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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Female School Society conducted by our Missionary friends at this station having lately arrived, we insert it entire for the information of that portion of our readers who feel particularly interested in this good work.

Ere commencing the Report of the Calcutta Baptist Female Schools, it is proper to extract, for the information of subscribers, the following resolution of the Committee of the Bengal Christian School So-

"At a Committee meeting of the Female Department of the Bengal Christian School Society, held at the Circular Road Chapel, Jan. 25th 1828, it was resolved unanimously-

"That the union formed some time since between the friends of the Baptist and Independent denominations in Calcutta, for the promotion of Native Female Education, under the name of the Female Impartment of the Bengal Christian School Society, liaving been found necessarily to involve some pecuniary and other difficulties, be able just idea of the present state of each from this day dissolved; and that two dis-|school, under the patronage of the Society. tinct Societies be constituted, one under the management of each denomination re-scholars, three of whom are women. In spectively. That the Committee, now about the beginning of the year, this school sufto resign their trust, beg to record on their fered much from the ravages of the smallminutes, that this measure has been adopted pox, which reduced its numbers, and greatly in the exercise of the kindest feelings on retarded the progress of the children. In both sides, and with affectionate wishes that her last report, the superintendent writes : the most abundant success may attend the "This school has for some time past affordlabours of each denomination in its future cd me much pleasure. The children are exertions in this benevolent work.

"E. RAY. (Signed) " G. PEARCE."

In conformity with this resolution, the Committee who now present this Report, have assumed for their institution the name of the Calcutta Baptist Female School Society. Under its patronage are the schools mentioned in the late Reports of the Bengal Christian School Society, as included in the Northern Division.

Feeling that any lengthened introductory remarks are unnecessary, the Committee proceed at once to the detail of their exertions during the past year, trusting that the Report will prove both gratifying and stimulating to all who are interested in this work.

The number of schools at present under the care of the Society is seventeen, iucluding two at Cutwa, superintended by Mrs. W. Carey. For the superintendence of those situated in Calcutta and its vicinity, Chitpore, the Committee are indebted to the kind and diligent labours of Mrs. W. H. Pearce and Mrs. Yates. The total number of children in these schools receiving instruction, is, according to the last inspection of the lists, about 350. During the past year, the following books have occupied the attention of the children. Pearson's and Jetter's Spelling Books; Pearson's and Keith's Catechisms of Christian Knowledge; Second and third parts of a Book of Fables and Tales; the Gospel of Mark ; and Pearce's Geography. Writing, Arithmetic, and Needlework have also been attended to by many of the children. The following brief abstract will afford a toler-

The Salem School contains twenty-one very attentive to their lessons. chiefly owing to the diligence and influence of an old Goorco, who takes great paius with them. The two elder scholars can read with facility any book used in the school. They have committed to memory a considerable part of the work on Geography, and of Jetter's Spelling Exercises. Within the last few months, the attendance of scholars has much increased, and it now contains more than twenty."

The New York School has yielded, throughout the year, much satisfaction. The attention of the master, and attendance and progress of the children have been pleasing. Four girls in this school have particularly distinguished themselves, having in a short time gone through Pearson's Spelling Book, and made considerable advance into Jetter's. It may be proper to add, that the last-mentioned book, being on the plan of a Vocabulary, requires much application in order to prepare the lessons, as not only the correct spelling, but the meaning of the words are given by the child. The children of this school are very fond of needlework. It is affecting to add, that two promising little girls were taken off by the small-pox in the early part of the year.

The Newcastle and Potteries School, mentioned in the last Report as having been relinquished, was established again a few months afterwards. For some time, owing to causes which could not be controlled, it had in the course of two or three months as many different situations, which of course proved detrimental to its prosperity. now at length apparently permanently established, as a lady and gentleman, in whose compound a schoolhouse has been erected, have kindly undertaken the superintendence of the children. This is an advantage with which few schools are favoured; and it is hoped that it will benceforward flourish, and make amends for its past unprofitable-There are attached to it twenty ness. children.

The following schools are situated for the most part at or near Chitpore.

The Juvenile School, situated midway between Calcutta and Chitpore, being the oldest established, contains about sixteen children, which is somewhat less than the number stated in the last report. decrease is owing to the increasing age and infirmities of the schoolmistress, who finds herself unable to attend to a greater number. The progress of the children, however, evinces that she is diligent, and concerned to bring them forward. Three or four of the girls can read, in a manner that would by no means disparage the talents and application of European children of the same age. They often manifest a considerable degree of emulation to outdo each other in their lessons, and are much ashamed if not able to repeat them when visited by the superintendent. Needlework is not a favourite employment with the children of this school: their answer generally has been when desired to do a little, "Ma'aiu, we prefer our books."

