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Subscriptions and Donations in aid of this Society will be thankfully received at the Baptist Mission House, No. 6, Fen Court, Fenchurch Street, London: or by any of the Ministers and Friends whose names are inserted in the Cover of the Annual Report.

P. S. The Subscribers in London and its vicinity are respectfully informed that Mr. William Hunt, the Collector, will wait upon the m in the present month, for the Annual Subscriptions now due.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

## CALCUTTA.

We have just received the Thirteenth Annual Report of our Auxiliary at this important station, extracts from which will make up for the comparative scantiness of our recent information from thence.

## NATIVE CHURCH.

Mr. W. H. Pearce, Pastor.

For the religious improvement of the members of this Christian society and other hearers, divine service has been conducted four times a week, during the year. From these services good has evidently arisen, though the state of things in the church has been such as to occasion the pastor alternate pain and pleasure. Grief has been occasioned by the apparently low state of piety in some, who are yet, it is believed, sincere believers; and by the

fall of others into open transgression, on which account it has been found necessary to separate three from the communion of the church.

As a counterpart to the pain these things have occasioned, the conversion of some from the error of their ways, and the holy temper and conduct of others, have afforded unmixed pleasure, and call for lively gratitude. Independent of accessions from villages to the south, which will be noticed hereafter, four persons have been added by baptism; and, including those residing at the Kharee station, the church now consists of fortysix members, being an increase of twentyfour during the year. The Committee are happy to report, that they have been at length enabled to commence the erection of a puckah place of worship for the accommodation of the Native Church, and that is in a state of forwardness. It is situated in South Colingah Street, on a piece of ground containing nineteen cottahs, obtained for the purpose for Sa. Rs. 2,391. The chapel is 36 feet long by 18 wide, and the estimated cost of its erection Sa. Rs. 2,225, making a total of Sa. Rs. 4,616; to meet which, Sa. Rs.

2,692. 7. have already been obtained, leaving Sa. Rs. 1,923. 9. yet to be supplied by the friends to Missionary operations among the Heathen.

#### PREACHING TO THE NATIVES.

## Mr. C. C. Aratoon and a Native Assistant.

This department of labour in Calcutta has necessarily devolved, for the most part, on Mr. Carapiet C. Aratoon and a native brother, who, when in health, have usually engaged five days in a week, in making known the word of life in one or other of the Society's bungalows. Severe indisposition at one time compelled the former to desist from his labours, and he is even now in a very weak state of health. We trust, however, that he will soon be mercifully restored. His native assistant has also been a severe sufferer from fever, taken while engaged in the Society's service, during a residence of a few weeks at Kharee, in the rainy season. All the usual remedies failing to afford any relief, he was directed, as the only probable means of preserving his life, to proceed to Monghyr, in company with Mr. Lawrence, who had arrived from England, and was proceeding to occupy the Digah station. From letters recently received, there appears reason to hope that this valuable servant of the Society will shortly be able to resume his labours.

As to the effects of the public ministration of the gospel, it is impossible to speak with precision. It is as yet seed-time rather than harvest. And, in this point of view, it is pleasing to reflect, that by oral instruction, and the circulation of tracts and portions of the Scriptures, the way of salvation has been made known to great numbers, many of whom have communicated the intelligence to others. Thus the way of the Lord is being prepared, and some probably brought to seck and enjoy the blessings of redemption, who may never be known to those whose instrumentality has been employed for their benefit.

Although no decided instance of conversion has been known to take place from these labours during the past year, yet attention has been awakened in some, and serious impressions evidently deepened in others, by attendance on them. Some have long visited the bungalows with great regularity, and appear to listen with much interest, and some conviction. They are known to read the Scriptures; and not only to peruse Christian publications themselves, but circulate them to a considerable extent among their countrymen, by which means these publications

have found their way into places otherwise inaccessible.

In order to make known the gospel message to some of the followers of tho false prophet, who might otherwise have little or no opportunity of hearing it. Messrs. Carapiet and Thomas proceeded a few weeks ago on a Missionary tour up the Hoogly, when they had many opportunities of communicating with respectable and intelligent Mussulmans, among whom they distributed upwards of 400 tracts, beside portions of the Holy Scriptures, in the Hindoostanee and Persian languages. What the result may be, futurity must develope; this much, however, may be said, that while, in the sentiments expressed by most, in their deplorable ignorance of the Christian Scriptures, (the names of which they are taught to mention with respect,) and in the spirit too frequently evinced, there was much to pain, there was also much, in the courtesy and candour of others, and in the readiness with which they received Christian publications, to enconrage the mind, and make the labour truly pleasant. Some expressed a desire to reply to the tracts given them, but said they were afraid of involving themselves in trouble with the government. They were encouraged to write and publish their sentiments, and assured, that by letting politics alone, and confining themselves strictly to the subjects treated of in the tracts, they need be under no apprehension from that quarter.

