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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA.

The following interesting communication from Mr. W. H. Pearce, detailing a variety of particulars connected with a Missionary Journey, undertaken not long before by himself and his esteemed colleague, Mr. George Pearce, would have been inserted earlier but for the press of other matter. It is addressed to the Secretary, under date of Feb. 13, 1833:—

My dear Friend and Brother,

Our public letter has already intimated that in company with Mr. Mackay, a Missionary of the Church of Scotland, I visited Kharee a few weeks ago. I have not time to detail particulars; hut I may just state that the increase in numbers and the serious deportment at worship of the professing Christians; the steadfast and consistent character of those before admitted to baptism, and the satisfactory account of their conversion given by several candidates for that ordinance, together with the solid instruction afforded their congregations by the native preachers,

as evidenced by the knowledge of divine things which all we conversed with had acquired, gave my esteemed companion and myself much pleasure. We returned from our trip, adoring God who had thus manifested his mercy, and determined, I trust, in future to abound in the work of the Lord, under a full conviction that our labour would not be in vain in the Lord.

It was arranged, at this time, that I should pay the station another visit in a few weeks' time, again to examine the candidates for baptism 'ere finally admitted. Accordingly, on Thursday, the 31st of January, Mrs. Pearce and myself left home on our journey, accompanied by brother George Pearce as far as Luckyantipore, the station under his care. It is thirty-five miles from Calcutta, and we had to go in small boats all the way; but by travelling all night we reached it the following morning. We all staid there till Saturday, when Mrs. P. and myself proceeded to Kharee, fifteen miles further south. Mr. P. remained at his own station till Tuesday, when we had the pleasure of welcoming him also. We remained altogether nine days, during which we were fully occupied. Visiting the native brethren at their houses in three different villages, conversing particularly with the candidates for baptism, attending two church meetings to hear their experience, aiding the native preachers in the preparation of their sermons, administering medicine to the sick, officiating at two marriages, addressing

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the heathen in the neighbourhood during the day, and preaching to the Christians every evening, besides the Sabbath, gave us abundant and very delightful employment. I need not state particulars of all our proceedings, as they will be supplied in a journal which brother George Pearce is preparing; but will merely refer to that part of our work connected with the Christians, and especially with the Church.

I may first state that we have for nearly three years had regular Christian worship twice on the Sabbath, and twice in the week, at the village of Kharee; and for two years at Mookerjea Mahal, two miles to the east. At both we have now neat chapels, elevated three or four feet above the ground: the walls are made of mud, with a roof of straw, supported by bamboo lattice-work on solid beams. The chapel at Kharee, of which an engraving, I perceive, has appeared in the Quarterly Papers, is the larger, and will hold nearly 200 people. The one at Mookerjea Mahal is about half the size, as this village contains but few houses. and is too near the jungle to have for the present any great increase of population. During the last year several fresh people from the village of Bamannabad, situated about a mile to the west of Kharee. having thrown off caste and joined the Christian party, it was arranged at my last visit that the brethren there should still attend the chapel at Kharee on the Sabbath services, which are held in the day-time; but that, since the crossing the fields at night was too dangerous to allow of their attending the services at that place, the native preachers should conduct worship at the village on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. There are, therefore, now held, in the whole, four services on the Sabbaths, and six services in the week.

The Christian population, including women and children, in the three villages is now just 200, of which sixty have thrown off caste during the year. the brethren, except those who have forsaken idolatry during the last few months, were originally from but two castes of Hindoos; but lately one family from a third class has joined them, and a few Mussulmans. During the rains, before the crops were ripe, when many perished through hunger, several others were anxious to profess Christianity. But the brethren saw that they desired support and protection from the oppression of their landholders rather than salvation from hell, and so declined to receive them. A gradual increase of professors, as we can find means of supplying them with regular instruction, is perhaps more desirable than sudden accessions of large numbers; and we have reason to believe that, through the goodness of God, the coming year will witness the accession of several other families, in addition to these already received.

Of the two church meetings before referred to, one was held to receive the experience of four men from Mookerjea Mahal. Of these three were young men, and a fourth of middle age. Mr. G. Pearce and myself agreed to examine the candidates alternately, the other putting down on paper their replies; and it occurred to him, that it might prove interesting to you to have the replies of two or three as thus obtained. I therefore extract the experience of Khola, as given in reply to questions put to him by Mr. G. Pearce; and of Adoityo, in reply to those by myself.

