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## BAPTIST MISSION.

TIIE Friends to this Mission are respectfully informed, that tho ANNUML MEETINQS of the SOCIETY will be held in LONDON, in the course of the present Month, according to the following arrangement:

## TUESDAY, JUNE 17.

Morntng, 11.-An open Meeting of the Committee, at No. 6, Fen-Court, Fen-church-street, at which the Company of such Ministers as may be in Town is particularly requested, especially the Miembers of the Corresponding Committec.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18.
Mobning, 11.-Sermon at Great Queen-street Chapel, Líncoln's-inn-fields, by the Rev. William Steadainn, D.D. President of the Acarlemy at Bradford, Yorkshire.
Evening, 6.-Sermon at Surry-chapel, Blackfriars-road, by the Ret. Georas Barclay, of Irvine, in Scelland.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

Morning, 9.-A Prayer-mecting for Lhe Mission, at Eagle-street Meoting.
11.-The General Meeting of the Society will be held at Great Qucen-street Chapel, when the Report will be rend, and the Anqual Business of the Society trausacted.

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' REMOFAL OF THE DEBT.
Wirs feelings of the most lively fatisfaction, we announce to the friends of the Society, that the subscriptions for the liquidation of the debt of 53000 are at this date(May 24) fully equal to the purpose. As all the lists from the country have not yet arrived, the precise amount engaced for is not exactly ascertained, but it is probable that the affectiouate zeal of our friends may have farnished, in the whole, a sum rather exceeding the amonnt solicited. Several of our correspondents, wisely considering that this strenuous effort may, perhaps, occasion some little defalcation in the receipts for the next year, have cxpressed their kind and earnest hopes that a surplus may arise to assist the gene-
ral funds of the Mission. The Conmit tee have no reason to suppose that dils sontiment will got be universal among the contributors. Should, however, any be differently minded, and conceive that the Committee ought strictly to conline themselves to the sum originally mentioned, such persons will be consldered entitled to receive back a proportion of their Subscription, calculated in the ratio of the excess of tho whole sum received beyond the sum required. (viz. £3000) But as it is exceedingly desirnble that the accounts should be finally arranged in time for the Annual Moeting, the Committee beg Llat any such claims may be preferred, by letter addressed to the Secretary, at farthest by the 12th instant.

Conformably to the original proposition, lists will inmediately bo forwarded to all the Subscribers; who will see the propricty of remilting the sums which have been so kindly pro. mised, with as little delay as possible.

The Committee trust that all their
friends, in town aud country, will unite with them in fervent thanksgivings to the God of all grace for this gracious interposition on behalf of the : Society.

We trust that our respected friends referred to in the following letter, as well as the writer, will excuse the freedom we talie in inserting it; and that the insertion may have the effect of leading others, to whom, in the arrangements of Divine Providence, property may descend, to imitate so laudable au example, aud devote the first fruits to His glory who is Giver of the whole.

Samuel Whitchurch, Esq........ 100
Filliam Whitchurch, Esq..... 100
John Whitchurch, Esq. ......... 100
Miss Whitchurcb.......... 100
Miss Phebe Whlutoliarch...... 100
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Salisbury, May 14, 1823.
-My dear Brothrr,
My fricads dasire me to present their christinn regards to the Committee of our Dissiodary Society, requestIng their acceptance of the above to fynd, that the interest may be appropriated to the support of a Nutive Schoal in Iudia, to be darected wholly by the Committee, and to bo established in what place socver may be judged best for the furtherance of tue object. They have a preforence in favour of Female Education, but thoy aro willing to leave this to the diacrotion of the Committee, who qre also appolnted to seleot the Trasteos, wilh the condition that the Pastorof Lha Baptist Churoh pig Salis:pury shall be one of them. A namefor this School will, of course, ba granted to tho Bonefactors, who, as chay haye devoted this sum from feelings of affectionate and grateful recollection towards pious uud reccutly departed colatives, wibh it to be desigrated, "Thie Whitchurch Faunily School." They hope, too, that such a name may attach the succeeding generations of their family to the interest. Ny motiue in the appointmont of the Trustee, you may imagine, is of the same class.

