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BEERBHOOM.

From Mr. Williamson, to Mr. Dyer, dated Sewry, March 27, 1837:

I have much pleasure in complying with your request to send you some description of the country and people around ns. You are aware that Sewry is one of the Honourable Company's civil stations, at which a judge, magistrate, collector, and doctor usually reside. The Zillah of Beerbhoom is one of the most northerly in Bengal. It is somewhat more elevated and loss level than the southern plains. The country to the north-west is mountainous and woody; it is an agricultural district, of which rice is the chief production. The sugar-cane, the mulberry, and indigo plants, sesamum, different kinds of pulse, and wheat, are also cultivated in smaller quantities. On account of the small rivers which intersect the country not being navigable, the trade of Beerbhoom is inconsiderable, at least when compared with some other parts of Bengal; and with the exception of a little indigo, cotton, and silk cloth, &c., there are no manufactories. The inhabitants are chiefly Hindoos and Mussulmans, perhaps in the proportion of two-thirds of the former to one-third of the latter. Among the regular Hindoos, there are many Boirogees, the followers of Choytoni, whom they consider as one of their Incarnations. The hills are inhabited by a distinct race of people, of whom brother Leslie has given an interesting account. The natives of Beerbhoom appear to be more illiterate, and in some degree less civilized than their southern neighbours. The gospel was first preached in this district by brother Chamberlain, and afterwards by brother Carey, neither of whom resided

Mr. Hart, and after him a Mr. Hampton, both East Indians, but they remained only a short time. From the history of some of the native Christians here, it would appear, that they did not all profess the Christian religion from the most disinterested motives. There are, however, I believe, several honourable exceptions, and even some of those whose professions may at first have been insincere, have afterwards become true believers. When I first came here, few of the native Christians were supporting themselves by their own labours. Now, however, all who are able earn their own livelihood; and their heathen neighbours, sceing this, ask us with an air of disdain, Whe will become Christians to plough and dig the carth ? that is, in regard to worldly circumstances, to be no better or even worse off than before. Some of our native Christians are employed as itinerants in the mission; others as teachers in our schools. Some are writers or servants of the court under government, and others again as servants in private families. A few support themselves by cultivating the soil, and one or two are employed as day-labourers. Some of the youth who are obtaining a superior education, will doubtless be fitted for higher situations in due time. Besides a common education, the Christian girls are taught needle-work, and a few of them are able to earn a comfortable living by their own industry. The young man who joined us some time ago, and of whom you inquire, is servant to a silk manufacturer at Berhampore. Not being quite satisfied with regard to his piety, I did not baptize him before he left this; but I hear his conduct is not unbecoming his profession.

brother Carey, neither of whom resided Since writing you last, we have underamong the people. Next succeeded a taken several journeys among the surrounding heathen. One of these journeys was in a new direction, among the jungle people near the hills, where none of us had ever been before. Of course many heard the gospel for the first time, and many more have had line upon line. Of our success I can say little, we were generally listened to with attention and approbation. The result is with him who has commanded us to preach his gospel, and whose word will not return unto him void.

A short while ago, I had the pleasure of baptizing a Mrs. Ward, the wife of the head English writer of this place. She has long been a regular attendant on English worship here, on Lord's-days and Thursday evenings, and is, I trust, a sincere humble Christian.

Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and he glorified, and that the glorious though long-delayed harvest of the east as well as of the west, may soon be gathered in.

JAMAICA.

BETHTEPHIL. From Mr. Dendy, Sept. 11. I cannot but express my gratitude to the Committee for their kindness towards me and my people at Salter's Hill in assisting us in our time of need by paying the passage-money of Mr. Pickton to this country. When this act of kindness was mentioned by me to the members at a church meeting, they wished me to present their grateful thanks to the society. We are now anxiously awaiting his arrival, as his assistance is very much needed both in the school and for sabbath-day services.

I have recently made an arrangement with a large influential planting attorney to supply with a teacher, one evening in the week, six estates under his charge, that the children and youth may be instructed in reading and writing. With four of these estates I have already made a commencement, viz., on the evenings of

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Thursday,	Paisley	do.	14	25	39
		Total	72	120	192

The other two estates are Leyden and Guilsborough, which will be commenced on the arrival of Mr. Pickton.

The bad feeling of overseers towards us in consequence of our efforts to instruct the people has not altogether ceased. A few weeks ago, as I was passing Spring Mount Estate, in the parish of St. James, hearing that several apprentices attached to my congregation were sick in the hospital, I proceeded to pay them a visit. After a little conversation, I read part of a chapter and made a few remarks. While thus engaged, the overscer of the estate made his entrance, and, interrupting me, asked, by what authority I was there ? to which I replied, that as several of the sick persons were under my care as their minister, I had a right to visit them. agreeably to an answer returned to a question proposed to the Marquis of Slige. The overseer then stated that he was placed there by Mr. Heath, and he would see to it that none should go there without Mr. Heath's or his own leave; and then ordered me to leave the hospital immediately, saying that if I did not go directly he would force me out, and called the bookkeeper to his assistance for this purpose. Of course I was unwilling to subject myself to brute force, and was obliged to leave the hospital without engaging in prayer, having time merely to recommend the people to pray for themselves and their hard-hearted overseer.

