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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA.

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We regret to add, that the improvement in Mrs. E.'s health was but very temporary, and it soon became so seriously impaired, that a short sea voyage was recommended as the only probable means of her recovery. On this subject we quote a few paragraphs of a letter from Mr. Thomas, under date of August last. After stating that Mrs. E. had been for several months the subject of illness, apparently resulting from an attack of Cholera, he adds:—

“The complaint has now taken so serious a form, that nothing short of a sea voyage is considered likely to afford any relief: and if that be long delayed, there is no other prospect but death in a short time. They have had sickness in their family also; James has been so ill as to make it doubtful whether he could survive: he is now rather better. The doctor has ordered Mrs. E. off immediately, and they have taken a passage in a vessel owned by Mr. Beauchamp, and which is to sail in about two months. Mrs. B., who is also very unwell, goes in the vessel; and our brother and sister and their children, all go. It would not do for Mrs. E. to go alone; indeed, Mr. E. really needs a change of the kind, and I hope it will prove beneficial to all of them. During his absence, Mr. E. has given a holiday to the boys, intending to have no vacation at Christmas. With our present strength, it is impossible for us to think of continuing the school while he is away; consequently, nothing else could be done but give a vacation now, instead of at the usual time. May brother E. be brought back to resume his important labours. He has been much encouraged since his removal to Haurah; his Theological Class, established a few months ago, bids fair to be useful to the cause of religion.

A letter from Mr. Thomas, of still more recent date, we are happy to add, mentions the receipt of a communication from Mr. Ellis, when down the river, which afforded reason to hope, that both Mrs. E. and himself, with the children, would derive much advantage from the trip. We trust these hopes may be fully confirmed.

Sibpur Station.—The *Native Female Boarding School*, superintended by Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce, situated at this station.

still proves itself, under the divine blessing, an important means of usefulness. In January the number of pupils was increased from 32 to 41, and more would gladly have been received, had the state of the funds allowed it. In the early part of the year, no less than *ten* of the elder children began to manifest an anxious concern for the salvation of their souls. Some of them came daily to Mr. P. expressing their sense of guilt as sinners before God, and earnestly soliciting instruction as to the way of salvation through Christ Jesus. Mr. P. with a view to ascertain the state of their minds, encouraged them to pray with each other in his presence; and was much struck with the fervency, propriety, and fulness of their petitions. As most were very young, he was fearful lest in some cases their serious impressions should prove but transient. While therefore he cherished in every way their religious feelings, he allowed time to manifest their depth and permanency. After a probation of several months he became fully satisfied of the reality of the work of grace in six of the candidates, and by the following extracts of a letter from Mr. Thomas, received by the last overland dispatch, our readers will see that these young disciples, with other interesting converts, have dedicated themselves to the Lord in baptism. We entreat on their accounts the prayers of our readers, especially of those who kindly support our Boarding Schools. Mr. Thomas writes as follows.

“Brother G. Pearce has been further encouraged by signs of piety in several of his charge. About ten days ago he baptized *seven* females, and a young Brahman; of the former, six were among the youth in the school. Mr. P. will write you more fully about all, and especially the Brahman, whose case is very interesting. Last sabbath, another Hindu youth, who has been a short time with him, was baptized in the Circular Road Chapel, with Mrs. E. K. and a young East Indian. The Hindu convert was one of the youths brought up in the Chitpur school, and ascribed his first impressions to what he learned there. This is the second who has come forward to profess Jesus as the result of the instructions given in that school; a strong reason certainly to encourage prosecuting such labours when

practicable. I was not present at the baptizing, but understand that he gave a very interesting and satisfactory account of himself. It is hoped, that both he, and the Brahman before mentioned, will prove suitable agents to be employed in making known the truth to their countrymen."

The village stations of Lakhyántipur and Khári, to the south of Calcutta, are also under the superintendence of Mr. Pearce, assisted by Mr. De Monte and several native teachers. In February Mr. Yates accompanied Mr. P. to the former station, and expresses himself much gratified by his visit. "We had," he says, "the same congregation of *one hundred and eighty* (native Christians) both services. I preached to them in the morning and Mr. P. in the afternoon. In the middle of the day a church meeting was held, at which we heard the experience of one candidate for baptism, who was received."

The gradual progress of the Gospel in these villages will be seen by the following letter from Mr. G. Pearce, written in May last. It is extracted from the last report of the Calcutta Baptist Missionary Society—an institution auxiliary to the Parent Society in this country, formed by its Missionaries in the year 1817, and which for twenty years has yielded to their efforts constant and liberal aid.