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yours very afectionately,
Join Saffery.
Ser. John Dyer.

# AUXILIARY SOCIETY 

ron
Part of the Western District.

THe fifth half-yearly Meeting of the Auxiliary Baptist Missionary Society for part of the Western District, was held ơn Wednesday, A pril 2, at Bridgewater, Somersot. A preparatory discourse was delivered by Mr. O. Clarke of Taunton, on the preceding evening, from Acts iv. 12. Neither is therc salvation in any other: fur there is nome other name under heaven given anong men, whereby we must be spoed. Oi the following day, Mr. Baynes of Wellingtop adyocated the cause of Missions, from Luke vi. 30. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father alsn is merciful. The derotional parts of these services wers conducted by Messrs. Fry Clulow, (lidependent) Humphey, Singleton, and Horsey.

In the evening of the squie day (Wednesday) a publle meoting of tho Society was held in the Independent chapel, which was kindly lent on the occasion. The basiness of the Meeting was opened with prayer. The Rev. R. Horsey, having been manimously called upon to take the chair, stated the object of the meeting, after which tho Secretary read the report, contalning, a brief sketch of the origin; progress, and present state of the Paront 'Society. Several resolutions, cmbracing the leading objects of Missionary exertion, and strenuoushy recommending their support, were pro* posed and seconded by Messirs. Viney, Hunphrey, Clarke, Gabriel, Smith, (Wesleyan) and Smgleton, who accompanied them with animated addresses that were received by a numerous andience with the liveliest interest. We aro happy to radd, that the pleasuro excited by the former mectings of the Saciety, isufered no diminution in the present instanco, that the whole of the services connected bpifh them wero well nitouded, that the discourses of our breturen wero truly axcellent and appropriatc, und that the contribations, though not large, were liberal. from the harmony, zeal, and iterotion elicited by thesc assooiations, ive cannot but indnlge the diope, that they will not losi essentinily sarve to aid the Missionary cnuse, than to pranote the gencral interests of religion.

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## KENT.

Tue Kent Auxiliary Baptist Mis. sionary Sociely held their Annual Meeting at Chatham, on Tucsday and Wednesday, the 29th and 30th of April. On Tuesday evening Mr. Slirley of Sovenoaks, preqched from Jobn iii. 30. He must increase. On Wednesdey morning Mr. Finton of Readjeg, preached from Luke xir, 23. Compel them to compe in. In the eventing an epconraging report was read, and speeches deljivered on the jmportanco of Missions, and Dissionary excertlous. T. Brindley, Esq. was requested to continue the office of Treasurer, and Micssce. W. Giles of Chatham, and WF, Gioser of Maidstone, were clected Secretaries. The collections at the doors were respectable, consideripes the depressed state of comperce in Chathipi, and the heavy debt the church is labouring under. The de. potional services were conducted by Messrs. Brandy of Ashford, Giles of Eythom, Drew and Slatherie of Chatham, (Independents).
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## WEST MIDDLESEX <br> HISSIONARY UNION.

The Girst anpiversary of the Bantibt Dissionary Union for West Mị̣dlesex and parts adjacent, was held it the Rev. J. Hughes's Meeting:Lopse, Battersea, on Thursday, Miy 1. A truly pppropriate sermon wps delivered in the marning by the Rev. Thomas Grifinu, of Prescot-street, fimpi i Cor. sili. " $\beta$, Charily-sekketh nol her own. A pumerous party of friends dined in the restry. The public Blecting for eransacting the annual business of the institution was held in the ulternoop, Ileury Trition, Esq. or Baitersea, in the chair. A brief report of the proces dings of ilis! dant fociely was rewl, by which it appeared, that the receipts for fio forst year bad amounted to $m p$ prards of a hundred pounds, The various resolnlions were proposed and seconded by the Rev. Sumpel Eilpin of Exetor, Leifchild of Kensington, Buace of Chelsea, Uppadine of Hanmersinith, Elvey and Grifin of London, Torlín of Harlingloa, Lessig of Highgals, (Secretary to the Union) Dyerand Hughics of Bellersca, Tho collection at the doors amounted to ex? and the proccedings of the das appeared to afiord -much grabicalion to tuif frienils as. sembled.

