

Missionary Herald.

BAPTIST MISSION.

Home Proceedings.

Designation of Missionaries.

IN the course of the month just closed, three Missionary brethren, in connexion with the Society, have been set apart to their important work.

Mr. Andrew Leslie was designated at *Coventry*, on Tuesday, October 14. The service was introduced with reading the scriptures and prayer by *Mr. Hardcastle of Dudley*. *Mr. Dyer*, Junior Secretary to the Society, explained to the numerous congregation the nature of the business on which they were assembled, and received from *Mr. Leslie* a most interesting narrative of his early life, together with the confession of his faith. The ordination prayer was offered by *Mr. Franklin*, minister of the place, (one of whose daughters is married to *Mr. Leslie*,) after which an affectionate charge was delivered by the venerable *Dr. Ryland*, founded on *Aots xxvi. 16—18*. *Mr. Jerard*, pastor of the Independent church in the city, formerly under the care of the *Rev. George Burder*, closed the service in prayer. In the evening, a sermon was delivered by *Mr. Morgan* of *Birmingham*, from *Isa. xlix. 24, 25*. The various engagements of the day appeared to make a deep impression on the very large and respectable assembly, and it is hoped, may hereafter be found to have been accompanied with permanent spiritual benefit. The collection at the doors amounted to £24.

On the same day, *Mr. Thomas Burchell* was designated at the Meeting-house, newly erected in the *Courts, Trowbridge, Wilts*. *Mr. McFarlane*, minister of the place, commenced the service with reading the scriptures and prayer. *Mr. Crisp* of *Bristol* delivered a very appropriate introductory discourse from *Luke xiii. 38*. *Mr. Burchell* then gave a very satis-

factory account of his conversion to God—the manner in which he was led to devote himself to the Missionary cause—and a concise statement of the truths which he proposed to make the subject of his ministry among the heathen. *Mr. Saffery* of *Salisbury* offered up the ordination prayer; and *Mr. Winterbotham* of *Nailsworth*, *Mr. Burchell's* pastor, gave him a very impressive charge from *Rom. x. 12—15*, after which *Mr. Seymour* of *Bradford* concluded in prayer. The audience was numerous and attentive, and seemed much gratified by the solemn and pleasing services of the evening.

A double lecture was preached on the next evening, at the other place of worship, (where *Mr. Walton*, formerly of *Cheltenham*, has lately been settled,) by *Mr. Burchell* and *Mr. Winterbotham*.

The last of these interesting services was held at *Little Ailie-Street, London*, on account of *Mr. Ebenezer Phillips*, October 24. *Mr. Ivimey* read and prayed. The business of the evening was introduced by *Mr. Dyer*, who received from *Mr. Phillips* the replies to the questions usually proposed on these occasions. *Mr. Gray* of *Clipping Norton*, under whose care *Mr. Phillips* had, for a considerable time, pursued his studies for the ministry, commended him, by earnest prayer, to God. *Mr. Shenston*, the minister of the church, gave him a suitable and encouraging charge from *1 Sam. xvii. 37*. and *Mr. Eason* of *Homerton* concluded with prayer.

The whole of these Missionary friends, with their wives, including *Mr. and Mrs. Philippo*, have now sailed for their respective destinations. *Mr. and Mrs. Leslie* embarked on board the *Providence*, *Capt. Remington*, at *Portsmouth*, (after having been most kindly and hospitably entertained for a week previously, by our respected brother, *Mr. Mileham*,) on Thursday morning, Oct. 30. At six o'clock the same evening, began that awful tempest, which raged without intermission for thirty-six hours, and

proved so fatal to numbers of our British seamen. Though exposed to all its fury, the Providence was mercifully preserved, sustaining no other injury than the loss of her topmasts, to repair which they were obliged to put into Falmouth. Here again, our young friends experienced the aid of Christian friendship, and were not a little comforted, after their distressing perils, by the kind attentions of Mr. Green and others, who will accept the cordial thanks of the Society for these seasonable expressions of their regard.