Such a case as this required immediate attention, or in the course of a few weeks every hospital might have been shut against us, and thus we should have had no opportunity of seeing our sick people upon the estates, as all the apprentices are required when sick immediately to repair to the hospital. I therefore applied for legal advice, and memorialized his Excellency the Governor on the subject, from whose secretary I received a reply stating that Mr. Heath had been written to, to give the permission required; and requesting that if the obstruction were renewed, I would report it, that the Attorney-General may be instructed to take proceedings to establish the right of the apprentices to be visited by their pastors.

Mr. Pickton, mentioned above, is going out to conduct the schools established by Mr. Dendy, and to render such other service to the cause as may be in his power. A passage has since been given him and Mrs. P., by a generous friend to the Society, so that the expense to the Mission of this valuable addition to the number of its agents will be very trifling.

GURNEY'S MOUNT. From Mr. Oughton, Aug. 21. As it respects the stations which are under my more immediate care, I am

happy to be able to give a good report. The attendance continues most encouraging, the houses in which I preach being every service crammed almost to suffocation; and hundreds being unable to obtain admission. Their attention to the word of God is most marked and fixed. They appear to long to know more of the mind of Jesus, and, I trust, are proving by their walk and conversation, that they do not hear in vain. On the fourth of June I baptized fifty-nine persons at Gurney's Mount, making upwards of 200 since I first landed on these shores; and there are many more anxious to follow the Lord in that interesting ordinance, and join themselves to his people for his sake.

It also affords me much pleasure to say that a spirit of Christian love appears to prevail among them. I believe they regard each other as brethren, and as such, strive to bear each other's burdens, and promote each other's spiritual advancement. Their zeal for the cause of Christ is also strikingly apparent: it seems as though they only needed to be informed in what way they could advance its interests to induce them cheerfully to enter upon it. A proof of this occurred a short time since, which I will relate in confirmation of this fact :--

Gurney's Mount is situated on an unusually steep and high hill, and the road was so very imperfectly made that it was extremely difficult and dangerous to drive up or down, it being in some places so narrow and precipitous, with large masses of rock firmly imbedded in the ground, that we were in danger every time we passed, of being thrown over the precipice on the side, and dashed to pieces. I mentioned this to the people, told them the danger to which we were exposed, as well as the injury our poor horses sustained in travelling such a road, when they immediately declared their willingness to make it better; and on the following Saturday ninety-seven men and women voluntarily came; and by building walls to widen the road, rooting up the rugged rocks out of the path-way, and blasting those which projected over the side, they succeeded by night, in making one of the best mountain roads in the parish of Hanover. They also brought bread-fruit trees, flowering shrubs, &c. to plant by the roadside, for shade and ornament, saying, that the spot of ground which was devoted to their "blessed massa Jesus," ought to be the most beautiful in the island. Never did I see men work more vigorously, or more willingly. I believe, they did more work that day than is usually performed in three. But

"'Twas love that made their cheerful hands In swift obedience move"

and, therefore, difficulties were not allowed to interrupt their progress. After they had finished their work I called them up to the house, and thanked them for their kindness. We then sang a hymn, when I dismissed them by prayer, and they departed, apparently as much delighted with their day's work as I was, and expressing their willingness to come again at any future time, that by their efforts they might evince the sincerity of their gratitude to Him who had done such great things for their souls. I am confident that, if it were in their power, I should soon have chapels both at Gurney's Mount and Fletcher's Grove ; but they are poor, very poor, and, although willing to do all they can, will not be able to do much. I must therefore turn my eyes to our friends in happy England, and implore their friendly aid, to enable me to provide places of worship for this despised and long oppressed, but to me, dear and in. teresting people.

Since this letter was written, Mr. Oughton, by the advice of the brethren in the district, has removed to Lucea, to take charge of that station, with Green Island, and Mount Zion. Gurney's Mount, and its neighbourhood, will, it is probable, be occupied by our esteemed brother Mr. Day, who, with his wife and two children, have just embarked on the Reserve, Captain Hoseason, bound for Falmouth. Mrs. Nichols, also, the widow of our late excellent friend. the Rev. Samuel Nichols, has embarked by the same vessel, having been invited to commence at Falmouth a school for female children.