The Monmouthshire School contains fifteen pupils. The master is attentive, but infirm and slow; for which reason the progress of the children is also tardy. The pupils of this solvol, in company with those of two or three others, have attended daily at the Mission premises at Chitpore, where instruction has been communicated under the immediate care of the superintendent. This measure has been attended with advantage. The Leeds School affords little to report that is of a gratifying nature. In consequence of the extreme negligence of the former moster, it was found necessary to discharge him; which measure, as is generally the case, was followed by the breaking up of the school. Another, however, was shortly afterwards obtained, who has collected together about twenty children: these he brings regularly to the Mission Bungalow for instruction; but as they are a different set altogether, little at present can be said of their progress.

The Broadmead School, situated near the Nabob of Chitpore's garden, contains about thirty children. The master's conduct is generally satisfactory, and his pupils make progress equal to that of most in the schools. Two or three of the scholars are of four and five years' standing : one of them has ohildren, whom she has begun to instruct. This is a pleasing circumstance, as it evinces a different feeling as to the value of female instruction from that generally prevalent among the natives; and it becomes more gratifying, when considered as the effect of the labours of this Society. This school suffered much in the commencement of the year from the lamentable spread of the malady already mentioned.

The Nailsworth School, sitnated on the Barrackpore Road, has not of late yielded much satisfaction. A few months ago, the superintendent was obligated to dismiss the master for his negligence. Since then, another has been obtained; but his behaviour is scarcely better than his predecessor's. If a decided improvement does not take place, the Committee will not feel themselves justified in supporting it.

The Philadelphia School, situated on the south side of the Barrackpore Road, near Doorgapore, contains eighteen children. This school has a female teacher, an advantage seldom to be obtained in this country. She is a person of good capacity, and of credit able acquirements. Much illness of late, has prevented her very regular attention to her pupils. Of these one is an adult, who has made such progress, that should the

mistress be necessitated finally to relinquish her charge, she would be able, and probably willing, to succeed in it. The progress of the children on the whole is pleasing.

In the Glasgow School, situated at Cossipore, there are twenty-five children. This school, at the commencement of the year, was almost destroyed by the ravages of the small-pox. For many weeks none of the scholars attended to their lessons, several of them being ill, and most of the others detained at home to wait upon their suffering relatives. When the school re-opened, it was found that six of the children had fallen victims to this awful disease. The school is now in a progressive state, and some of the most difficult books used in the schools are read in it.

The Whitchurch Family School, situated near Boronogor, contains twenty-six children. The master has been generally attentive, and the progress of his pupils is pretty good. A little interruption has been lately experienced, by his absence on a journey to see his relations up the country; hut having returned, it is hoped that he will soon retrieve, by his diligence, what has been lost. Two or three of the eldest girls will probably leave soon, to be married; and it is gratifying to the Committee to state, that they have made good proficiency.

The Maze Pond School, situated at Boronogor, has twenty-five children on its list. It has recently been removed to a honse nearer the town, and more eligible than its former situation for the obtaining of scholars. The master is diligent, being always at his post when the school is visited by the superintendent. The pupils are improving. A few of them can sew neatly.

Within the year, two new schools have been established, one of them in Calcutta, near the Baptist Mission house, and the other at Chitpore, with the design of attempting the raising of seminaries of native girls, on a larger and more efficient soale. As the attempt is now only in the bud, and as experience teaches that bnds are often destroyed ere they open into flowers, or are matured in fruit, the Committee forbear to enlarge respecting them, choosing rather to wait the result, and report what has been effected, than excite expectations that may Towards the furthernever be realized. ance of the object, two school-rooms have been erected, each of them being capable of containing fifty children.

The Female Asylum, of which some account was given in the last Report, has made little progress since that period. Piarce, the first child admitted into it, died of the small-pox. Another had been received, but was soon afterwards taken away

by her parents. The object, however, is not lost sight of by the Committee; and should circumstances become favourable, the institution will again be commenced.