Messrs. Phillips and Philippo went on board the Ocean at Gravesend, on Wednesday, October 29, but as the vessel was detained there a little, they were graciously sheltered from the storm, and had only to encounter the ordinary inconveniences incident to a first embarkation. Our readers are aware that the owners of the Ocean (Messrs. G. F. Angas and Co.) have generously set the example of conveying Missionaries free of expense to the Society, a proceeding in which they are cordially seconded by Capt. Whittle, who commands her, and by which a very considerable saving has already been made to the funds of the Mission.

Mr. Burchell, being designed to occupy the station at Flamstead, did not proceed by the Ocean, as that would have involved the necessity of a long, expensive, and fatiguing journey across the island. A passage on moderate terms, was, therefore, procured for him, by the Garland Grove, Capt. Pengilly, for Montego Bay, on which he embarked at Gravesend, Saturday, Nov. 15.

The Committee are thankful that, by means of the continued liberality of the christian public, they have thus been enabled to equip and send forward four Missionaries for foreign service. The expenses attending the measure have, of necessity, been heavy; and as the future support of these brethren will form a considerable addition to the permanent expenditure of the Society, it is earnestly hoped that all its friends will see the absolute need of increasing their efforts in its support to the utmost of their power. The Committee trust also, that the strong interest which has been so generally excited on behalf of these friends, will dictate many fervent prayers on their account, to Him, who alone has power to preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the influence of an unwholesome climate, and to make them useful to the souls of men.

ESSEX AUXILIARY Baptist Missionary Society.

The third Anniversary of this Society was held at Colchester, on Tuesday, the 23rd of September. Two sermons were preached on the occasion; one in the morning by the Rev. T. Griffin of London, from Matt. xiii. 39. *The harvest is the end of the world*; and another in the evening, by the Rev. J. Wilkinson of Saffron Walden, from Isaiah li. 2, 3. The business of the Society was transacted immediately after the morning service, when Daniel Blyth, Esq. of Langham, was called to the chair, and the various resolutions were moved and seconded by Messrs. Griffin, Wilkinson, Pilkington, Goodrich, G. Francis, W. Francis, T. Blyth, jun. Quin, and Patmore; by the four first of whom the devotional parts of the respective services were also conducted.

The amount of the contributions from the various churches, will appear in a following number, the whole not having been yet received by the Treasurer. There is, however, reason to hope that it will not be short of former years, and that the energies of the denomination in the county, which have been divided hitherto into different Auxiliary Societies, will be brought into united action against the common foe, and thus be the means of exciting increased encouragement in the common cause. It is with great satisfaction we mention the example of the church at Earls Coln, which, by a little extra exertion, and the weekly donations which have been actively collected from every class of the congregation, has more than doubled the amount of its contributions during the past year.

Let the heart be but properly influenced by the love of Christ, and rightly affected with the value of the soul, the misery of man without the gospel, and the great responsibility attending a christian profession; and we are persuaded that the example, which is thus presented to the notice of the churches, will, in every practicable instance, be productive of universal imitation.

Saffron Walden.

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STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.

From Mr. Gabriel to Mr. Dyer, dated
Oct. 17, 1823.

IN Stogumber and its neighbour-

hood, in time past, little or nothing has been done for the Baptist Missionary Society; but we do hope better things in future, from this quarter. In consequence of our having such a good and glorious harvest, we thought it our duty, to set apart a day to return thanks to our heavenly Benefactor for his goodness and kindness towards us in time of need. This service was held in the Baptist chapel at Stogumber, on Wednesday, the 1st day of this month; brother Steers preached in the morning, and brother O. Clarke of Taunton in the afternoon, and in the evening we held a Missionary meeting, in order to shew forth our gratitude to God for his favours to us.

At this meeting there was but one general feeling that seemed to prevail; that was, as God had done so much for us, we ought to do something for him and his cause in the world. So we called brother Clarke to take the chair, and then formed a Baptist Missionary Association for Stogumber and its neighbourhood, composed of the church and congregation, and as many others as may feel disposed to join with us in the good work. This society is called the Stogumber Association in aid of the Baptist Foreign and Home Missionary Societies; one half of what is collected, after deducting the incidental expenses, is to be paid, every six months, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Baptist Missionary Society for this part of the Western District, and the other half to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Baptist Home Missionary Society for the same district. I am, yours truly, &c.