We capnot lorbear remarking, in addition to this brief account, that the objrct almed at by the formation of this local society, is the concentration ints $\rho$ pe focus of whatever portion of Missionary zeal and energy may be found within the dist ict-not to direct their movements, so much as, by combination, to asaist and enlarge them. Experience abundantly proves, that in order to sustain, with perseverance and effect those exertions which bencrolent individuals may be disposed to make for the good of tho Leathen, it is requsite that the stlpu. Lus derived from nutual co-operation should be afforded. The spme remart will apply, with almost equgl force, to churches and congregations; and WB feel fully persuaded, that if our nore active friends throoghout luo bingedop were to adopt similar measores, and, marking out respectiyely the splecre of thelr oporations, circulate ihe Mis. sionary intelugence furnilhed by tho society among all the ohuroles camprised in it, and epcourage apy and every effort whith the miends of the cause may be desirous of making, the funds of we societs wauld be greatly calarged, and correspondent keneft might, under the dvine blessing, bo expected.
A nopy of the Rules and Regula. llons will be cheerfully forwarded to any friend wishing to recelye it, on npplicution at the Missionary House, B, Fen-Court, I enchurel-strect.

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## CALGUITA.

A listrea from our brethrogat this station, dated Supt. 26 last, will be read with a mouraful interest, as it contains a more particular account of the bereavements they had just sustained.

Calcutta, Sept, 26, 1822. Dearlyrethren-It would give us plea. sure at all times when wo write to you, to compuupicale something of a pleasing nature ; hecnuse swe linow that, "its cold water is to a lhirsty soul, so is good news from a far country:" But you are too well acquinted with iluc chapges of life apud the versatility of hunan amirs, 10 sxmet that such news can ulways be sent, if facte pre stated correcily. Ae me here in a dr.
ing world, we must expect to see or hear of the death of those whom we from the ties of nature, friendship, or grace, most of all desire to live. It devolves upon us in this letter to make known to you the truly aflictive dispensation of Divine Providence which we have experienced in the deaths of our dear brethren, Harle and Anunda. In their life time they were intimately connected together in preaching the unsearchable riches of divine grace to the heathen; they were not long separated from each other by death; and they are now in the presence of the Lord enjoying the fruit of their labours. Though their loss will be severely felt in this part of the vineyard, yet the firm conviction which we have, from their conversation while living, and from the happy manner in which they died, that they are now present with the Lord, reconciles us to the bereavement, and permits us " not to sorrow as those that have no hope."

Brother Harle was born and brought up in the county of Northumberland. He possessed a remarkably strong constitution, and from his youth to the sickness which terminated his life, scarcely knew what it was to feel pain or disease : as to strength of body, therefore, he bid much fairer for usefulness amorg the natives than any of us whom he has left behind.

Added to strength of body he possessed vigour of mind. Corporeal streng th, without mental qualifications, can do little in missionary work. He, however, had acquired such a knowledge of the natives, of their modes of thinking on religious subjeots, and of their language, as qualified him in an eminent degree to hold forth among them the word of life: and from that part of his journal which is just pubfished in our last Report, you will see how faithfully he was enabled to employ these talents for the glory of his Redeemer. But something more than a good constitution and an active mind is necessary to complete the missionary character-we mean personal religion; and of this he was possessed in no inconsiderable degree. Before be was brought to the knowledge of the truth, he went to great excesses in vice, but after his conversion, (which took place in 1813,) those powers which had previously been devoted to sin, became proportionably active in the pursuit of better things. His neighlours, and all who knew him, marked the change. Having now formed something like a correct estimate of the value of his
own soul, it was not long before he brgan to feel for the eternal salvation of others, particularly for the heathen, whom he daily saw in so degraded and miserable a situation. In the year 1816 he commenced his missionary labours, and from that period to the time of his death maintained a conduct that was irreproachable, both in the church and in the world. From the time we were more particularly acquainted with him, owing to the change which took place in his views on the subject of baptism, we found him to be an affectionate friend, a pions christian, and an active missionary.