By intelligence lately received from Mrs. W. Carey, of Cutwa, the Committee are enabled to report, that female instruction there wears an encouraging aspect. Th Liverpool school contains no less than lifty children; and the progress in learning of the pupils in this and the Deakin school is described as being exceedingly pleasing,

FUNDs .- During the year, the aid expected from America, noticed in the last Report, has been received in two remittances, amounting to 820 dollars. Liberal sums have also been sent by friends in Great Britain; and the applications made to the public in this country for renewed assistance, have been answered in a very generous manner, although not to an equal extent with some preceding years. To all their friends, the Committee desire to present their warmest acknowledgments; at the same time, they beg respectfully and earnestly to request their continued liberality. The Committee thankfully acknowledge also the liberal and repeated supplies of medicine for the use of the schools, afforded them from the Honourable Company's Dispensary; and they are happy to add, that it has been extensively distributed among the poor children, and to many with good effect.

The thanks of the Committee are also presented to those generous young ladies and others in Great Britain, who by their taste and industry in designing and preparing presents of different kinds to be sold for the benefit of the schools, have manifested so lively a concern on behalf of Hindoo females. A large quantity of fancy and useful articles, the result of their benevolence, has recently come to hand, the sale of which, it is expected, will materially aid the funds of the Society.

The Committee will now draw their Report to a close. In doing this, they would advert, in a few words, to the difficulties still attending the prosecution of their work : these, it becomes them to confess, are not trifling. The prejudices of the people at large .- the frequent recurrence of disease. -the unprincipled character of many of the teachers,-the numerous holidays,-and finally, the injurious effect of much exposure to the weather on the health of those engaged in the work of superintendence, all contribute to hinder them in their exertions. These things they do not mention for the purpose of discouragement, but in order to hespeak the patience of their friends, and especially of those among them in Britain or America, who have sent out funds for the establishment or maintenance of particular schools. Of these, some have probably been disappointed, in learning from the Reports of the Society, that their school had been relinquished, and others, that their school had not been established. It is proper, therefore, that it should be generally known, that neither the one nor the other of these unpleasant things can always be prevented, owing to the impeding circumstances already mentioned. Prospects have not unfrequently appeared, on the ground of which bopes have been raised and cherished, that have in a little time again entirely vanished.

On this account, the Committee would take the liberty of suggesting to such friends, the propriety of allowing their contributions to be appropriated to the aid of the object generally, rather than to the support of particular schools. This measure would relieve the minds of the Committee from considerable anxiety, and leave them also more at liberty to carry forward the work, as favourable opportunities might invite :a liberty exceedingly desirable, when it is considered, that the progress hitherto made has been so in a great measure, by embracing propitious circumstances as they have presented themselves. Difficulties, however, the Committee trust, have not diminished their zeal in the work allotted to them; and the most impressive motive for perseverance is found in the enlarged acquaintance, which every successive year supplies, with the condition and necessities of the people. The work of superintendence necessarily leads those engaged in it into the midst of their abodes, and domestic circles. Here they see things as they are; but the knowledge gained yields, alas ! little satisfaction. It causes them to feel, that wretchedness is the Hindoo Female's condition; that destitute of knowledge, deprived of liberty, living without respect, doomed to idleness and drudgery, she is the slave, and not the companion of man. But the necessity of their exertions is not the only motive: labour bas not been in vain; success is lifting up her head, and saying, "Go Year after year witnesses the forward." increase of knowledge, the subjugation of prejudice, the alteration of opinion, and a growing regard for instruction among females, in those places where schools have been formed. Instances now exist of women, who having learned to read in schools established by this and other Societies, have become the instructors of their own children. Let it be hoped, therefore, from what is to be seen, and from what we know of the operation of knowledge on the mind, that the time for the education of Indian Females

The Committee trust they are adopting the right method for the attainment of the

object at which they aim. In the books used in the schools, the children are taught the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ: for it is certain, that if an empty mind be filled, it ought to be with good; or, if error be effectually opposed, it is only by presenting truth: Thy word, said the Saviour, is truth.

The Committee now conclude their Report, praying that God may succeed their labours with his blessing, and impart strength and wisdom to those who are immediately engaged, and to all who love and assist in this henevolent work.

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

PORTSMOUTH, PORTSEA, AND GOSPORT.

The annual services connected with this Auxiliary were held in September last. The Rev. Isaiah Birt, of Hackney, attended as a deputation from the Parent Society, and warmly espoused the interests of the Mission.