Khola is a young man of about 17 years of age. His two elder brothers are members, but his younger brother is yet unconverted. His account was as follows:—

"I have left the worship of idols for Christ three years.—I left it, because it was very sinful.—The blind cannot lead the blind.—There is one God, and one Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.—I wish for salvation.—It must be obtained by prayer to God, through Christ; but must be accompanied by faith.—I know that if I believe I shall have it; for he has said, Whosoever cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.—Christ calleth sinners.—He calleth by his word.—I have been concerned for salvation about two months.—If I get salvation, I shall go to God hereafter, and obtain the Holy Spirit on earth.—By this the mind is purified from the mind of sin.—The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God in three persons.—The Son has given his life for sinners.—God the Spirit expels sins from the mind.—God will hear our supplications if we pray.—This gives me joy.—I am happy, because Christ has died for my sins.—I love him much for his mercy.—I love him more than all on earth—for he has died to obtain my pardon.—I will love him while I live.—I hope to dwell with God for ever.—Those who love sin cannot love God.—I must, therefore, be free from the dominion of sin.—Deceit, falsehood, idol-worship, anger, pride, are sins, and the servant of Christ cannot indulge them.—I amy et unholy—but must look to Christ for power to expel iniquity.—I must stand complete at the arof judgment in the righteousness of Christ.—I beg my neighbours to cease from sin, and not by it to offend God, nor to break his commandments.—God would not act unjustly were he to expel me from heaven.—But God will not act so towards me, if I believe in Christ.

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—I beg all men, but Christians best; and among all those who love Christ best, those who talk of Christ—with them who talk only of the world, what concern have I?—I piv the men of the wor

forsake sin, and are baptized, do so.—Christ at last will come to judgment:—to the faithful he will say, Enter the kingdom prepared for you; but to the wicked, Depart unto hell—there they cannot escape—nor can they die—they must exist for ever.—There is hope on earth, but none in hell.—I shall regard them as my friends who reprove me for sin, and will with thankfulness submit to any discipling the church may think fit to exercise."

Adoityo is quite as young as Khola. His elder brother is already a member, and his youngest brother, who is at our Christian Roarding School, has been under very hopeful impressions for some weeks. His third brother was proposed, but too unwell to attend, and of his piety we are not quite satisfied. Adoityo told us as follows:—

" It is about two months since I felt a desire to be baptized.—This desire originated through hearing the word of God, particularly that word of God, particularly that word of God, particularly that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'—I had heard this passage before, but did not feel its power till about two months since.—Since that time I have feared eternity, and desired to love and serve Christ. —I have now some hope of salvation—that hope arises from the mercy of Christ.—The Debias cannot forgive my sins, nor can the Sahebs, our teachers—only God can do this. —For the Son of God, seeing our sinful condi-tion, became incarnate, and gave his life for the ransom of our souls,—Afterwards he arose from the dead and ascended into heavenwhere he now pleads for his people.-He obtains whatsoever he asks, for he is the Son of God .- He will come again to judge the world. -After the judgment, the righteous will go to heaven; the wicked will be driven down to to heaven; the wicked will be driven down to hell.—At the judgment, both the soul and body, being re united, will enjoy pleasure or suffer pain according to God's sentence.—But till the time of judgment, the body will remain in the grave; the soul only will suffer or enjoy; in hell or in heaven. Formerly my mind was very sinful, but is now purified by the Holy Spirit.—Not wholly so, for sin still exists in my heart.—When I fall into sin, it is necessary for me to pray for the Holy Spirit that I may be cleaused therefrom.—As one after falling into a ditch seeks water in one after falling into a ditch seeks water in one after falling into a ditch seeks water in order to be cleansed, so I apply to the Holy Spirit, that he may purify me again.—I love Christian people.—I love them because they love Christ, and their minds are towards him.—I love to talk of divine things.—I am accustomed to pray in private daily.—I trust God will hear my prayers, for the sake of Christ.—I desire to be baptized, because by that ordinance I profess to be a Christian.—It is the public badge of Christianity.—Christ himself was baptized by John, and became an example to us.—I will love those who, at any example to us.—I will love those who, at any time seeing my misconduct, shall reprove me.—It is very bad to live in sin.—My love to Christ is greater at some times than at others; then my mind melts (becomes tender). -I think I could not forsake Christ for the good of the world.-I desire that sinners may be converted to Christ, as I was converted. I could willingly give up my property, if by that sinners could be brought to Christ.*—I

would immediately travel a great distance, if by my going souls would be converted to the Lord.—I think I could forsake all for Christ; but I do not feel that I can of myself stand in the ways of God.—I must be kept by the Holy Spirit."