Lakhyantipur.—"I am thankful to say that we have enjoyed a pleasing degree of prosperity at this station throughout the year. The people have been at peace among themselves, and at peace with their neighbours. The ordinances of religion have been administered without interruption. My respected coadjutor, Mr. De Monte, has spent a considerable portion of his time at the station, and has laboured with great diligence. The native catechists, too, deserve to have honourable mention made of their zeal and uprightness. The pulpit at Lakhyantipur, with two exceptions, has been occupied every Lord's day, either by Mr. De Monte or myself. A system of instruction on week days, from village to village where our people reside, has been constantly in operation, and it has been attended with the happiest effects. Scriptural knowledge has thereby greatly increased, and the supervision of all been closely maintained. Numerous additions from the Heathen have been made to the Christian community—in all, I believe, about *twenty* families. The congregation on the Lord's day has averaged from 120 to 150 persons. To meet the increased attendance on public worship, a large and substantial chapel has been erected, and commodiously fitted up. The erection of this place has tended to give confidence to the people in the permanence of our efforts for their welfare, and has had, I have no doubt, a favourable influence in bringing some that were hesitating, to a decision.

"In January last, I had the pleasure of baptizing five persons, and of receiving them to the fellowship of the Church. They had previously been on probation about six months. *One* other has since been accepted, and will, if the Lord permit, be shortly baptized. It is pleasing to add, that at this station we have not had occasion to exclude a single member of the church, nor have lost any by death; so that our additions this year are all clear gain. On the whole I may say, that the people generally are improving fast in Scriptural knowledge, and in purity of conduct; and there are not wanting instances of some delightful exemplifications of Christian character: but I fear to enlarge.

"Several deaths have occurred of persons not in the church. Respecting one of these, a widow,

Mr. De Monte writes, Though she was not in the church, yet I think I may safely say, she died in the Lord. I often visited her in her sickness, and though the rod of affliction was heavy upon her, she seemed cheerful and devout. She often sent for me, and requested me to pray for her, and would say, 'I am glad to depart and be with Christ.'

"From this station, the adjacent villages and markets have been constantly visited for the preaching of the Gospel, and the distribution of tracts. The word has in general been heard with an attention which encourages the hope that the religion of Christ will continue to spread, and perhaps ere long be widely diffused in this part of the country."

Khari.—"Of the Khari station I regret that I cannot speak favourably. A lamentable degree of indifference to spiritual concerns has generally prevailed. This, I am sorry to say, applies to the members of the church, as well as to the people generally. It has been found necessary also to separate three individuals from the church, in consequence of their having fallen into open sin.

"A somewhat better spirit has, however, recently appeared, and the attendance on public worship has improved. The people seem sensible of their error, and to desire a better state of things. I would hope, from the arrangements which have recently been made, that by the blessing of God a real improvement will take place. Still we cannot expect, with our present limited means, that the people here can be equally in advance with those at the nearer stations. The station is so distant and so unhealthy, that the care of it necessarily devolves almost entirely on our native assistants.

"Within the year several persons have come in from the heathen who have relinquished caste and idolatry, particularly three families at the village of Madhpur, who, I hope, will be the means of strengthening our hands.

It is gratifying to add, that the whole number of families in these southern villages at present under Christian instruction is *one hundred and seventy-five*, containing about *four hundred and fifty* individuals. Eight years ago these were all in idolatry, and the name of Christ was scarcely known in these parts. May we not say, "What hath God wrought!"

We have thus briefly adverted to the operations of our brethren in their ever-increasing spheres of labour and success. We will add a few extracts illustrative of the anxiety with which, under such circumstances, they desire and ask for aid in their arduous exertions.

On this subject one of the European brethren writes to Mr. Pearce. "We hope you will allow no opportunity to escape, of reinforcing our strength in Calcutta. If the society will encourage *men*, the religious public, and our own denomination in particular, will never allow them to starve or be recalled for want of *funds*. The missionary spirit must increase. Christians will be more liberal. The late publications on covetousness may teach the rich their duty, and call forth the mammon to be sacrificed on the altar of God. *One* civilian here has sent 600 rupees (£60) to the Bethel. Mr. Boaz has lately received several liberal donations to the London and other Missionary Societies. I think that if you were here, we might also reap in this way. You must make amends for your absence by your

exertions in England. But do not leave without *men*, as they will do more than *money*."

Another brother writes as follows:—"I have just got a letter from Mr. Dyer, dated in October, and am sorry to learn from it that there are *none* preparing for the East. This is indeed sad. I wish a plan could be organized for the establishment of a *chain of Mission stations* around Calcutta, at the distance of from twelve to twenty miles. Budgebudge would be an excellent place to begin with. There a missionary would find the same kind of people as in the south to work upon, and be the means of strengthening our present stations there. I long to see the whole of the south district Christianized, and I hope the day is not far distant when this happy event shall be accomplished."

