agricultural Society in India. Some months ago I had a conversation with Lady Hastings on the subject, who encouraged me to make an attempt; in consequence of which I published a prospectus, and circulated it throughout India. The result is, that on the 14th of September, an Agricultural and Hor-ticultural Society was formed, which con-sists already of about fifty members. By desire of the Society I wrote to Lord Hastings, requesting him to become its Patron, to which he acceded. Several of the most opulent natives have joined it; and I hope it will ultimately be of great benefit to the country, and contribute to prepare its inhabitants for the time when ' they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks."

THE following interesting account of the progress of the College at Serampore is extracted from a Letter, lately received from Dr. Marshman, by a Gentleman in Liverpool,

" The College is in an advancing state, and we have strong reason to hope it will prove an extensive blessing to the cause of God in India. The buildings appear to us a most important part, as without them a single step cannot he taken in a place where there are none to be hired for the purpose as in England ; and when these are completed I have little doubt that the College will be fully supported. We have been hitherto exceedingly favoured of Providence in the steps we have taken herein. We have been enabled, by purchasing five or six parcels of ground, to obtain confessedly the best situation for the Gollege in the Presidency of Fort William, and perhaps in India, when the retired situation of Serampore, and yet its vicinity to the capital, are considered. It is a fine open spot on the banks of the river, and precisely opposite the country residence of the Governor General of In-

dia, from which the river parts it, which is there about 600 yards wide. But what renders it of the greatest value to us is, that it is contiguous to the premises on which we live, so that the thorough and perpetual superintendence of the College is thereby secured, it heing improbable that an institution, in which we so much delight, should not be watchfully superintended when it is next door to us. On this spot it appeared desirable to crect a building sufficiently spacious to contain the natives, who will naturally assemble there from all parts of the country, when the examinations and disputations are held in their own language, a measure which will carry the savour of the truths discussed there from year to year throughout the country. On this, therefore, we have nearly completed a building which contains a library and museum below, a hall for examination, &c. above, and a suite of rooms above and below on each side. amounting to twelve, six on each side. The hall, above which is the chief room, will be 66 feet wide, and 95 long, terminating in a bow of a semicircular form, S1 feet in diameter, and having seven windows to throw light through the hall. These windows terminate in a semioircle, and are 15 feet in height. The hall will he supported by two rows of pillars of the Ionic order. The extent of the front is 1S1 feet, the plinth is 4 feet, the library 20 in height, and the hall will be 24. The whole height will be nearly 60 feet. The entrance will contain a veranda, supported by six pillars of the Doric order, 5 feet at the base. The number of doors and windows in the whole building will be 132; they are in general 12 feet by 5. The expense of this huilding, and suites of rooms separate from it for four professors, we intend to meet ourselves, unless prevented by the liberality of the public. We at first intended to devote thereto 20,000 rupces, but on carefully weighing the case, and the vast importance of the object to the enlightening of India, we determined, if it appeared necessary, to meet the whole, though it should be 80,000 or £10,000, which we expect will cover the whole of the buildings. After this, we trust the Lord will stir up the public to support it, and if not, bless and enable us to meet all deficiencies. The unoccupied rooms can be occupied by students till we can obtain four able protessors. The whole of the College premises will, I think, include eight acres, which leaves abundant room for the erection of rooms for the students, numerous as they may be, and the principal buildings being finished, the cost of these will be a trifle."

"Our College will be open to all; and no Pædobaptist, or Episcopalian, or Calvinist, or Arminian, or even Roman Catholic will ever be constrained to attend a lecture which would offend his conscience. We humbly trust that it will be made a blessing to the cause ; every pious youth, who can make known the truth in English, may here receive what instruction he needs; every pious Native youth, whose heart is toward the service of the sanctuary, will, we trust, be thoroughly furnished; every Native youth of talents, Christian by mere profession, may here receive that Indian classical education, which will raise him in literature above the generality of the Brahmans, while he is also instructed in the scriptures, and enable him to defend and do honour to Christianity, whether he serve society in a legal, medical, or literary capacity, or he engaged in commerce : and from all these we may reasonably hope, that a body of Native Translators will be formed, which will improve the Translations in their own languages, far beyond what any foreigner will soon be shle to do; and, finally, every ingenuous heathen youth, who loves knowledge, and is able to support himself, may attend the lectures in the College, and live out of it, according to his own ideas of cast, as long as he complies with its rules in point of morality and diligent attendance. It is his business to guard his mind against that light which will shine around him on every side."

