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## BAPTIST MISSION.

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## East Luncashire Auxiliary Bup. tise Missionary Sociely.

We have great pleasure in stating that a new Ausillary has been formed under the above title, which will inelade that part of the district formerly comprehended in the 'York and Lanoashire Assistant Society,' which has not been comprised within the limits of the smaller Auxiliarias more recentls constiluted; and lus complete the organization of the system, throughout that extensive and populous portion of the kingdom. The account is given in a letter from the esteemed Secretary, Rev. John Birt of Manclester, to the Seoretary of the Parent Society, who writes thus, under date of the 2Gth of November.
" A meeting was held in Yorkstreet chapel on Wednesday, the 20th inst., consisting of ministers and other friends of the Baptist denomination, reslding in the castern parts of Lancaslire, when a Society was formed in aid of the Baptist Missionary Society, and demominaled the "Enst Lanoashire Auxiliary Baptist Missionary Society." At this meeting, several resolutions were unanimously adopted, expressive of warm attachment to the great cause of Missions in general, and particularly to the Parent Institution. The first Conmittee meeting, for giving effect to the purposes of the now Ausiliary will be held at Roohdale on the 18th of December next, and the first General Mecting of the Society is appointed for the 20th of May, 1823, at York-strect chapel, Manolester.'

## GLOUCES'TER.

Lelter to Mr. Dyer, dated
Gloucester, Dec. 10, 1822.
Dear Sir,
The design with which you are already acquainted, of forming an Auxiliary Baptist Missionary Society for the County of Gloncester, and parts adjacent, was completed on the 11 th and 12th of last month; upon which
accasion we bad the valazble asgistance ol several ministers of diffarent denominations; and we have reison to believe, that the services werr generally approved, as pleasing and cdifying. The folloving was the order of proceediag.

Half-past six, Monday evening, Novomber 11.-Prayer, and reading the scriptures, by Rer. T. Roberts; sermon by Rev. W. Winterbotham, from Micah v. 7, 8.

Eleven, Tuesday morning, Nov. 12. - Prayer by Dr. Ryland; sermon by Rev. T. Roberts, from Danjel vii. 13, 14; concluding prayer by Rer. Wm. Bishop, (Independent.)

Six, Eveniag.-The public meeting was held at the Bell Assembly-room: the altondance was numerous and respectable.
The Rep. W. Winterbotham in the Chair.
The addresses were serious, suitable, and impressive; that of the venerable and highly esteemed (senior) Secretary was particularly gratefil to tho feelings of the andience. Thuse of our Independent and Wesleyan bre山irica wera distinguished by a kind and 1 l heral spirit, and expressed their cordial approbation of our Mission.

Indced, the interest that, was felt by the assembly throughout lue evening is best explained by the observation which was pretty general: "That they had no idea it was later thao oight o'clock;" although it was ten when the meeting ended.

Our Auxiliary at present embraces ten congregations, who lave expressed their intention of uniting with us; and we hope that others also will be added.

The contributions for the various purposes of the Mission was npwards of $£ \mathbf{£ 2 0}$ : we trust that by persevering efforts, they will be gradually increased, and that a permanent desire will be exclted in our churches to assist in 50 good a callse; upon the success of which, and similar Institutions, under the Divine blessing, the happiness of the world depends.

We are, dear Sir,
Your affectionate brelliren,
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## SEAAMPORE.

Ture following particulats respecting this important station are exiracted fiom a circular let. ter addressed by Mr. Wartl, slince bis relurn, to several friends in different parts of Britaiu.
On my returu to Serampore, after an absence of nearly three years, it was to be expected that a considerable adrance in the objects embraced br the union there would be observable. I found that adrance much Steater than I had auticipated. The College premises had made a progress, considering the largeness of the pile, Fhich conld not have been expected. The principal building forns one of the finest modern pieces of arcbitecture in India. As this College is boilt from the proceeds of oar own labours, we have been obliged to encroach on our funds beyond our calculations. A second examination of the College has been held, equally satisfactory with the first; sereral of the head pupils having, in a third of the time occupied by students in the Hindou Colleges, conquered the Sungskrit Grammar, will soon commence the study of a regular series of Sungekrit literature. We hare at present no stadents for the ministry, as we have not a Divinity Tutor, and Mr. Mack hns uot sufficiently mastered the language to devote any of his time to these native heralds of salvation. 1 heve much comfort in meeting the students, and the boys of the Preparatory School, morning and evening, for reading, singing, and prayer. Oh! it is truly cheering to hear these youtbs and these chilldren singing in Bengalce,
"Oh thou, my soul, forget no more The friend who all thy misery bore."