## BOYS' SCHOOL.

## Mr. J. D. Ellis.

The 1st Deakin School, which is the only one supported by the Society in Cal-During the cutta, contains sixty boys. year, it was under the superintendence of Mr. J. Penney, but is now transferred to the care of Mr. Ellis, lately arrived. The clder boys have committed the first and second Catechisms to memory; they have read the Parables and Miracles, and have been examined as to their meaning; and with great pleasure unite in the singing of Christian hymns. They are now reading in the gospel of Luke, which they copy out and take home; and it is hoped, that as soon as the Native Chapel is erected, they may be regular attendants there on the Sabbath.

#### BONSTOLLAH.

#### Mr. Carapiet C. Aratoon.

Frequent indisposition, and important engagements in the city, have prevented Mr. Carapiet from giving that attention to this station, which was otherwise desirable: and it has been recently deemed expedient to give up the school, on account of the small number who attended. It is, however, gratifying to know, that one person from this place has, within the last year, been baptized, and added to the church in Calcutta, and that another has renounced caste, and attends on Christian instruction.

#### LUCKYANTIPORE.

## Mr. G. Pearce.

The state of things here is not so pleasing as could be desired. None of the people have gone back to idolatry, but their progress in divine knowledge and holy conduct has not been equal to what has been made at some other stations. Two reasons may be assigned as the cause: one is, that although repeatedly visited during the year, by the Missionary, they have been unavoidably left destitute of regular instruction; and the other is, that in consequence of the failure of the harvest, two years in succession, they have been reduced to great poverty, and exposed to more than ordinary temptation. Measures have been adopted to supply them with a resident native teacher, under whose influence, and the superintendence of the Missionary, accompanied by the blessing of God, it may be hoped that a great improvement will take place.

To the professed Christians at this station, three persons have recently united themselves.

#### KHAREE.

#### Mr. W. H. Pearce and two Assistants.

After stating the various encouraging particulars respecting this station, which have already been made known to our readers, the Report continues.—

The work of grace still proceeded, and on the 1st of January of the present year, when Mr. G. Pearce accompanied their pastor to visit them, eight more, having given equally satisfactory evidences of real conversion, were baptized, and on the evening of the same day received into the church; when not less than thirty, who a few months before were bowing down to stocks and to stones, and worshipping the works of their own hands, united to commemorate the love of Christ, while partaking of the emblems of his sufferings and death.

A few weeks ago, when Mr. Pearce

paid them his last visit, he was much gratified to observe the progress of true religion among them. At public worship. on the Sabbath, seventy-five adults, professing Christianity, were present, and all appeared to listen to the word with the liveliest attention and interest. The open sins, such as adultery, theft, and abusive language, to which many of them, in common with their neighbours, had before been addicted, were now unknown among all who named the name of Christ; and chastity, industry, and kindness to each other and to the Heathen, were very conspicuous. Some in near, and others in distant villages, have expressed their desire to embrace Christianity; and there is great reason to hope, that during the present year, the number of those who profess and feel the power of the gospel will be greatly increased.

The whole number of professing Christians now at this station, including their children now at school at Chitpore, and seven who had lately joined them, is ahout 140, of whom forty reside at Mookerjea Muhal, two miles distant from Kharee. The native preachers regularly visit them for the purpose of conducting worship, three times a week; and as it is now a settled congregation, a small chapel is about being raised for their accommodation. The other brethren attend the larger chapel at Kharee, where Christian worship is held five times a week.

## CHITPORE, NEAR DOORGAFORE.

#### Mr. G. Pearce and an Assistant.

## PREACHING TO THE HEATHEN.

At this station the preaching of the gospel has been carried on with little interruption throughout the year by Mr. Pearce, assisted by a native brother. By their united labours, the word of salvation has been addressed to multitudes, both in the bungalows at the station, and in the surrounding villages. In the course of the year, several excursions have been made into more distant places, some of which had never before been visited by the light of truth. Thus "the seed of the word of God" has been scattered abroad: may he, who blesses the labour of the husbandman, and "crowns the year with his goodness," render it productive.

In addition to the two Bungalows atready connected with this station, another is being crected at Saumbazar, which, it is hoped, will afford increased facilities for disceminating divine truth.

## NATIVE CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION.

To the church no addition has been made during the year, but the congregation has been considerably augmented, principally from the Christian boarding school, and now consists of more than fifty persons in regular attendance. Divine service is conducted twice on the Sabbath, and once during the week; and the growth of Scriptural knowledge, especially among the juvenile members of the congregation, is truly gratifying.