W. GABRIEL.

Foreign Intelligence.

SERAMPORE.

THE following particulars, in relation to the afflictive bereavement sustained at this station, will be read with interest. They are taken from a letter written by Mr. Pearce to Samuel Hope, Esq. of Liverpool.

“The funeral was attended by several Missionaries of all denominations; Church, Independent, and Baptist. Brother E. Carey prayed

before the removal of the body; Dr. Carey delivered an address at the grave, (in his usual simple and affecting manner;) and Dr. Marshman concluded with prayer. Dr. Carey dwelt with great propriety on the loss we had sustained, whether we considered our departed friend as a christian, head of a family, minister, or missionary—and in the latter character especially, as it regarded both the spiritual instruction and temporal comfort of the Native Brethren.”

That this devoted servant of Christ was ripening for glory, was evident to those who had the opportunity of remarking the state of his mind.

“His growing devotion had been for many months past observed by his friends, and death and the invisible world were the common topics of his conversation with them. On the Monday preceding his death, he united in a Prayer-meeting with the Church Society's Missionaries here, and used the following expression, indicative of great humility, and ardent desire for the salvation of the heathen: ‘O Lord, if thou seest me unfit for the carrying on of thy cause, and that it is injured by my coldness and want of spirituality, O remove me, and put others more worthy in my room! but let thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth, whoever be the instruments.’”

Of the fragment mentioned in the following paragraph, we hope to be able hereafter to give some additional information.

“He was writing an appeal to European Christians in favour of Missionary exertions, nearly fifty pages of which had passed through the press before his decease. The work will derive additional interest now from the consideration of its being his dying effort; and I trust will be blessed to produce a wide, permanent, and beneficial influence. And O that God would, in tender mercy to the heathen, open the windows of heaven, and pour us down a blessing; and having proved, by removing such laborious and useful men as Milne, and Harle, and Keith, and Ward, that he can do without instruments, manifest his own Almighty power and glory by converting the world unto himself!”

CALCUTTA.

THE following Extracts from the Journals of our Calcutta brethren would have had earlier insertion, but for the press of other matter.

January 2, 1823. A poor old man named Gomeah, who heard the gospel some months ago from Paunchoo, has lately been very ill, deeply salivated, which has detained him at home these two or three weeks. Being a little better, he found his way to the station again to-day, though unable to speak plain from the effects of the calomel. He entered into a long and a very pleasing conversation, in which he gave me an account of his feelings during the time of his confinement. I wish it was in my power to give an account of it, in a way that would do justice to its simplicity and earnestness. I cannot help hoping he has found the "pearl of great price." Amongst several things he related, he mentioned the following with great pleasure, viz. that his wife, he hopes, is beginning to seek salvation also. Some little time ago, she used frequently to reproach him for ignorance, saying he knew nothing—ought to learn of her, as she was much better acquainted with religion than he was; to which he replied, "Well, teach me then." It was a sore grievance also that he did not seek instruction among the Catholics instead of going to the Protestants. When he would pray in his house, in the way he had witnessed with us, she would ridicule, or behave unpleasantly. This was very pleasing in one view, as it shewed he was in the habit of prayer, and that he was persevering in the duty notwithstanding the opposition. He mentioned, that since he was confined to his house by affliction, he chanced one day to go into his room, and found his wife praying, and making use of the same kind of language as he has used since he has learned to pray of us, as he expresses himself. This circumstance seems to have afforded the poor old man great pleasure. His recent affliction seems to have co-operated with his former impressions in bringing him near to the Saviour.

Pleasing Account of a Brahmun.

Our friends in England will soon hear of the death of Anunda; but it

will be matter of thankfulness to them to learn, that we have now at the station another brahmun who bids fair to be a second Anunda, (*Joy*) the fruit of the Doorgapore station.