Two students are already members' of the cluurch, and arc youths of great pronise; and four more students, apparently under serious impressions, have solicited buptism. Between thirty and forty youtlis and children, bord of converted lieatheus, are thus brought under daily close serious Christian instruction. One morning the College Native Physician said, aswo sat down to worship, "Sir, the boys have made a byin, and wish
to sing it." I ant end listened to this hymu ha honour of the suviour of tio world, made and sung by this interesting group, with sensutiens of delight, which to person, except he liad been in the saine circunstaures, could reallze. The sounds were cearich to tha bosoni of the Ganges to a sulficient distance to bo lecard by the Bramhuns at their ublations. "Instead of the briar, shall come up the wytle-tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name," \&ic. On the Lord's-day, all these youths and children are engaged in catechetical Christian exercises in public worship:
The Transhations are thus far advanced.
The whole Bible is finished at press in the Sungslerit, in 5 vole. Svo.

The Bengalee in ditto, the Orissa in ditto, the Madratta in ditto, the Chinese in ditto.
The Pentateuch in the Knnkuna; and the New Testament in ditto.
The Pentateuch in the Silih, the Historical Books in dilto, tho Poetical Books in ditto, and the New Testament in ditto.
The Pentatevoh in the Telinga, and the New Testament in ditto.
The Ditto in the Pushtoo, or Affghan, and the New Testament in dittoi
The New Testameat in the Goujeratee, tho Assam, the Mooltanee, the Bikanerc, the Kashnere, the Harotee', the Bhogulkund, the Marwar, the Karoge, and the Nepaul.
In the press, the New Testament in the Kurnata, the Oojeen, the Kassee, the Jumboo, the Nonjpore, the Magudi ba, the Palpa, the silree Nagur, the Kumaoon, and the Bhutneer.
There are nlso in the press, new Editions of the Holy Scriptures in several languages.

At Serampore, besides the English brethren, thero are, as itinerants, lat bouring either regularly or occosionalIy, brother Douglas, Solonod, a cont verted Jew, Kanta, Huredoss, \&c.

At Serampore, at the Misslon Chaipel, and also st the Danish Charch, at. Kriskna's Chapel, and across the Ganges at the Barrackporo Chapol, during the Sabbath, there are seven services, and parties of Native converts visit and preach in the streets of Uhe neighbouring villages. At Serampore thore lave lately pecu trequent Laptizings; the Natlye sigters hare begun to hold prayer-meptugs from house to hoyse, and a happy reviva is yisible ainoug the Native wembers, who amunt to nbput sixty persous, Since my àbsenco in Europr and lime-

Mca, scveral Nativo brethren and sisters havo died full of Christian hope aud joy.
The baptisms at Calcutta have also ocourred frequently during the last two or three months. Here the preachjng is kept up in Bengalee and Engjifh four times on the Sabbath, und ainbulatury sorvices in Bengalee are aftended to alnost every day in the preek.

## MOORSHEDA BAD.

We mention, with much concern, that the healis of Mr. Sutton has been considerably impaired of late. The following exfract from a letter to the Secretary, dated February 27, will shew, , hat lis $z$-al and attachiment to the work in which he is employed, have not been lessened by inis circnmstance.