The graces which shone most resplendently in his character, were his humility, his devotion, and his zeal. On all occasions he expressed how little he thought of his own gifts and graces; he seemed thoroughly to have learned that hard lesson taught by the apostle : " Let each esteem others better than himself." At our prayermeetings for several monthis previous to his death, a remarkable strain of devotion was apparent to all in his supplications. He had a correct and extensive knowledge of the divine word, so that whatever may be said in some cases, it certainly could not be said in his, that ignorance was the mother of devotion. The scriptures which he daily read he exemplitied in his daily conduct; and wherever he was seen, whetlier in his family, among his friends, or among the heathen, all who knew him could say: There is a man of God! His zeal was particularly fonifested on behalf of the heathen; he went and dwelt in the midst of them for several years, in a small cottage, that he might acquire their language more accurately, and be thus better capacitated to do good to their immortal souls; and when he had acquired this useful knowledge, he did not hide it in a napkin: His addresses to the natives were pecdliarly animated and impressive. His zeal, however, did not lead him to be angry or passionate; when the baser sort contradicted and opposed, he did not return railing for railing; but contrariwise, blessing. He used frequently to observe, that the sword of the Spirit when whetted with the oil of love would cut much better; and in this part of his conduct he remarkably exemplified the advice which the apostle gave to his beloved son Timothy. 2 Tim. ii. 25. He was ill for a considerable time, and throughout the whole manifested much beavenly
mindedness and resignation to the will of God. At one time we had great hopes of his restoration to health: he was fast recoveriug from the first attack of the fever, and was so well as to come and join with us in celebrating the love of our dying Saviour; and little did we then think, that before the return of another of these happy seasons he would be sitting down at our Father's board above. However, it appears from the exertion he made this evening, that he suffered a relapse, and after that several others, so that by degrees his strength became exhausted, and his frame emaciated, till at length " he fell asleep in Jesus." The last words he was heard to utter were: "All is well! All is well!" An end so peaceful and so tranquil cannot but remind us of the declaration of the royal prophet: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace!"

After the death of brother Harle we thought it desirable that Anunda should remove from Howrah to Calcutta, that he might have some one to look after him, and.instruct him, as he had not long begun to exercise in the ministry. We accordingly began to build him a small house on the Circular Road; in the mean time he lived with Kassee, a native brother, whose house is adjoining to one of our native places of worship in Bow Bazar. His death was so sudden that it filled us with consternation. On Friday evening he was guite well, and preached at Coringalh, about a mile from his residence: he returned, sapped, and retired to rest as usual : about three o'clock in the morning he was scized with the cholera morbus, and by nine o'clock he was a dead man: and thus was snatched from us, as in a moment, the nost promising young Brahumn we have ever seen th this country. The disease of which he died is an awfinl one; iu six hours he was so much reCluced by it, that you would have supposed he had becn seriously ill for six months. It affects Europeans as well as natives; the Archdeacon of Calcutta died of it lately in about the same space of time. It was singular that about thjs tine also poor old Krishnno died; and thus the first and last of the native converts in this country finished their course nearly together. Krishnoo, like Anupda, died in full hope of eternal life. Anunda was buried in the burying-ground belonging tu the esta-plisliment-for we have no buryinggroand of our own-and his funeral
was attended by a number of christian friends, European and native. Before his body was removed for interneent ${ }_{2}$. Panchoo delivered over him a very im?: pressive and affecting oration. Panchoo was the means of first awakening his mind ; when he spoke of him it was in a very melting strain, and the tears streamed down his cheeks all the time he spoke. A very large congregation of natives were present on the occasion, and it was easy to perceive from their profound silence and great attention, that they were deeply impressed with this novel scene. Panchoo gave them an account of his first meeting with him-how he was treated by his friends on his becoming serious, and confined by then tor three months that he might not come near the Mis-sionaries-how he escaped, and resolved at all hazards to embrace the gospel-the great progress ho had made in christian knowledge - the faithful manner in which he had warned them to flee from idolatry, and that he would do it now no more, but be a swift witness against them if they continued in it. He stated what he had frequently heard him say of the imposture and knavery of the Brahmunical system, which was contrived only to cherish the pride and indolence of one class, at the expense and destruction of all the rest. He noticed his death, how sudden it was, that at that time the day before, he was quite well, and preaching the gospel; and also how happy it was, that he died with the name of Clrist upon his tongue, in the act of prayer, without a sigh or groan, in the arms of oue of his brethren. He then concluded by a most solemn appeal to their consciences, assuring them that there was no Saviour but Christ, and no religion besides the christian that could thius destroy the fear of death, and conduct the soul to immortal life. When we think of tho little time in which this address was prepared, we are surprised ; when we recollect the peculiar pathos with which it was delivered, we are still affected; and when we divell on the solemm visitation that called it forth, we are deeply aflicted.