SUMATRA.

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MESSES. Evans and Burton, in a postscript to their letter, dated the 28th of June, add :

" The above is a copy of a letter which we forwarded by the Honourable Com pany's ship London, which sailed on the morning of the 25th. The evening of the same day brought us the agreeable intelligence of the arrival of Mr. Ward, in a ship from Batavia. Since he has been on shore, we have been much occupied in consulting upon the best means of furthering our grand object. From a deliberate consideration of all the circumstances with which we are at present acquainted, it appears that the most probable means of promoting the Saviour's cause among the benighted inhabitants of this island, is the establishment of another station, at a little distance, upon the same side of the coast. This the Governor thinks very

desirable, and recommends Tapinuli or [Natal, where there is immediate access to the Battas, a numerous set of people, and but little known; though from what information has been collected, their total ignorance, and abject condition, call loudly upon the benevolence of those who love the Redeemer. Brother Burton has expressed his willingness to attempt the arduous undertaking, should further inquiries encourage it, and we think the first expense will not be increased, while the plan of operations will be much enlarged; and we trust that the blessing of God upon our separate exertions, will render them, in the greatest possible degree, instrumental in acquainting the wretched Sumatrans with the blessed Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. We most earnestly entreat your prayers to the Father of mercies, and God of all grace, that he will pour out upon us the influences of his Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be filled with love to him, and to the Saviour, and to immortal souls-that he will guide us in all our ways-that he will strengthen us in all our difficulties and in all our efforts, and that he will keep us from all evil."

In a letter from Mr. N. Ward to Mr. Dyer, dated June 28, he specifies a variety of employment for the printing press, which he has in prospect, not merely for Sumatra, but for our Missionaries in Java also. The request with which he closes this communication is one in which, we believe, every pious Missionary will unite :---

"And now, my dear Sir, pray for us. We are placed in a land where all around tends to freeze the affections, to destroy spirituality, to deceive the mind, to separate us from our God. May the Spirit of the Lord move upon the face of the great chaotic deep in these parts, and breathe into it the breathe of eternal life !"

The Committee have further been gratified by a communication from his Excellency Sir T. S. Raffles, dated July 17, 1820, the sentiments of which are so honourable, both to the distinguished writer, and to the Missionaries, that we cannot forbear inserting an extract.

" It affords me much gratification to find, that the Society has directed its attention to this hitherto untrodden field, and

selected Missionaries, whose habits, manners, and education, peculiarly qualify them to do credit to the cause, and to fulfil the expectations of those who selected They are the first Missionaries them. who have trod on Sumatran ground; and if they do not do much themselves, they will doubtless pave the way for others, The Society must not expect immediate results : the general standard of society on this island is too low to admit of rupid advancement; but they will be able to give von much valuable and highly-interesting information, and to train up the rising generation in habits of humility and discipline.

"Mr. and Mrs. Evans, with the assistance of Mr. Ward, propose the establishment of a seminary at Marlborough; and I have been happy to aid the undertaking, by transforring to them the children of our free school. On this point they will doubtless be able to inform you more fully themselves. Mr. Ward proposes to retain the press, in the hope that it may eventually contribute to assist the funds of the Mission.

"Mr. Burton purposes proceeding to the Northward, and establishing himself in the Batta Country, where an entirely new and peculiarly interesting prospect will lie before him. I do not estimate the population of these people at much less than a million. Pulo Nias, an island containing a very extensive population, and lying off the west coast of Suniatra, will also attract his attention. None of these people have yet embraced Mahometanism, neither are they Hindoos; and it is doubtful if they have any religion at all.

"I hope the Society will not think of withdrawing either of these useful men from Sumatra; the field is sufficiently extensive for many more. and though their progress may be slow at first, it may be expected to increase in an accelerated ratio as they proceed. If they do not do much, it will be owing to the want of further aid, and not the want of subjects to work upon.

" I hig the Society will be assured, that I shall be most happy to extend to these gentlemen, and to the views of the Society in general, the full measure of my patronage and support: convinced of the high importance of the cause in which they are engaged, and of the benefits of their labours in promoting civilization, and extending the sphere of useful knowledge."