I mave continned all the operations I was able among the Natives, and when my strength would permit, have gone out to the bazars aud markets, to preach the kingdom of Clarist. I have had many very interesting conversations with different persons, and a considerable number of tracts and parts of the scriptures havo been distributed, and if $I$ had not been contined to my house by pain and sickiness, I should have taken several journies into the interior parts of the country.
There is one pleasing fact I have also lately observel, and which is a sertain sign that our efforts are not thrown away. You perhaps know that scveral of the Natịes have established presses, and eommenced printing on their own account ; and so extensive are their exertions to dispose of their works, that there are four men employed in this neighbourhood in selling printed publications. Oie of them informed me last weak, that his monthly sales amounted to oprards of thirty roopees. I endcavoured to inducn then, for a small sam, to sell tracts, or parts of the scriptures, but could not sucreed. The works which these persons sell, have nothing in them of Christianity; on the contrary, they are trash, in every sense of the word; yet still I think it is the begining of the universal diflusion of know.
ledge among them, for never has a freo press heen ostablished in any country without accomplishing mach good.

My Native Schools are in moch the same state as usual. The number of scholars is near 150, and the people near me have requested that $I$ would establish one in my compound, near my house, which I fntend to do next week. This school will be particalarly under my eye. The schools are sur: ported by the kind assistance of a few friends in the neighboarhood.
My illness has not moch interfered with the preaching to the soldiers, with the exception of two or three Sabbaths. I have regularly administered the word of life to the church at Berbampore, and have baptized three since my last letter. The new chapel which I before mentioned as building at Berhampore, is finisbed, and will be opened on Lord's-day nest. It is a good, substantial place, and will be a great blessing to the different regiments stationed there. The expense has been considerable - namely, nearly 2,500 roopees ; but it is almost paid, and I hope the whole will be liquidated in the course of a year.
If my strength is restored, I shall talce several journies in a few months: among whlch I intend to take one to the northward, near Rajemahl. I hope it will please Distne Providence to grant my desire, and render me useful. One of my greatest aflictions has arisen from my being laid aside from many of those exertions in which I delighted. The station here is im: portant, and I wish not to be reinoved from it, and hope my health will soon be completely restored. Providencè has been exceedingly merciful to me during the whole of my residence here, in tempering every afliction according to my circamstances; and the surgeon to whom I have applied during my illiness, is not only a friend, buta brother in Clisist, with whom I have mach sweet intercourse in the things of God. Though I am loncly while residiag at Moorshedabad, yet 1 am so much ac customed to it, that I feel it not. Indeed, if I werc to attenpt to recount all the special mercies I have received since my residence in the country, tine would fail me. They have been numerous, as my wants so far exceeded my expectations. Frequently, when my fears have abounded, nud faith been weak, the hand of God has been manifested, to remove my donbts and strengthen my dependence. Instead of fodiug myself a stranger in a fou
relgn land, I find every where a friend. My uind has been often grieved, that no more success nttenis the preaching of the word among the Heathen: but even here I have reccived inany tokens for good, and the bread which has been enst upon the waters, may be found after many days. I see, more and more, that every pursuit that tenels not to the glony of (lod, is vain and futile; aud may my living and dying breath be employed in the service of the sanc. taary!

In a subsequent letter, addressed to his former pastor, Mr. Ivimey, he memions the following facts relalive to the superstitions of the country, which canc under his own nolice:

Yestradiy the swinging poojah commenced: there were two poles placed a littic distance from uny house, (there was only one last ycar,) and last night the flesh in one of the persou's back, by which he was swinging with a hook, gape way, and he not only had the pain arising from the wound which he permitted to be given in bebalf of his idol, but that of broken bones, from his falling from a considerable height. At all these mectings the Branhups are sure to procure a Harvest. At the assembly Leld last week, there were fiur Bramhuns, who shared the profits of the idol among them; and they generally procare one of the richest of the Hindoos in the neighbourhood, to come first $\mu$ pon the anniversary of the idol, and open the door of the temple in which he is placed, upod which occasion he gene: fally presents a sum of money, clothes, jewels, \&c. \&ic.; after him appronch others in succession, and present their pflerings: so that there is every in: ducement t̛o promote deception.