Though we cannot but participate in the feelings our brethren have expressed in the conclusion of this extract, yet we would renember that, however valuable human instruments may be, their great Master can do without
them. His purposes shall not fail, nor their accomplishment be inpeded even, by events of this nature; for his counsel shall sland, and he will do all his pleasure. It is a gratifying thought, also, that means are now in operation for providing a supply of weflinformed, efficient vative labourers, such as were unknown in the earlier days of the mission. Fiye students, we are informed, are already educating with this view, under the direction of Mr. Ward, in the College at Scrampore, and it is likely that the number will sonn be augonented. At Calcutta also, scueral young men, who are prevented by circumstances from availing themselves of the advantages of the College, are receiving instruction fron Mr. Yates. A conviction of the vast importance of obtaining humble, pious, active, disinterested, wellinformed nalive ministers will, we bope, lead the friends of the Society earnestly to pray that the divine blessing may rest upon these efforts to accomplish that object!

We are happy to learn that the David Scott, the vessel in which our friend Miss Pearce sailed, arrived safely at Calcutta on the 15th of December.

## PADANG:

A Jetter has been received from Mr. Evans, dated July 22, 1822, whicb contains a more encouraging account of his situation there than those which had preceded it. The difficulties which had appeared very formidable, began gradually to lessed; and.a formal application had heen made to Mr. Evans to resume preaching in the church, which was under consideration when the vessd
came away. In the prospect of continuing at this important post, Mr. Evans Lad made preparations for erecting a bouse; as hitherto, lue and his family have resided in part of one, leut them for the purpose by a gentlemau, whose children are instructed by Mrs. Evaus. We trust the prudent perseverance of our Missionary at this station will be followed with a blessing, and that we shall soou have to record proceedings of a more active character than be has, yet, beeu pery mitted to engage in.

## JAMAICA.

The intelligence from this interesting quarter continues to be lighly pleasing, -The following extract of a letler lately received from Mr. Kaibb, will slew that Le is Gised at Kingston, according to the expectation expressed iu our last.

Kingston, March 18, 162?.
Tho object of my writing to you at this time is to inform you, that the place of my destination is fixed. After much deliberation respecting the path of duty, connected I trust with earnest prayer for divine direction, it is thought advisable that $I$ shonld remain at Kingston. Manolineel is ecrlaiuly a very important station, and I was ans. lous to go there if it appearell my duly; still I think that Kingston, notwith. standing there are two Mlssionarics; besides myself, is equally so. In thils debilitating climale pinisters are frequently ladd aside by siekness; and a short time before I arrived botb Mir. Coultart, and Mr. Tinson, were unable to preach; consequ"ully, both places of worship wera closed. The church to which I belong, you are ayvara, is very large, containing about 2700 mem bers, a great number of whom reside in the country. How importaut that they should be occasionally risited! Out of solarge a number there is much sickness, and frequent deaths, and it is very desirable to visit them in their sickness. These, and various other duties bolonging to the churel, yop will perceive are too aumergus for one indtvidual properly to disolharge. The
rising gencration will engage my chief attention; still there will bo many difficulties to overcome. The above considerations, and sarious others, bave reconciled my mind to staying at Kingston.' One of the black preachers, who bas been on the island many years, has prejudiced many of our old people against instraction, teling them that the word of God deolares that the "lotter killeth!" No Roman priest could feel more incensed at seeing his people with a Bible than the person I refer to. I intend also to commence an adrlt school, to instruct as many of our membiers as wish to be ' instructed; and I om happy to add, that some of them have promised to attend. I have also a large company every Wednesday evening, that meet together to learn to sing $;$ some of the females make good progress.