All the questions, to which these answers were returned, were purposely so constructed as to allow a greater variety of replies, beside the right one given by With the exception of the candidate. that mentioned in the note, all were answered with the greatest promptitude; and we only ceased from other interrogations because so well satisfied that we thought them unnecessary. The replies were given with so much feeling, and the knowledge they manifested in persons so young-quite unable to read, and only three years ago immersed in the grossest idolatry, was so gratifying that we could not, I assure you, help repeatedly shedding the tear of affectionate sympathy with the dear youths, and of gratitude to Him, who in his mercy had thus enlightened and sanctified them. How true it is, "The entrance of God's word giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple !"

But I must hasten to a close. Each candidate, having concluded his account of himself, and his Christian friends and neighbours having given very satisfactory evidence as to his change of character and conduct, was unanimously received. Another church meeting was then appointed for Saturday to hear the experience of four persons belonging to Kharee and its neighbourhood.

The meeting was accordingly held when Gopaul, a middle-aged man, the brother of one of our members, and who has long been very unwell; Soorjya, a widow, with two children; Jorshi, the mother of three of our most respectable members; and Kholona, a widow, were severally examined. The account they gave of themselves, as well as the evidence of others regarding them, was very satisfactory. had intended to extract the replies of one or two, but if I do, I shall be too late for the vessel, and must forbear. When we thought of their former state of ignorance and sin, and contrasted it with their present enjoyment of light and holiness, we really could not hesitate to unite with the dear native members of the church, and to say, as it were, to each, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord, why standest thou without? It was therefore arranged that all should be baptized the next afternoon, and reccived into the church immediately after-

The next day (the Sabbath) was a very interesting time. Besides the con-

The youth paused some time in giving this answer, as he did not at first perceive how sinners could be saved by the distribution of money.

gregation at Mookerjea Mahal, which brother P. supplied, there attended, at Kharee, in the morning, about seventy professing Christians, to whom I preached on perseverance in personal piety and activity in seeking the salvation of others, from 1 Cor. xv. 58. In the afternoon at three, a much larger congregation, consisting of Christians and heathens from all the neighbouring villages, assembled, when brother G. Pcarce, in an animated and faithful address, urged on the unconverted the necessity of immediate repentance, and administered appropriate counsel to those about to be baptized. then proceeded to an adjoining tank, belonging to one of the brethren, to attend to the solemn ordinance of baptism, at which brother P. officiated. It was an interesting sight: the crowd of spectators sat down on the grass on the elevated sides of the tank, preserving from first to last, while we sang, and prayed, and baptized, and prayed again, the utmost silence, and seemed to acknowledge in this impressive rite a solemnity and importance to which the frivolous services of Hindooism can offer no parallel.

The Christians, with some others, then returned to the chapel, when I had the delight of admitting the eight baptized to the fellowship of the church, and of administering the Supper of the Lord to nearly forty residents at the station, besides several from Calcutta. All the members present, many of whom are exceedingly poor, cheerfully presented their mitte for the relief of those still poorer than themselves; and at five the congregation were dismissed, that all might reach home 'ere the beasts of the forest should come forth.

Brother G. Pearce having invited the native preacher from Luckyantipore to visit Kharee on the happy occasion, we spent the evening with him, and our other two brethren at the station, in animating conversation about the difficulties and success of our honoured predecessors in the Missionary field, and then retired to rest, to start at day-light the following morning on our return.

Thus terminated a visit inferior in interest and pleasure to none which I have been permitted to pay at this favoured spot. Again I entreat for its dear inhabitants the fervent prayers of those who love Zion, that God may continue and greatly enlarge the blessing among them; and remain,

> My dear friend, Your's very affectionately,

> > W. H. PEARCE.