Three years ago he was with us for some time, and read through Matthew and part of Mark, and then left us at the importunity, it seems, of an elder brother, a lawyer in the native courts, a man of consequence, and a great opposer of the gospel. After three years he unexpectedly returns, and seems more hopeful than before. I had quite forgotten that such a person had been amongst us, and Paunchoo seems to have had not the least expectation of his returning. And after being long forgotten by us all, he came one night, and walking slowly up to Paunchoo's house, exclaimed *Brother!* "Who are you?" was the reply, "I am Bagungee, the brahmun, who was with you at such a time, and read the Holy Book. *I am come alone, with my life in my hand.*" He was of course welcomed, supplied with a room, and has commenced reading the scriptures as before, and is very diligent. The Lord deepen conviction upon his heart, and give him to his little church here, as a brand plucked out of the fire. I sincerely trust this instance of divine mercy, for I cannot but hope the hand of God is in it, will tend to remove my scepticism. Often I speak upon the subject of salvation by Christ, rather as a duty than a delight, and when persons present themselves for inquiry, I am apt to decide upon it as a bad case in my own mind, before I scarcely exchange a word; and the many cases wherein we have had persons here for a little time, who have then abruptly left us, or given us cause to dismiss them, produced upon our minds a great degree of unbelief, and almost a temper of despondency. But God is to be trusted through all outward discouragements. "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." "Lord, increase my faith; and the faith of my companions in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." The first conversation I had with him, left rather a doubtful impression upon my mind, but I have been better pleased the longer he has remained. The first morning, after a little conversation, he asked me whether or no infants were accounted sinners, and so in a state of condemnation? Instead of giving any direct reply, I recited the passage from

Luke, "Lord, are there few that be saved," together with the reply Christ gave, and took occasion to insist upon the importance of a serious attention to our own salvation, rather than to direct our minds by an uncalled for concern about that in which he had no interest. I have had nothing of the sort since, but all has appeared serious.

10th. The Brahmun continues to give increasing satisfaction. His diligence in reading the scriptures is very pleasing, and the increase of christian knowledge, proportionate. I have also perceived a very marked sobriety in his deportment. No irreverence and levity, nor any unprofitable remarks. His diligence in reading the scriptures puts me in mind of that illustration of the kingdom of God, in the *man who went out seeking goodly pearls*. He has already gone through the four gospels, the Acts, and nearly the epistle to the Romans. He truly answers the character of an inquirer, for the whole of his work seems to be the attainment of scripture truth. I have greater hope of him than ever I entertained of Anunda, previous to his baptism. He appears to have much more application and more determined seriousness, though he is an older man, and therefore it might be expected. In our place of worship this morning he made some very seasonable remarks to the people who were collected to hear. If he continues as he has yet gone on, I cannot doubt of his turning out a very consistent christian, and I begin to hope, a useful preacher too. Paunchoo seems to take a great deal of pains with him, and is not a little delighted with his improvement. His Brahminical thread, malas, &c. he has taken off, and given to brother Penney. With us he at present receives his daily food, and has had one piece of cloth; and besides this, I have not heard one word upon his worldly affairs, and this is no small thing to say. I believe his food is of the very plainest kind, so that I know not how he could do with any thing less. Being a Brahmun of the Cooley cast, he might live in luxury, if he pleased; but he says, "having found the way of life," he has as much as he needs. His brother, who is wealthy, or at least in good circumstances, says he will maintain him if he will leave us and go home. He says in reply, "You know I have been this way ever since I was here three years ago; and I am and shall be a christian." Three or four

people were sent by his brother to parley with him; but it was to no effect. Nearly a fortnight ago I asked him to pray at our evening worship; but he excused himself. I stopped about ten days, and then asked him again: he consented, but was very low and very short, only uttering a few broken sentences. It was, however, very gratifying; for though his words were few, they appeared *filly chosen*. His way of expressing his sense of sin appeared very evangelical: we have little doubt he will gain confidence in due time. His diligence and seriousness promise exceedingly well, and I hope he will prove a useful instrument in making the truth known to others; though his utterance will probably never be so ready and forcible as Paunchoo's.

(To be continued.)

HONDURAS.

A LETTER from Mr. Bourne, dated April 30th last, gives the following account of a visit he had paid to several places under the Spanish dominion, lying to the southward of Belize.