## DELSII.

We extract the following incidents from a Journal sent by Mr. Thompson some lime since, to Serampore. They occurred in oue olbis journies to the uorth.ward:

An aged bralunun, who in consequence of a four years' leprosy, had Worms cravling upon hlm, was brought
to Gurinookteeshrwur, as he had exi pressed n wish to put an end to his bodily sufferings by drowning himself. His relntions who were tired of him, and his ueighbours who thought it a merit to porsuade him to such un act, ns well as tho brahmuns who wero interested in the poor man's immolating himself, all scemed anxious for him to destroy himself. The brahmuns and pundits even repented verses in Sungskrita, to encourage hiro in his dreadful resolutlon, and to deter him from changing his purpose. In this state of things, he hearing of me, sent a message requiring oly sanction to the honid murder of himself, and pro. mising to abide by my counsel, whother it were to desist from, or prosecute his purpose. I went, and found the pitiable object unable to move. I placed his conduct before him in its proper light, and warned him of the awful consequences of persevering in his murderous resolution. I added, that as suffering was inseparable from sinful creatures, it becance hin to humble himself under the hand of God, who took this method to convince him of sin, by making him both see and feel what a bitter and evfl thing It is. I held up the Saviour to lim; and assured him he had every blossing in his power to bestow. At Gist the old mau would listen to nothing, but desired I would acquiesce in his horrid wish, which, he said, would be the completion of his happiness. I agnin went over the same grounds to dissuade him, but feared I should not prevail. He starterl another objection: who was to support him? his relatives being heartily tlred of him, and having seut him thus far only to get rid of him. Having removed thin objection, he paused, then scemed vexed, and began to cry in a prssion. After this he listoned with great attention, and suddenly exclahned with joy in his countenance, " Blossed I blessed your instruction! blessed the God who sent you! It is God that sent youl blessed your father wid mothar! blessed you and the instructions you have given me! I will not drown mysolf, but return to my village, and wait as you have advised, till my dime comes to be freed from this suffering by denth." An hour or two after this interview he left Gurmookteshwur, and returned to his village Bhyna, near Dholpore, forty niles east of Meerut. On my return, I endeavoured to interest the Mahome. tan Tuhsecldar of the district in the
preservation of the poor man, and he commanded his relations to see that he had a house, and every necessary sforded him.

Another short extract will, I am sure, be pleasing: it relates to the fate of a Hindee gospel of Luke, and a Gospel Messenger, distributed at the last Hurdwar fair, Nov. 13. A respectable Hindoo of Ray-poora, near Patiala, brought a letter of introduction from a gentleman, and a Hindeo gospel of Luke, of which on my asking fimm, he gave the following account: ITwo bralimuns comling into his father's village with two gospels, the old man was adxious to know what they contained: be was answered briefly, that they were part of the Sahib's shastras, which had been frcely given them at the fair. The old man expressed a wish to possess at least one cops, but he could prepail on neither to part with a oopy for him. He olfered half a rupec, then a rupee, but was still refused, but this did not abate his desire for the book. In the mean time a voiragee who bad perhaps visited some of our missionary stations, and been disappointed In lis worldly expectations, expressed his astonishment at Hindoos, who retained their integrity, being so desirous of reading the books of the Feringlees. "The jnstant," said bo, "any one reads the book, he is sure to lose his boliness and cast, and become af Feringluee; What have you to do with such a wicked book? Throw it into the Ganges." Such an account of the book and its effects, stimned all presont, and had its effect with the most igporant of the two bralununs, who immediately held out his hand to the old gentleminn, and ofrered bim the - book he so much desired, saying, "Take it, sir, I bave no occasion for the book." "The latter, as he was a person of some consideration, perhaps dik not like to bo influenced entirely by a wandering stranger, a Beogalee, or one from those parts, and therefore took the book without hesitution; on - which the voirngee atincked the old man in very angry langunge. The -son, fearing tho consequences, interposed, and said to the voirance, - ${ }^{4}$ What is it to you if we take aud read the book?" "Go, go," replied the voiragon, "nall becone a Musulman and a Feringlee, and lose your dhurma (holiness). The son who liad read the tract, replied, "How do I lose my dhurma? If this book had funght wo to lie, steal, aud commit
every jniguity, I shonld then havo thought it bad and have thrown it away; but it teaches the way to heaven only by a different name, that of Jesas ; we say Eeshor and Khoda, and they say Jesus, this is the only difference I can see." Thus the struggle betwcen these tro men ended in the book being received. Every sach lostance makes it more and more evi. tlent that the Lord Jesus las a people in Hindoost'han whom he will one day call forth to declare hís praiso. Surely it was not for vain that he said when he died, he should not die for one nation only, but that he shonld gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. May it evidently appear that Christ has much people in this country!