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The services of this Anniversary were attended with more than usual excitement, owing to the presence of our brother Knibb, whose character had, in this district, been most furiously assailed by the advocate of colonial slavery;* and to our esteemed brethren, Knibb and Carey, we feel peculiar obligations for their able and efficient advocacy of the claims of the Baptist Missions.

Sermons were preached on Lord's day, June 30th, by Mr. Knibb, at Woodchester, Eastcombs, and Stroud; hy Mr. Carey, at Shortwood and Woodchester; by Mr. Yates, at Avening and Chalford; by Mr. Newman, at Painswick; by Mr. Probert, at Nupend, and on the following Sabbath at Coleford by Mr. Knibb, and at Thornbury by Mr. Carey.

Public meetings were held at Wottonunder-Edge, Sodbury, Stroud, Hampton, Kingstanley, Shortwood, Gloucester, Ross, and Cheltenham, where deep interest was evinced, and a determined feeling expressed to support the Mission and to promote the civil and religious

freedom of the slaves.

It is with pleasure we record the kindness of our Christian brethren of different denominations who attended our meetings and manifested a lively feeling of sympathy with our Missionaries in their afflictions, and favoured us with their aid to support the cause. To the genius of religion we attribute this unity of feeling, this oneness of heart, and we pray that charity may rapidly increase until partynames shall be lost in oblivion, and Christianity, in all its glory and excellence, shall shed its benign influence on every land. To the honour of our friends we would state that their contributions this year have been considerably increased, so that we hope our churches in Gloucestershire are rising to a higher standard in Christian benevolence, and to more effective exertions in the services of religion. W. YATES, Sec. Aug. 26.

SOUTH WALES.

Our brethren, Mr. Phillippo and Mr. D.R. Stephen, of Swansea, have just concluded a tour on behalf of the Society through

Our correspondent alludes to a Mr. Borth-

the south western counties of the principality, beginning at Swansea, Glamorganshire, and ending at Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire. The district meeting for Pembrokeshire was held at Beulab, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 6 and 7. The afternoon of Tuesday, service was held in the chapel, when brother Jones, of Rhydywilym, preached. On Wednesday, a platform having been erected in front of the chapel, the services were held in the open air. At 10 A.M. brother Ellis Evans commenced by reading and prayer, brother D. R. Stephen preached in Welsh, and brother Phillippo in English. At 2 P.M. the Scriptures were read and prayer offered up by brother Davis, Ebenezer. The chair was taken by W. E. Tucker, Esq., and addresses were delivered by the deputation and neighbouring ministers.

The district meeting for Carmarthenshire was held at Aberduar on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15, 16. The afternoon of the former day brother Hughes, of Sion chapel, prayed, and Welsh sermons were delivered by brethren R. Roberts and T. Thomas, jun. Friday morning, at nine o'clock, the congregation assembled in a field, where a commodious scaffolding had been constructed. After prayer and singing, the chair was taken by the venerable Timothy Thomas, and most powerful addresses were delivered by the deputation and ministers present. At 2 P.M. brother T. Thomas prayed, and two Welsh sermons were delivered by brethren Williams, of Trosnant, and Stephen.

The district meeting for Cardiganshire was held at Penrhyncoch on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 20 and 21. Tuesday evening the service was at Talybont, when brother Stephen took the chair, and Mr. Phillippo addressed the meeting, together with brethren W. Evans, D. Roberts, L. Rowlands, &c., in English. At 10, Wednesday morning, the meeting was at Penwhen brother R. Roberts rhyncoch, The chair was taken by Mr. prayed. Woolsey, and the deputation, together with the neighbouring ministers, delivered speeches of great interest and effect.

Besides the above-mentioned places, the deputation took in their way the principal towns in the three counties. Very great interest was excited by the manly and affectionate addresses of Mr. Phillippo. In detailing what he had seen and heard of the effects of Missionary exertions, he at once conferred a benefit of no small moment on the Society with which he is connected, and the numerous audiences which had the pleasure and privilege of hearing him.

For the uniform kindness shown by all their friends and brethren in the ministry, and especially for the efficient assistance rendered them to serve the interests of the Society, the brethren Phillippo and Stephen wish to return their most sincere and heartfelt thanks.