SINCE I wrote you last, I have taken two voyages to the southward. The first was about two hundred miles to the Spanish settlement of Amao, where I remained a few days. The people are in a very wretched state as it respects religion. I was introduced to the Commandant, who after making some inquiries, stated he should be happy to give me any information he could, and that all they required was conformity to the civil authorities. There is a fort and garrison at this place; there is a priest also, who invited me to come and see him. I called at his house, and spent about an hour in conversation with him; he, though probably one of the richest merchants in the place, appeared a very illiterate man. He told me his house was at my service while I remained there; for which I thanked him, but did not avail myself of his offer. One woman, from hearing of what she supposed to be a priest, came to me, wishing to confess; but I dispensed with her offer, praying she might go to a higher source for forgiveness. Soon after my return from this place, an opportunity presented, and I entered on my second voyage. This was up the Gulf of

Dulce to Isabella. The passage up the Gulf was the most delightful of its kind I ever saw. As we sailed up, the mountains on either side us were very high, nearly perpendicular, and covered with a rich variety of the most verdant foliage. This continued for about twenty miles, when the river opened into a large lagoon, which took us nearly a day to sail across; here the land brought the water again into a narrower compass, which continued for some few miles, when we were introduced into a still larger lagoon. After sailing a whole day in one direction across it, we arrived at Isabella. The inhabitants are few at this place; they choose to live more in the interior, on account of the pirates who trouble the coast. It is chiefly occupied as a place to receive goods to and from Guatemala and Belize.

The inhabitants chiefly consist of Indians—there are a few Spaniards—they have no priest among them, and seem, if possible, in a worse condition than those of the former settlement. I took the liberty of talking a little with them, and got about seventy or eighty round me, among whom I distributed a large bundle of tracts to those who could read, and exhorted them to read them to those who could not. There was much eagerness manifested to get them; and among those who could read, and obtained them, were a considerable number of poor Indians, who had come many miles out of the interior, to drive the mules which carry the goods, and were going to return. To one man, who appeared trustworthy, I entrusted another bundle of tracts. He was going into the interior, and promised they should be faithfully distributed.

The following letter, addressed to a friend in Newcastle, gives a more general view of his situation and prospects.

July 17, 1823.

You will probably hear, before this reaches you, that Belize is to be the place of my residence, and the commencement of the Mission in this part of the world; and in this, Divine Providence seems much to have interfered, and, by a long detention, and painful course of discipline, to have taught me the path of duty. I have received a letter from Mr. Dyer, stating it to be the opinion of the Committee, that I should remain at Belize; yet, however, they wish me still to keep my eye on the

Indians of the Musquito Shore, and send them information respecting them. I feel fully satisfied with this arrangement, and see much of God in it. It appears of the greatest importance that a Mission be established here first, not only from its loud calls, the greater number of inhabitants you get access to at once, and the probability of its supporting itself at no very distant period, but of its local advantages, and the assistance it may afford to every other Mission in this part of the world. We may hope the period is not far distant when not only something will be done on the Musquito Shore, but amongst the Spanish provinces around this settlement. Indeed, it appears from their internal commotions, that things are now fast making way for the entrance of the Gospel; and I have little doubt but that, in a little time, a Lancasterian School might be established in Guatemala, a city containing 32,000 inhabitants.

But probably you would wish to know what is doing in Belize, relative to religion. As to its means, we have, on the Sabbath, one service at six o'clock, A. M.; one at half-past ten; and between one and two, P. M. we commence the Sunday-school, which continues till about half-past four o'clock; and at half-past six in the evening, we have preaching. The whole of this has often of late fallen to myself, Mr. P. being from home, and Mr. S. being employed up the river. We have besides these, two services on different evenings in the week; also I have devoted a certain portion of time every week to visit the free coloured people, and converse and pray with them from house to house. This, I trust, will in time be attended with beneficial effects. The people to whom I here chiefly refer are disbanded soldiers, who with themselves and families are now near a thousand in number; and are divided into two villages, lying north and south of Belize; but the wet season, which has now set in, has rather obstructed me, the places being at this season in part under water. Some of these people are in the habit of coming regularly to the place of worship, and appear very attentive. Our evening congregations are generally very good; those on the Sunday morning improve gradually, and the school is also on the increase.