We have been favoured with the perusal of another letter from Governor Raffles to a friend in England, written on the same day, which contains some further

intelligence respecting the people among whom Mr. Burton proposes to reside. After mentioning Mr. Burton's intention, he proceeds:

" The field for his exertions is new and interesting, and I hope he will have energy and courage enough to explore it. The world knows so little of these people, and their habits and customs are so peculiar, that all the information he collects will be useful. You are of course aware that they are Cannibals. The population of the Batta country does not fall short of a million, and throughout the country it is the invariable law, not only that prisoners taken in war should be eaten, but that capital punishment should also be inflicted for the five great crimes, by eating the prisoner ALIVE. You may rely upon the fact, that eating alive is as common with them as hanging in England. I have lately passed some part of my time in this part of the country, and can vouch for the correctness of what I state."

Are not "the dark places of the earth full of the habitations of cruelty?"

On the 27th of the same month (July,) Mr. Evans writes Dr. Ryland; and, after adverting to the proposal of establishing a new station in the northern part of the island, he mentions that, with a view of lightening the expenses of the Mission, he and Mr. Ward had acceded to a plan, kindly suggested by the Governor, to establish a seminary at Bencoolen; and that the pupils of au Orphan School, previously established, were to be transferred to their care. He adds, that they intended to procure a young man from Bengal as an assistant, in order that this new engagement may not interfere with the time sacred to employment more directly of a missionary nature.

Mr. Burton's letter to Mr. Dyer, after they had resolved on the important step of a removal, presents an interesting specimen of a Missionary taking up his cross to follow the Redeemer.

"When Sir Thomas mentioned that

there was no medical man at either of the stations, it seemed at once to put a total negative upon the removal of either brother Evans or myself, and of course bro-ther (Nathaniel) Ward could not leave the press. But, after thinking the subject over last evening, my dear Mary and I came to the resolution to offer ourselves as Missionarics to the poor Battas, if the other brethren approved of our going. We proposed it to them this morning, and all are of opinion that it appears the most effectual measure that can be adopted for the furtherance of the great object of our Mission. We have therefore determined, in the strength of our Divine Master, to devote ourselves to it. We shall certainly have some difficulties to encounter, and much self-denial to practise, in a country where the inhabitants are Cannibals, and where our intercourse with European society will most probably be limited to one or two individuals; but we trust that HE. who has hitherto made ' darkness light before us, crooked things straight, and rough places smooth,' will not fail us in attempting to give the words of eterual life to those who are perishing for lack of knowledge; but, on the contrary, while humbly dependent on his aid, ' will supply all our need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"Did our friends know how much humility, zeal, knowledge, love, wisdom, and devotedness of heart, are essential to form a good Missionary of Jesus Christ, they would ever bear us on their hearts with great affection at a throne of grace."

Of the interruption which took place, subsequently, in consequence of Mr. Burton's dangerous illness, our readers have already been informed. He had, however, so far recovered, as to be able, on the 29th of September, to sail for Tappanooli and Natal, with a view to discover which would be the more eligible station of the two. We shall look for further information with much anxiety.



THE Herald for December last contained some accounts of the large additions made to the church in this place. In answer to some inquiries respecting the statements that are given by these converts, when applying for the

privileges of Christian communion, Mr. Coultart says :

"Their words are few in general; their looks and gestures, which give great effect, without art or design, must be wanting in any relation given you: and if their own expressive language be conveyed to you, you might try to make the Chinese understood with as much effect.

"I asked a female negro whether she felt any sin, now her heart was changed. Her reply was, 'It trouble me too muchit tick to me, Massa, as close as de clothes to me back.' To another poor woman, who was complaining much of the diseouragements she meets with, I said, 'Well, how do you think to get through them all to heaven? You say, you are weak.' 'Yes, me weak for true, Massabut me hang on him arm-Jesus cau belp-an, Massa, him promise.'"

In a letter, dated 10th of October, Mr. Coultart gives the following account of a visit he had recently paid, in consequence of a pressing invitation, to a friend in the parish of Manchineel.