## NATIVE CHRISTIAN SEMINARY.

This very important institution, the design of which is to take the children of native Christians, and, entirely separating them from the society and contaminating influences of idolatrous neighbours, to educate them in Christian principles, has steadily advanced since the last annual meeting. At that time it contained twelve boys, it now numbers twenty-three. Of the nature of their studies, as also of the improvement generally made, a tolerable idea may be formed from the following account of the first annual examination, which took place on the 50th of November last.

On the day of examination, there were seventeen hoys present, one of whom, about nine years of age, has since died. Of the whole number, three only could not read. The rest were divided into three classes. The lowest or third class, read with ease, " Animal Biography," in Bengalce, and gave the meaning. second class read fluently in Pearson's Geography, and readily pointed out the continents, seas, countries, &c., on a map of the world. The first class read in the Gospel of Luke, and gave an abstract of its contents. The boys in this class discovered a considerable acquaintance with Geography, and could find out the longitude and latitude of any place mentioned to them on the map. The more advanced boys were examined as to their acquaintance with the facts, doctrines, and precepts of the Scriptures, and the result was truly gratifying, especially when it was remembered, that with two exceptions, none of them had had more than a year and a half's instruction, and when they entered the school they were ignorant of the alphabet. Twelve were examined in English, in which language they read and translated easy lessons, and some exhibited specimens of English writing.

Besides this seminary for boys, another on the same principles for girls has been commenced, and contains twelve children. They are under the care of a native Christian and his wife, but daily attend on Mrs. Pearce for instruction. Of this institution, now in its infancy, a more enlarged and pleasing account may be anticipated at some future period.

## ENGLISH SCHOOL FOR HEATHEN BOYS.

In this school there are from seventy to eighty youths, of whom nearly sixty are in daily attendance.

The school is conducted by a young man, educated in the Benevolent Institution, who, it is hoped, in addition to other qualifications, possesses true piety, joined with a desire to promote the salvation of the Heathen.

Beside books on Grammar, Geography, History, Astronomy, &c., the Scriptures, Watts' Catechisms and Hymns for Children, with one or two others on the Evidences of Christianity, are in daily use; and it is gratifying to state, that a considerable revolution of sentiment for the better, on religious subjects, has taken place among several of the more advanced youths. Hence there appears reason to hope, that under the divine blessing, the institution will prove extensively useful, not only in undermining idolatry, but in promoting the influence of true religion, in this Heathen land.

## HOWRAH AND SULKEA.

## Mr. Thomas and a Native Assistant.

The native and English services at this station are much the same as stated in the last report, except that the English week-evening services have been for a scason discontinued. To the English part of the church, one member has been added by baptism, and another is about to be received by experience. To the native part, two have been added by baptism, and a third by restoration, who was formerly a member of the church in Loll-bazar.

For the benefit of the Heathen, a Bungalow has been erected in Sulkea, on the Benares road, where twice a weck the gospel is preached to a congregation varying in number from twenty to fifty. By the road-side and under trees, near home, and in the surrounding villages, "the word of the kingdom" has been proclaimed, and tracts and portions of the Scriptures extensively circulated. Of those who hear, too many resemble the way-side or stony-ground hearers, though in some instances a different result may be confidently hoped for; for Jehovah

has said, "My word shall not return unto me void."

Within the last few months, some appearances of a hopeful description have occurred in a village about four or five miles to the south-west. Several of the villagers have been repeatedly present at native worship on the Lord's day, and also on Wcdnesdays; but what the result may be, must be left for time to develope.

For more than twelve months, a number of poor people, varying from 100 to 150, or upwards, and consisting of the lame, the halt, and the blind, Fakirs, and others, has been accustomed to assemble once a week, on the Missionary's premises; amongst whom, after an address on the truths of revelation and prayer, usually in Bengalee, (it being best understood,) a portion of rice, provided by the charity of individuals, is distributed. These poor creatures, on the whole, behave well during the religious exercises; and some, in particular, scem to listen with feeling and interest to what is said, and to join the prayers offered in their behalf. Indeed, in many respects, they are an interesting congregation. do not come, it is true, designedly for the word of life, but for food for the body; still, in respect to their poverty, they are fit objects of charity, and their assembling together in such numbers, affords an excellent opportunity of making known to them the way of salvation; and were it not for this, most of them would probably never hear a word calculated to lead them to the knowledge of the true God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal. Surely the hope may be indulged, that some will have cause to celebrate the praises of redeeming love, first discovered to them by this simple means.