From the inconveniences and bad situation of our place of worship, some who have come and expressed a wish to come again are kept away; and on

these and other accounts, the two chief of which are the smallness and high rent of the place, I have been induced to come to the conclusion of endeavouring to get a new place built. One of the oldest merchants has undertaken to procure a lot for me, and several of the magistrates are favourably disposed. I have drawn plans of our intended building, and sent them to America, where it will be constructed. By this step it will not amount to one-half of the expense it otherwise would do. In the plan I have strictly studied economy; if you know of any person or persons who can render us any assistance in paying the debt, which will be necessarily incurred, it will be thankfully received.

* * * * * I have been to two of the Spanish settlements, laying about from 200 to 300 miles south of Belize. Their state, in a moral and religious point of view, is truly wretched. At one of these places there was no priest, nor regular existing civil authorities. The inhabitants are chiefly Indians. I took the opportunity of distributing a number of Spanish Tracts among them. They were readily and thankfully received; and what was still more gratifying, many of those to whom they were given could read. I left also a bundle of Tracts at this place to go into the interior; and who can say, by following them with our prayers, what through the Divine blessing may be done?

Contributions received by the Treasurer of the Baptist Missionary Society, from October 20, to November 20, 1823, not including Individual Subscriptions.

FOR THE MISSION.		£	s.	d.
Chard, Collection, &c. by Rev. R. Horsey	.....	4	6	0
Cardiff, Collection and Subscriptions, by Rev. W. Jones	.....	10	12	7
Towcester, Ditto, by Rev. J. Barker	.....	2	11	6
Mitcham, Subscriptions, by Mrs. Pratt	.....	3	0	0
Olney, &c. Subscriptions, by Mr. Wm. Wilson	.....	16	19	6
Foxton, Collection and Subscriptions, by Rev. J. Burton	.....	6	0	0
Brechin, N.B. Society for Missions, &c. by Rev. D. Blackadder	.....	5	0	0
Huntingdonshire Society in Aid of Missions, by R. Foster, Junior, Esq.	.....	56	15	2
Gloucestershire Auxiliary, by Mr. R. Winterbotham	.....	40	0	0
Henley-upon-Thames Society in Aid of Missions, by Rev. J. N. Gouly	.....	5	5	0
Hull and East Riding Auxiliary, on Account, by J. Thornton, Esq.	.....	100	0	0
Collected at the Half-yearly Meeting of the Associated Ministers of the Isle of Ely, held at Soham, Oct. 1, a Moiety	.....	2	9	6
Birmingham Auxiliary Society, by O. Johnson, Esq.:				
Coventry, Baptist Church	.....	20	0	0
Ditto, Collection at Mr. Leslie's Designation	.....	24	0	0
		44	0	0
Portsea, Mary-la-bonne Sunday School Children, by Mr. Ralfe	.....	6	2	3
Goswell-street Auxiliary Society, by Mr. Cox, Treasurer	.....	10	0	0
Devonshire-square, Auxiliary, by Mr. Edward Smith	.....	12	0	0
Suffolk, on a Journey by Messrs. Davis and Payne:				
Beccles	..... 3 12 0	1	0	0
Bury	..... 12 17 6	6	5	0
Capel	..... 1 0 0	1	0	0
Clare	..... 1 5 9	7	12	3
Eye	..... 4 15 6	1	1	0
Glemsford	..... 0 10 0	3	1	4
Grundesburgh	..... 4 0 0	1	11	6
Harwich	..... 0 11 9	6	9	9
Ipswich	..... 48 5 1	6	16	0
Lowestoff	..... 1 15 0	1	7	6
Mauntingtree	..... 1 1 0	0	19	8
Mildenhall	..... 3 12 8	1	0	0
Nedging 1 0 0	122	10	3
Thomas Hartley, Esq. <i>Roscrow</i> , by Rev. S. Green, Donation	10	0	0
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Friend, by Mr. Dyer,	Donation	5	0	0
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SCHOOLS.

Henley, Society in Aid of Missions, by Rev. J. N. Gouly.....		6	5	0
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FEMALE EDUCATION.

Nailsworth, Miss Ryland, for "Nailsworth Female School"..		15	0	0
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