## COLOMRO.

Ertracts of a Letter from Mr. Chatex to Mrr. Dyer, dated Colombo, Feb. 6, 1822.
Tue season of the year affording the besl opportunities for sending communications to England having again arrived, I must endeavour to make the best use of it I can. I Lave to be thankful that, excepting the trial of my sad and solitary circumstances, I havo not had to endure any personal affiction. This ought to oxcite in my heart unfeigned gratitude; and lead me, with the man after God's own heart to say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul," \&c. Sic. Ny labours have been mach the same as in fomner years, exceptingthat I have gone every Sabbathday to a village, instead of preaching three times in Colombo. My weekly plan at present is as follows:-Sab-bath-morning, at oight, I preach in the Fort in Portuguese; from which place ay house is more than two miles distant; at twelve, at Mattackooly or Kattoopellella watte. These places are in the opposite direction to the Fort from my habitation. The latter, three miles distint, up the Kalany river; the former two miles down tho river. At seven in the evening, I preach in 1Portuguese in the Pettal, which service has heen carried on in the same place, nod at the same hour, either in English or l’ortuguese, for more than nine years. This is the first mission-place of worship that the inlabitants of Colombo (in modern times) ever sav. But to procecd with
the account of my weck's eugngements: Monday is deroled entircly 10 translating; and if Mouday is uol suf. ficient to prepare for the day of mecting in the translating room, Tucsday or Wednesday. The proper work for these days is visiting schools. But ns I consider trauslating the most important of all my labours, when it is necessary, I make evory thing give way to Unt. Wednesdayerening we havo Portuguese preaching in tho Pettah. Thursday is the day for the meeting of the granslators; which is still held in the library at the Wesleyan Mission House. In the oveniug I preach in my own wative tongue in the Fort. Friday ereuings in Singhalese at the Grand Pass, and tho day is spent in preparing. forit. Saturday is another day, the best part of which is devoted to translating; and what is not taken up by that, is, of course, employed in preparing for the Sabbath. Having. laid before you this weekly plan of flling up my time, you will naturally wish to know, in the next place, what has been accomplished by adopting and pursuing it? In that important work, to engage in which led mè to make choice of Colombo as my staLion, i, e translating, we are making a steady, though not a rapid, progress. Had not one of our number ( Mr . Clongl, ) been laid aside by sickness, we should have been very near the end of the 1 st of Kings; and I hope it will jet be completed before the ond of this month. Two editions of the new translation of the New Tostament, you are aware, have been priuted off; and also; besides what we have done of the Old Testament, as abore mentioned, in a regular course, tho Psalms and Proverbs are in circulation. Surely wo ought to hope and believe, that this important " labour will not be in vain in the Lord." Our congregations continue mucla as they havo been for a long time. At the ['ortuguese preaching in the Fort, the riord seems to have more effect on the hearers than at the other places: It is not uncommon there to see five or six with tears falling down their cheeks, which, I rould fain hope, may be a proof of that godly sorrow which worketh rejentance unto salvation, not to be repented of.
Our Native Sclools have, on the whole, prospered better this year than ang preceding one; and as it is by means of these that we have at present any certain prospect of communicating usefal knowledge to the mbabitants
of this island, it is cncouraging and pratityiug to sco them increase and prosper. At the enil of 1880 , the number was seven; containing 244 soholars. On tho 1st of January, another vas commenced; in which the nnmber of boys is 36. I endeavour to visit then all once a month; besides which, tho Mohandiram is appointed to visit one or two every weck. On visiting them; I ascertain exactly the progress the difierent classes have made from one visit to another; and in cateclizing them, endeavour to impress on their minds the important instruclions the Catechisins contain; and this I alway: find the pleasnntest part of my Missionary labours. Ooce a month I assemble all the schools, both mastora and scholars, in our Grand. Pass mecting-bouse; on which occasion I examine one class in each school, in the presence of the whole, and