DESIGNATION OF A MISSIONARY.

On Wednesday evening, Sep. 4th, Mr. Kilner Pcarson was designated as a Missionary to the Bahama Islands, at the Baptist chapel, Stratford-le-Bow. The service was commenced with reading and prayer by the Rev. C. B. Woodman, after which the Secretary of the Society explained the object of the meeting, stated a few facts relating to this infant Mission, and proposed the usual questions to Mr. Pearson. The Rev. Thomas Hunt, of Clapton, offered the Ordination Prayer, and a suitable and affectionate charge was delivered to the Missionary by the Rev. Dr. Newman, founded on 2 Tim. v. 1, 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson sailed for New York, in the York Packet, on the 12th inst., intending to proceed from that port Mr. P. is well acquainted to Nassau. with the part of the world whither he is now proceeding, having made no less than fourteen voyages across the Atlantic in the merchant service, latterly in the command of a vessel belonging to our much respected friends G. F. Angas and Co. In that capacity he zealously exerted himself in various essays to do good; but the acquaintance derived from actual observation with the condition of the negroes and others in Jamaica and other parts of the West Indies, induced him to renounce all his prospects of worldly advantage, and devote himself, in the most disinterested manner, to the toils and anxieties of a Missionary life. His amiable partner is equally devoted to the cause, with which indeed she may be said to have an hereditary connexion, being a niece of Cantain Wilson, who commanded the ship Duff in her first Missionary voyage. May it please God to conduct our valued friends in safety to their desired haven, and render them eminent and lasting blessings there !

Our readers are generally aware that the Slavery Abolition Bill received the Royal assent previous to the prorogation of parliament, and has been sent out to all the colonies interested in its enactments. All the information which has hitherto reached this country leads us to expect that this great measure will be favourably received by the colonists, and that they will cheerfully co-operate in the steps necessary to carry it into effect. Our most devout thanks are due to Almighty God that, by the Act, full provision is made for the exercise of their functions by all teachers of religion, complying with the provisions of the 52 Geo. III., cap. 155, and for the freedom of religious worship among all classes of the community. We hope, therefore, soon to announce that those of our Jamaica Missionaries, whose health will allow, have departed to resume their useful labours, and that others will be enabled to join This must, however, depend, under God, on the pecuniary means placed at the disposal of the Committee, as the ordinary income of the Society is barely sufficient to meet the usual expenditure. With a view, in part, to meet this exigency, a most liberal friend of the Society, who kindly contributed One Thousand Pounds in the last year, has presented the produce of the like sum in the 3 per Cent. Consols, during the present month; in addition to which, we have to state that a considerable number of our churches in and near the metropolis have, on the invitation of their respected ministers, with a generous alacrity which does them the highest honour, resolved, without waiting for any application from the Committee, to make a public collection for this specific object. To exhort others to "go and do likewise" would seem to imply the suspicion that a similar disposition was wanting elsewhere; but no such suspicion is indulged. The case is in the hands, or rather in the hearts, of our friends, both in town and country; and we cannot doubt that the Committee will be enabled to fulfil the pleasing duty of augmenting the number of those faithful and devoted men, who will joyfully spend and be spent in promoting the eternal interests of the myriads now about to receive the blessing of temporal freedom.

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On referring to the document referred to by our esteemed correspondent from Bath, it appears to be in his own hand writing, but without any particular "instructions" attending it.

To our respected brother at Stroud, who inquires whether a Mission to Western Africa is in contemplation, we reply, "Certainly not, for the present."

Our friends, who feel inclined to complain that so much room should be occupied by the notice of contributions which can interest none but the parties concerned, are reminded that this mode of acknowledgment is desirable, and in a degree necessary, for the sake of those kind friends who remit the money. We may add, on the other hand, that a few of our correspondents, overlooking the obvious fact that such a change of plan, to say nothing of additional time or labour, would infringe to a much greater extent on our scanty limits, solicit the insertion of all particulars included in each remittance! We are confident that our friends, who will look at the whole case, will perceive that the medium course now pursued is the only one which can with propriety be adopted.

The list from Woolwich, not having been sent in time for the Appendix, is inserted by particular request.

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