On Lord's day, Sept. 21, several sermons were preached on behalf of the Society in the chapels connected with the Auxiliary, two by the Rev. Isaiah Birt, and the other by resident ministers, the Rev. C. E. Birt, T. Morris, J. Neave, J. Headden, J. Davis, and W. Davies.

The anniversary of this Auxiliary was held at Meeting House Alley Chapel on Monday evening, the 22d of September. Prayer for the Divine presence and blessing was offered by the Rev. C. Cakebread. The Chair was taken by an esteemed friend who happened to be on a visit to Portsea, Robert Bowyer, Esq. of Byfleet. The Report, which was read by the Rev. T. Tilly, one of the Secretaries, gave a brief view of the operations of the Society, comprising some interesting information respecting the Mission to the West Indies, &c. The following is an extract relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Auxiliary:—

"The children connected with our Sunday schools continue to aid the Mission, and to pour their freewill offerings into its

"There is reason to apprehend that that part of the income of your Auxiliary which is derived from Branches, will in some respects be less this year than the preceding; this may be owing to circumstances which it is hoped will not be of permanent influence; but though this year's contributions may in two or three instances be less than the past,

yet upon the whole the total of the income! will be considerably anamented.

"In addition to the sources whence the income of your Auxiliary has hitherto been derived, the aid of our Female Friends has been called into efficient requisition. Female Association connected with Meeting House Alley Chapel, formed in October last, has more than realized the expectations of its friends, having yielded to your Auxiliary since its formation the sum of 601. 8s. This sum, it may be observed, is a new source of income, and is quite distinct from the other and long-subsisting contributions.

"The Branch connected with White's Row Chapel, in its extended influence and increased contributions, has also conduced to the augmentation of the funds of your

Auxiliary.

Owing, therefore, to the general continuance of the old contributions, and to the acquisition of such as are newly obtained, it is probable that the income of your Auxiliary for the current year will not be mate-

rially short of 2001."

The resolutions were moved and seconded by the Rev. Isaiah Birt, J. Griffin (Inde-pendent), C. E. Birt, W. Davies, T. Morris, J. Davis, and G. Arnot. In alluding to the separation from the Serampore Missionaries, the Rev. Isaiah Birt noticed the tendency of Christians and Christian Societies to refer the efficiency of their labours in the kingdom of Christ, rather to human instrumentality than to Divine agency. The circumstances which involved the disruption, Mr. B. viewed as matters of deep regret, but he derived much pleasure from the good hope which he had, that the separation in its consequences would ultimately subserve the interests of the Mission, and concentrate those energies which were previously expending upon points of disputation.

The several speakers displayed much zeal in the cause, and by their eloquence and energy made many salutary impressions. The services, which were interesting, refreshing, and numerously attended, were closed by the venerable Rev. D. Miall, who invoked the blessings of grace, love, and communion, as comprising the sum of apostolio desire.

B. H. H.

OXFORDSHIRE.

The thirteenth Anniversary of the Oxfordshire Auxiliary Society in aid of the Baptist Mission, was held at Burford, Oxfordshire, on the 16th of September.

In the morning, Mr. Kershaw, of Abingdon, read the Scriptures and prayed; and Mr. Copley, of Oxford, preached from Isa. liii. 8. Mr. Hollings, of Witney, (Independent) concluded in prayer.

The meeting for business was held in the afternoon, when after reading and prayer by Mr. Darkin, of Woodstock, Mr. Crescens Smith, of Blockley, being called to the Chair, several extracts from the Report of the Parent Society were read by Mr. Pryce, of Coate, in the absence of the Secretary,

Mr. Coles.

Several resolutions, expressive of continued attachment to missionary exertions in general, and of satisfaction with the proceedings of the Baptist Missionary Society in particular, were moved and seconded by the brethren present; amnng whom Mr. Swan, from Serampore, favoured the meeting with interesting remarks relative to the enconraging prospects of Christian missions, which appeared greatly to cheer and enliven the feelings of all present.

In the evening, Mr. James Hinton, of Oxford, offered the introductory prayer; Mr. Swan addressed a numerous assembly, from Matt. xviii. 11.; and Mr. Breeze, of Lechlade, concluded in prayer the interest-

ing engagements of the day.
We trust the general feeling of pious dependence on God, for the necessity of his blessing on every attempt to diffuse the knowledge of Christ among the heathenfor the exertion of his wisdom, to overrule every trying circumstance that may arise in human experience-and for the influence of his Spirit, to give evident and permanent success to the labours of all his servantswas deeply impressed on the minds of all who attended this anniversary.