N.B. In our Number for October we inserted a note in explanation of a statement previously made by Mr. Burchell, in reference to the expense of crecting the Moravian premises at Irwin Hill, Jamaica. We have recently been favoured with a letter from the Rev. P. Latrobe, the csteemed secretary of that society, from which we learn, that Mr. B. was misled by his informant (whom we understand to have been one of the builders employed) as to the cost of the erection, which was, not £4,000, but £3,258 currency. This sum covered, not mercly the expense of the chapel, with vestry and fences, but also a dwelling-house for the resident minister, with two detached buildings for domestics, and a tank, or cistern, capable of holding 10,000 gallons of water, the whole covering more ground than the chapel stands upon.

We repeat the expression of our concern that any statement should have inadvertently been made which might convey an incorrect impression respecting the operations of our brethren connected with another society — a sentiment in which, we are confident, our brother Burchell fully coincides.

BAHAMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Leaver, whose departure for this station was mentioned in our October Number, were compelled to put into the Cove of Cork, on the 8th inst., in consequence of injury received by the ship, in a heavy gale of wind, during which, they were providentially saved from being totally lost. They have since sailed for their destination.

The following communication from Mr. Quant, will give some further idea of 'the perils of the sea,' to which our beloved brethren are exposed. We rejoice in the merciful protection afforded to him and his family in the hour of imminent danger.

Grand Key, Turks Island, Sept 26, 1837.

Through the infinite goodness and mercy of our God, I am permitted once more to address you from this place. When I think of the perils I have escaped, and the mercies received since I last wrote you from this spot, I feel lost in adoring gratitude. It is true we daily receive unnumbered mercies at the hand of God, for which we ought to be daily and continually thankful; but when others suffer by the dispensations of God, which appeared escaped, we must then surely adore such distinguishing mercy.

Since I last had the pleasure of addressing you from this Key, I have been to Rum Key, and Watling's Island; from the former place I addressed two letters to you, one via New York, the other via New Brunswick. In the last of these, I mentioned a severe hurricane which we had had there, on the 4th of August. Since then we have had many sorrows and privations, many trials, and many mercies. The loss of life and property throughout the Bahamas has been immense. I cannot enter into any detailed account of the effects of the gale ; but I have little doubt hundreds of lives were lost in these seas during that awful visi-

tation. O that men were wise to consider these things ! After the gale, we were, as might be expected, very anxious to get back to this place, partly to ascertain what mischief had befallen us here, and partly in consequence of the distress of the people where we were. In the galo we lost nearly all the stores we took for our supply while away. The crop of Indian corn was also nearly destroyed by the gale, and the people were, both at Rum Key, and Watling's Island, bordering on a state of starvation. It is true we did not want the necessaries of life, but I assure you, we had little else; and had we been forced to remain much longer, I know not how our absolute wants would have been supplied. In addition, Mrs. Q., who had, during the fortnight previous to the gale, been much improving in health, now, in consequence of cold taken from remaining wet all the night of the gale, from depression of spirits, and other causes, became quite sick and low. So many vessels were lost belonging to Nassau, that for six weeks we were without any arrival from Nassau, excepting that one put in for a day, in consequence of head winds, bound to Cuba. Had an opportunity offered for Nassau, I should certainly have taken a passage with Mrs. Q. and our little one, rather than remain where I was, though this would have delayed my return to this place, and my beloved people ; but no opportunity offered for six weeks, then a sloop arrived from town; and I engaged her to bring me up to this place. Her owners lived at Wat-ling's Island, whither she would have to go first, and remain nearly a week. To this arrangement I was quite agreeable, as it would afford me an opportunity of seeing something of Watling's-an island which none of us had before visited. First, I agreed with the captain for fifty dollars to land me here; after which, some friends at Rum Key persuaded the owner to charge us 100 dollars, and not let the vessel go for less-they knew how anxious we were to get away, and that we should give it rather than be disappointed. After a long discussion with the owner, I at last resolved to give the 100; for, otherwise, the demand for vessels to go "wrecking," and to visit the islands, being so great, we might not have obtained one at all, except at a very high rate. At Turk's Island, my chapel had been left unfinished, and in this state would have to weather the gale. My people were forsaken, or would consider themselves so, the rent of the house we had hired for worship, and for the Infant School, was become due, and I feared some of my effects might be

scized for the rent—these, and a multitude of other items, were thrown into one scale against the 100 dollars, and I thought, far outweighed it.