praise or blane according to the proficiency that has been made. This has been attcnded with very pleasing efiects, in exciting a landable emulution in those masters and scholars who wero beforp most deficient. And this opportunily I improve in tue best manner I ant able, to point out to them thoir deplorable condition as sinners, and exhort them to repent and believe the gospel: with what success time must shew: all that has yet been ovident, is but little indiced. And yet who that knows and considers the value of an immortal sool, would not rejoice to see 200 or 300 of the ponr ignorant children aod youth of this too long neglected jsland, called together, though it be but once a month, to hear of "Lhe Lamb of God, who talieth array the sin of the world ?" Their being taught daily to read the sacred volume also; must prepare them in a very superior manmer to understand what is preached to them, to what any other persons in this conntry can be. And ()h! if we are favoured with that blessing, which many a wrostling Jacols is daily soliciting at $n$ throne of grace, a gracions out-pouring of tho Holy Spirit, what wonders might we not soon witness, even in this valler of dry bones? Sometimes I feel the full weight of that discouragement which it is Dutural for unsuccessfinl eltorts to produce; but neverso as to regret for one moment having deroted the short period I have to spend on earth, 10 Missionary labours. And on reflecting a lituc I feel fully convinced, liat if one soul bo saved through iny feeble instiomentality, it will be a gloriots recompense gor all
my little toils and trials : and if (as no doubt is the casa, the etemal salvaton of one soul is of more irapurtatice than the temporal deliverace ol' a kingdom, or a world, from some threatening ruin, the galvation of one soul will not only be an ample recompense for mg insignificant laliours, but for all that the Soclety has or ever will expond on this Mission. I will go one step further, and say, that if one sinner be not saved through a Divine bjessing on our exertions; if Heaven only slyines upgo them with its approving smiles; we canniot regret having engaged in them. "It was well that it was in your hearts to build me a bouse," will be sufficlent to banish every emotion of regret from our hearts to all eternity. But we have not entirely run in vaip, laboured in vain, and spent our streng山l for nought. The good that has been done among our countrymen in this remote corncr of the world, ought not to be forgotien. I onn number eight of them, exclusive of backsliders, who, I trust, have been givion me as seals to uy minisiry. Of the natives of this island, including the littlo charch at Hanwell, ten liave put on Christ by baptism, besides the two who have beon excluded; and three more would have done it this
month, had not the kereve illiness of one of them preyented it. Nor is iny sucurss in Colombo to be cstimated ly the number of those who are conaected with us as church-members. Yisterday (March 4ith,) my congreg tion in the Fort consiated of about filt hearers; that in the Pellah of seventy or eighty: and there are appearances in both these congregations that are encouraging. I have reason to hope, that wore I to die to-dyy, I should meet some from both of them in hearen, who whll havc cause to praise ios ever, that they have heard the word of life from my lips. When, therefore, in looking back on the ten years oas Mission has existed in this island, we consider the diferent particulars I haye mentioned, while we nust lament Uuat our saccess lias been so small, so much less than was anticipated, and so much less than we hoped and earnestly desired to see, if we consider that the salvation of one soul would be a glopious recompense for all the halious that has been bestowed an the plission, and all the funds that laye beeq expended upon it, to indulge a murnuring spirit in fellecting on the subject, would be highly ungrateful.
(To be continued.)

Contributions received by the Trasurer of the Baptist Missionariy Society, from
November 20, to December 20, 1822, not including Individual Sulbscriptions.
FOR THE MISSION. \& s. id.



The thanks of the Committee are presented to Mrs. Waugh, of Reading, for a parcel of Pamphlets, \&c.; and to Mr. Brown of Wigan, for 10 Vols. of Poems, lately published by him.

Erratum. -The Editor is sorry to observe that, by an oversight of the transcriber, the sum of $£ 20.18 \mathrm{~s}$. 0 d . from the Ipswich (Stoke Green) Auxiliary Soniety, by Mr. Pollard, has been amitted in the last Report.

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