C. S.

NORTH MIDLAND.

The North Midland Missionary Baptist Union, containing the churches in Derbyshire, Nottingham, Sheffield, and Burton-on-Trent, held its first anniversary at the close of last month.

The Committee of the Parent Society having kindly deputed the Rev. J. Dyer and the Rev. J. H. Hinton, M.A. of Reading, to assist in conducting the services, sermons were preached by them on the 21st at Derby and Nottingham, and by Messrs. Hawkins and Jarman, in conjunction with them, at Burton and Sutton; and a public meeting was held at each place successively on the four following days.

Sept. 28, the deputation pleaded the same | was called to the Chair. Various resolucause at Sheffield and Swanwick; Messrs. Larom and Stovel preaching at Chesterfield and Loscoe, and a public meeting was held at each place on the following days. The whole of the services were more interesting than the depression of trade and other local impediments had induced the brethren to expect. The sum of all the ordinary collections, &c. amounted to about 2501.; but this sum was augmented at Nottingbam, through the unexpected kindness of a gentleman on the platform, belonging to the Wesleyan body, who, on hearing that the Society was suffering this year from peculiar embarrassments, proposed that an extra effort should be made for its assistance; offering himself to give 101. which by the next morning was made 1004

Many thanks are due to the Rev. Messrs. Dver and Hinton, for the earnestness and fidelity with which they arged the duty and delight of supporting the Missionary cause, and every other object connected with the salvation of souls, and the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom; and we cannot but hope that the generous ardour with which they pursued their work will be long remembered with gratitude, and kindle in the brethren and churches they have visited a similar flame, not soon to be extinguished.

ESSEX.

The Annual Meeting of the Churches united in the Auxiliary Baptist Missionary Society for this county, was held on Thursday the 16th of October.

The Rev. J. Wilkinson, of Saffron Walden, commenced the public service by reading and prayer; and the Rev. C. Elven, of Bury, preached from Num. xxiv. 17. and concluded.

Immediately after this service, the congregation formed itself into a meeting for business, and Thos. Blyth, Esq. of Langham,

tions were then moved and seconded by the Rev. J. Bass, and King, of Halstend; Francies, of Colohester; Elven, of Bury; Goldsmith, of Earls Coln; Giles, of Chatham; Goodrich, of Langham; Wilkinson, of Walden; and the Secretary of the Parent Institution.

On the preceding evening, the Rev. J. Dyer, of London, preached from 2 Cor. iii. 8. and concluded; the Rev. J. Goodrich, of Langham, commenced the service by prayer. Each of the meetings was well attended, the discourses were remarkably appropriate, and we trust the favour of God orowned the whole with a blessing.

SCOTLAND.

Our esteemed brethren, the Rev. Thomas Morgan, of Birmingham. and the Rev. Eustace Carey, have been engaged for several weeks past in visiting the friends of the Society in Scotland; and they speak in very grateful terms of the Christian kindness with which they were received in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and many other places. As the principal part of the contributions received on former occasions of this nature has been uniformly made to the translations at Serampore, it was not to be expected that the pecuniary results of this journey would equal those of former years, but the Committee have reason to be thankful that the general objects of the Society are kindly appreciated by their Northern brethren, and have received an encouraging degree of their support.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The thanks of the Committee are returned to the Female Friends at Maidstone, Penzance, Southampton, and Leicester, from whom several packages have been received, containing articles for the benefit of Female Schools; also, to Mrs. S. Hobson, of Cam-

berwell, for a parcel of Magazines.

We have not inserted the able and comprehensive series of Resolutions forwarded by the Secretary of the Cornwall Auxiliary, because it is not our wish to occupy any part of the narrow limits of this publication with articles on the subject to which those Resolutions refer. For a similar reason, we must decline a compliance with the request of some Oxfordshire Friends, as conveyed in a letter from Bampton, under date of September 18.

It does not appear that any package has come to hand from Falmouth, as intimated by our Correspondent E. C. We must again request that advice may be sent by post, when such packages are forwarded from the country to the Mission House; and that the

name of the place from which they are sent may be marked on the cover. The remittance from Chester last month should have been entered thus :-- "Subscrip-

tions by Mrs. London (Sunday School, 8s. 6d.) £3 8 6."

E. L. is respectfully assured that the error of which she complains, and which occurred during the absence of the Editor from town, was wholly unintentional.