Having agreed for our passage, we left Rum Key, and the next day arrived at Watling's Island. Here we remained from the Thursday till the Sunday. Of the manner in which I spent this time, and also how my time was passed at Rum Key, I must inform you in a subsequent letter, as I shall uot have room in this. We left Watling's, Sunday, the 10th inst., and with a rather favourable passage of ten days, came to anchor in the Roads, off this Key : and, if ever I felt grateful to God in my life, I did then, that we had been permitted to return to our home in safety. I felt this more especially when the Health officer boarded us, and I inquired if a gentleman with his family, whom we saw pass Rum Key, a few days before the gale, had yet arrived, and was informed by him, that this gentleman (a resident of this Key), his wife, child, servants, and all the crew except one man, had perished in the gale, and that too, within a day's sail from their home. When we landed, a number of our poor people, who had heard of our arrival, came to the beach, many of them with eyes streaming with tears of gratitude, to welcome our return. Many of them, since the death of poor Mr. Deane and his family, had concluded that we might have met with a similar fate, without one survivor to tell the tale of woe, and had almost given us up for lost-and when we thus met, the mercy appeared so great, we could scarcely believe it true-like Peter, when delivered from prison, we

were ready to wonder if it were not a dream.

The gale had visited these Keys a day earlier than with us. This Key had not suffered so very much : but at Salt Key, the loss sustained was very great. But one life (I believe) was lost-several had their limbs broken; but the loss of property was immense. In common with our neighbours, we also have suffered, though not so much as many. I had 2,000 feet of board drying, ready for my chapel, which I have lost; some of it was blown quite away-some was blown with such violence against the chapel as to shiver it into small pieces; and some, I fear, was stolen after the gale was over. The doors and windows of the chapel had many of the hinges wrung off by the violence of the wind. Some pieces of board were carried on the roof of the chapel, and injured it. The body of the chapel is not injured. The loss of board, the damage to the roof, doors, &c., can be replaced for something above 100 dollars. Our loss at Rum Key, in clothes, stores, &c. was about fifty or sixty dollars more. The box lately sent out, containing some clothes for myself, and sundries from Bury St. Edmunds, was sent from Nassau, in the sloop that was lost. The box has since been found broken open, and I have succeeded in recovering a few of the things. Another sloop was lost coming up to Turk's Islands, in which I had a keg of nails, and some other articles for my chapel. Altogether, our loss is above 200 dollars.

Our two chapels at Rum Key, and three at Watling's Island, are levelled to the ground.

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(Several articles are unavoidably omitted for want of room.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The thanks of the Committee are presented to Mr. Harman, Seven-oaks, for a parcel of Magazines; and to a Friend, by Miss Robinson, 30, Lower Sloane St., Chelsea, for 20 copies of the Life of Swartz. A variety of boxes have been forwarded to Messrs. Burchell and Knibb, among which, we thankfully acknowledge those sent from Norwich, Exmouth, Kingsbridge, and Horsley Street, Walworth. It is more than probable that the box, kindly sent by our Manchester friends, was included in the number; but as no line appears to have been sent to announce its being despatched, it is not easy fully to ascertain this.

Our kind friends, who exert themselves to help the cause of negro-education by forwarding articles of apparel, &c. are particularly requested to send distinct advice to Fon Court, of boxes forwarded thither, stating when, by whom, and from whom sont, No little inconvenience has resulted from the want of this information.

No box has arrived from Coventry for Mr. Pickton.

ERRATUM. In our last number instead of £3 2s. 6d. from Norwich for Mr. Philippo, read £13 2s. 6d.

LIST OF LETTERS LATELY RECEIVED.

EAST INDIES.-Rev. E. Daniel, Ceylon, April 9; G. Bucknar, Samarang, June 1, 21 ; J. Williamson, Surrey, March 27.

WEST INDIES--Rev. T. F. Abbott, St. Ann's Bay, June 12, July 11, 31; James Reid, Clarendon, June 29; W. Knibb, Falmouth, July 3, 11, Sept. 6; T. Burchell, Montego, June 20, July 11, 25, Aug. 1, Sept. 5 (two); S. Oughton, Montego Bay, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 18; Josiah Barlow, Annatto Bay, July II; J. Hutchins, Savannala-Mar, July 6, July 31; Mrs. Baylis, Port Maria, June 7, July 25; B. B. Dexter, Falmouth, July 4, Aug. 8; W. Dendy, Salter's Hill, July 4, Sept. 11; Do., Bethte-phil, July 4; Do., J. Clark, Brown's Town, June 20, July 3, July 22, Sept. 18; J. Clarke, Jericho, June 27, Aug. 23, Sept. 13; H. C. Taylor, Old Harbour, July 26, Sept. 6; J. M. Phillipo, Spanish Town, Aug. 10, Sept. 18; F. Gardner, Kingston, Aug. 25, Sept. 7; Mrs. Tinson, Kingston, Aug. 26; J. Tinson, New York, Oct. 7; S. Whitchorne, Kingston, Aug. 25; United Missionaries, Bethtephil, Sept. 7. BAHAMAS.-J. Burton, Nassau, Sept. 23; A. Taylor, Aug. 12; E. F. Quant, Turk's

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