" Manchineel is sixty-three long miles from Kingston. The road is remarkably rough, and in many parts interestingly dangerous to a good and well mounted rider. The passes in Jamaica must be much like those in Scotland, which Sir Walter Scott so interestingly describes. The way I travelled commands, at irregular distances, an extensive view of the sea, with a variety of bays and ports, which contain but few English vessels at this season of the year. The estates are numerous, and the case fields rich in their appearance, as the time of harvest is near. I had for miles of my way, not more than a few inches to spare between me and a precipice of five hundred feet ! Towards the interior the view is, in general, very limited, though at intervals the most varied and delightful prospects start upon you. I should think that the aspect in general of this country, is the most origi-

nal and striking of any in the world. "Set out on Friday from Yallahs, twenty miles from Kingston, which I rode on the Thursday evening. Reached Morant Bay on the same morning, abont six, and remained there during the heat of the day. This place is pleasantly situated, and has a small fort, with guns of very heavy calibre. Port Morant is the next place of any consequence; has but few houses compared with the latter, and no chapel or church near, that I could hear of. Eath is the next stage; but though a neat and elegant little village, has no place for the accommodation of travellers. I could not beg nor buy food for my horses, (for I was obliged to borrow a horse in addition to my own, for the heavy journey.) Hed no time to look at the springs which have given such celebrity to this village. The cotton trees about this place seemed decorated with ten thousand living lamps, perpetually shifting their position, and now and then dancing, in fairy-like confusion, among the thick green foliage. A stranger, brought from your side of the Atlantic, not having heard of these earthly luminaries, might have deemed himself travelling among the stars. The way to catch as many as you please, is to take a fiery stick, and blow upon it, making a kind of intermitting light, like that which the flies themselves keep up. By the time I had reached the top of a very bigh mountain, at the most easterly part of the island, the sun was just rising, amidst the inex-pressible grandeur of a Western sky, and iliuminating with his first rays the unbroken bosom of the sea. Whilst waiting beneath a tree, to shelter myself a little from a heavy shower, I saw, to my great astonishment, a company of those bcetlcs called Hercules, rolling some ponderous balls of goats' dung before them up the The rapidity of their march is hill. amazing, considering the large size of the ball they rolled on before them, and the clay too it had accumulated in passing over the wet ground. I arrived at Miss C.'s to breakfast, the termination of my journey, and truly a fatiguing one. You will, perhaps, think a journey of that distance may be undertaken often, until I inform you that it took me nearly three days, and cost me for tea, with bad bread and butter, and bed, £1 2s. 1d.; for breakfast next morning for myself and boy, 13s. 4d; grass and corn for horses, 10s. They charge at the rate of a penny per pound for green wet grass, and 10d. per quart for corn. Dinner for myself and boy, £1 13s. 4d.; and for horses, 11s 8d. &c.; but the poor people I went to visit, were so generous, as to make the lady of the house in which I stopped, slip sufficient to pay my expences into the portmanteau."

SPANISH TOWN.

WE have had several letters from our friend Mr. Godden, and are concerned to state that his eyes continue still in a very weak state. He has been kindly invited to spend a little time at the residence of a friend, who lives in the country, about sixteen miles from Spanish-town, and he purposes to accept it. He mentions one anecdote, which affords an affecting proof of the strong attachment felt by the negro Christians towards their instructors.

woman, a slave, whom I had previously baptized, exerted herself much in carrying water from the river, &c. and when nearly exhansted, she inquired of the hy-standers, 'Where my minista" A person answered, 'He is burnt in his bed.' The poor thing inquiring, fell down, and expired immediately, without uttering another word. She was a good woman; I rejoice in the hope of meeting her in bliss."

" In the night of the fire, a poor young

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TRE thanks of the Committee are presented to Mr. J. L. Angus, Newcastle, for Dr. Gill's Exposition of the Bible, nine Vols. royal quarto; to Rev. Charles Whitfield, Hamsterly, for Poole's Synopsis, Poole's Annotations, Buxtorf's Hebrew Concordance, and other learned Works, for the College at Serampore; to Mrs. Buckley, Highgate, for Gell's Remains, folio; to Mr. James Rusher, Reading, for 500 Watts's First Cateshism; and to Mr. R. Rhodes, Twyford, for seven Volumes of the Missionary Register. The kind Donation from W. N. Tweedmouth, was received in due course.

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