You have perhaps been informed that we have opened a honse at Port Royal, about five miles from Kingston, on the opposite side of the harbour. The place-is mach too small to accommodate those who wish to altend. In order to accommodate more, Mr . C. has just purchased a large house, in an excellent situation, buill five years ago, and then cost $£ 1500$. He has obtained it for $£ \mathbf{1 0 0 0}$ carrenty, or rather more than $\mathbf{f 6 0 0}$ sterling: It will hold more than 100 people, quite as many as we can expect to attend. It is buill in such a manner that it could easlly be enlarged at a rining expense. Abont fisso remains of the debt of our new chapel, whith wo expect will be paid in less than two months. Port Royul is a rery wioked place. A short time ago it could vie with Eodom and Gomorrah in wickedness. Once it was wholly swallowed up hy an earthquake; and in 1811 almost the whole town was consumed by firc. It will afford sincere pleasuxo to the friends of the Saviour, to learn that to those people the gospel is now preached. Twenty-one persons are received as candidates for baptism. It is a pleasant trip for us in a canoe, and we have reason to thope it will be bighly conducive to our health. The people pay all expensent 'This is Mr. 1 Conltart's plan wherever it can be accomplished. Oh, that it would please Cod to raise up many like him!

## A lettor of the same dite from

 Mr. Coultart, commaricates varions iustances of the power of religion anoug the negroes, as seen in that trying hour, wheall other aid is felt to avail nothing.

We have had mach sickness among our members of late, and many deatho, ns also some pleasing testimonies of their happy prospects. A poor negro man called to invite me to the sickbed of his friend: I went, there he is stretohed upon a mattress which lies on the floor, his hands folded and resting on his breast, with his eyes shut apparently in earnest prager. After the lapse of a minate or two he opened lis eyes, and stretching out his hand said, "Ah massa, you know Adam! liere him lie now, me often hear you voice in prayer, me often hear you praise-once more massa, let me hear you volce. 0 sing, sing de praise of Jesus once more; and den may be while you sing, me steal away to Jesus." Placing his wrist upon the finger pomts of the other hand, and raising lis elbow to give the hand a rapid descent so that nothing could rest upon it, said " So the world $\tan$ wi me now, it ready to trow me off, but dea 0 me bope, me hope, though me no sure, mo will den fall into de arms of "Jesus." Another sald, after I had talked with him and prayed, and was leaving, "Farewel, to-morrow, massn, before sun rise on you, me shall bo wi Jesús, (So he zeas) me shall'go slaging from this bad world. (So he did)

A nogro woman at the Pariah-louse being near death, sent for me. I fonad her in a very small room on the floor by the bed of her mistress, her mistross standing by. I told her of her worthlossness. " 0 yes me noting worth me know, but ma must go to Jesurs. So long me dobad, me coniduct to Jesus very bad." I eaid "Yos, you deserve bell." "O yes, thongh ne no know what hell moan, but if it mean, me get bad for do bud, me degerve to got de worstbut me must hope an try Jesus." "Do you think Jesus will receive you ?" "Ah massa, him no lob me when me well 1 yes, him love mo den, now him send sick, him no going to throw me off now. No, nol now me aick and near de grave, none care for me poor niger liko my Jesur."

## Mr. C. empluatically subjoins;

My friends, it is worth more than all I could name ou earth to see such anenes as chasp. They do not often occur, but when they do, they moro than compensate tor all the past of sorrav.

Contributions receiced by the Treasurer of the Baptist Missionary Society, from April 20, to Muy 20, 1823, not including Individual Subscriptions.


## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

An anonymous Letter, dated May 4, enclosing a fow small silver Coins, has been duly received, and the writer will be happy to know that her friendly wishes in respect to the Society's debt, are likely to be fully realized.

- The particulars of this Account will appear, of course, in the next Report.