#### NATIVE ENGLISH SCHOOL.

The native English school has at present hetween thirty and forty names on the list, of whom about three-fourths are in daily attendance. Deaths and frequent sickness have deprived the school of some, and made the attendance of others irregular; and some of the more advanced youths have left to enter situations as a means of support. Those who remain have, for the most part, made considerable progress in the acquisition of the English language, and general and reli-gious knowledge. Of several in the school, as of some who have left, it may be said that their faith in Hindooism has been shaken, and that they have evidently acquired such an acquaintance with the main principles of Christianity, as may be sufficient, with the divine blessing, to lead them into the way of life.

#### INDIGENOUS NATIVE SCHOOLS.

Of the three schools of this description mentioned in the last report, two have been given up, owing to the negligence of the master. One continues, and contains about forty boys. Besides the First Reading-book, the Miracles and Parables of Christ, the First Catechism, and other publications of the Calcutta Christian Tract and Book Society, the gospels have been much read in this school. In the latter alone not less than 1800 pages have been read within the last six months, by which means the master, who is rewarded according to the number of pages the boys are able to read fluently and intelligently, has obtained a sum nearly equal to a moderate salary. The boys are examined periodically, and usually discover a good acquaintance with the meaning of what they read.

## JAMAICA.

We have received no letters from this island since our last number, nor has any particular intelligence arrived, that we are aware of, through any other channel. The Christmas holidays passed over without any disturbance; and in some parts of the island, great pains have been taken to revive among the negroes the licentious and heathenish sports and amusements of the season, which had, in a great degree, vanished before the rising light of education and religion.

It is generally understood that Government have at length prepared a measure for the final set tlement of the question of Negro Slavery; and Lord Althorp has stated in the House of Commons that it is his intention to bring it before Parliament on the 23rd instant (April).

## NOTICE.

On Wednesday the 1st of May, the Annual Meeting of the Glamorganshire Auxiliary, in connexion with the Baptist Missionary Society, will be held at the English Baptist Meeting-house, Merthyr Tydvil. Mr. Carey, or one of the Missionaries from Jamaica, is expected as a deputation from the Parent Society. The service will commence on the preceding Evening.

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The Editor has pleasure in inserting the following letter from his esteemed friend, Mr. Carey, in reference to the journey undertaken by himself and Mr. Knibb. In the sentiments of grateful acknowledgments to the numerous friends both in Scotland and in England, who treated the Deputation with so much kindness, the Committee cordially unite.

Leamington, March, 1833.

My dear Sir,

In your notice of the proceeds of our recent journey through Scotland, it will greatly oblige my beloved colleague and myself, if at the same time you would record our grateful sense of the kindness we personally experienced, and of the liberality evinced towards our object in every place whither our steps were directed. This is the more imperatively demanded from ourselves and our Society, from the fact, that, though our own friends were everywhere liberal according to their number and their means, it was to the countenance and contributions of ministers and brethren of other denominations that our success was mainly attributable. At a period when the objects of general and of Christian benevolence are so greatly multiplied, and when each denomination has strongly urged upon it its own specific claims, it is matter of devont and grateful reflection, that all should so readily sympathize with the afflictions, and so promptly listen to the appeals, of a distinct though kindred institution.

And, whilst sensible of the pecuniary aid thus realized to the exhausted resources of our Society, it may be hoped that such assistance will prove to be the least important result of the journey. During the several years I have travelled for the Society, I have never seen a succession of such meetings as those which have been holden in Scotland and the northern counties. The number in attendance was frequently overwhelming; and the interest evinced, while my companion detailed the previous successes of the Western Mission. and described its late unexampled calamities, was such as to surpass description. I cannot but hope, that such recitals of the woes which unoffending thousands have endured, and are now enduring, will prove to have awakened a sympathy for the oppressed which will never expire until their wrongs be redressed; and an indignation against the system which has inflicted them, the force of which shall prove unmitigable, until it and all its cruel atrocities terminate.

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Ever yours,
EUSTACE CAREY.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The thanks of the Committee are returned to Miss Cooke and Mrs. Rouse, of Hasketon, for fifty copies of the "Farewell Testimony" of their late venerable relative, Rev. W. Hurn; also to Miss Huntley, of Bow, and Mr. Harrison, of Hadlow, for Magazines.

A small parcel of Periodical Accounts has also been received at the Mission House from some place and person unknown, in the west of England, the carriage of which exceeded the value of the pamphlets. Our friends are requested to send

no parcels of this description, except carriage free.

The letter of a "Friend to the Mission," who dates from the Midland District, has been handed to the Editor of the Baptist Magazine, to whom the greater part of it might have been properly addressed. The remarks of the writer are duly noticed; but why on this, and on a previous interesting accasion, conceal his name?