Similar extracts might be given from other European brethren; but omitting them, we will quote a short paragraph of a letter from our aged Armenian brother, Carapiet, and another from our native brother, Sujátáli: The former thus addresses Mr. Pearce:

"I hope you will stay in England (as necessary) twelve months, and *no more*; and then return to Bengal in good health and strength, with as many zealous, active, healthy brethren, as you can get, to bring out with you: meantime, take good care that nothing keep *you* from coming back to Calcutta."

And our native brother Sujátáli writes: "I would again entreat you to urge on the friends of the Redeemer to send out more labourers to this country, where *so many millions* are living without God and without hope."

In concluding this paper, we would solicit for the Calcutta brethren, the earnest prayers of our readers, that the health and life of each, so important in his sphere, may be long continued. We would also congratulate those benevolent friends, who by their generous answers to Mr. Pearce's Appeal on behalf of India, have given the hope, at no distant day, of the aid so earnestly solicited by our brethren being afforded them; and would call on all who have not yet contributed to the object, to give it their assistance without delay, that it may be fully and speedily accomplished.

CUTWA.

From Mr. W. Carey, to the Secretary, dated Cutwa, July 19, 1837:—

It is now time that I should write to you again, but what to communicate I hardly know. The last three or four months have been so uncommonly hot that we have hardly been able to do any Missionary work, although I am happy to say that the itin-

rants have contrived to go out to the villages in the mornings and evenings, and have at such times found opportunities to speak to many about the affairs of their souls, and have also distributed numbers of tracts and parts of Scriptures. I pray that the Lord may bless these labours of his people to the awakening of his people and his own glory.

We have had none to inquire of the way of salvation lately, neither have we had any additions to the church; we have had two or three deaths, which have thinned our number. We have had of late more peace and concord in the church, and trust that the love of our Saviour will still further work, to make them of one heart. Our stated places of worship have been attended to as usual.

MONGHYR.

Our readers will be concerned to perceive from the following extracts of a letter from our dear brother Leslie, dated July 30, 1837, that his health has been interrupted of late. We trust it may please God to bless the means used for his recovery, and to prolong his useful life for many years to come:—

I am again behind-hand in my correspondence with you; but my conscience does not reproach me very deeply. I have nothing of any very great moment to communicate,—all around me being, in reference to spiritual things, apparently as still as death. Last week, however, we baptized three persons in the midst of a very numerous and attentive congregation: 1st. An East Indian woman; 2nd. A native woman, the widow of a European; and 3rd. A young native lad, the adopted son of the latter. The lad gives great promise of usefulness; and the two women are, I hope, together with him, the Lord's own children. They are all, I rejoice to say, the fruit of our labours here. Two more persons have applied for baptism; but I have put them off for the present.

Since I last wrote you I have been twice laid aside from my accustomed labour by the jungle fever, out of the first attack of which I had just come when I penned my last letter. I am still afflicted with it; and have at this moment a slight degree of it on me. The doctor says I shall not get rid of it unless I go to sea; but how I am to go to sea I know not. From the ocean I am at least 400 or 500 miles. Besides, there will be no one here to conduct the affairs of the mission. Mr. Moore intends very shortly finally to leave Monghyr to go to live with his brother-in-law, at a place called Simla, 1200 or 1400 miles off. I greatly regret this: but I cannot prevent it. I shall now

be left alone; and as it regards English worship I shall have double labour. However, He that has helped me hitherto, will, I trust, continue to aid me.

I intend in a few days going on the river for eight or ten days,—in the hope that God will bless this means to the mitigating of this very distressing fever. I cannot describe to you what I feel when under its influence. It affects not only my body but my mind. I hope it will not drive me home. At any rate you may rely on my not putting the Society to any expense if I can possibly avoid it. The doctor says little to me about my fever: but he tells every body that it cannot be removed without a complete change of climate. I regret another thing,—that I shall have this year a double bill to pay the physician. He has been very very kind to me,—sometimes attending me two and three times a day.

Last evening we in Monghyr, baptized a Mr. Kalpberer, a Lutheran missionary, supported in Patna by Mr. Start. He gave us previous to his baptism a very pious sermon, in which he very meekly stated his reasons for his change of views. He is an excellent man, and a very devoted missionary. He speaks English imperfectly, but sufficiently plain to be generally understood in preaching. He had been exercised in mind on the subject of baptism for seventeen months: and it was not until he witnessed the baptism of the three persons mentioned above, that he fully made up his mind to follow his Lord. He is here with me on account of health: and it is in company with him I am going on the river. I feel very feverish to-day (the 31st), and have been obliged to resort to the calomel bottle, or rather the blue-pill box.

HONDURAS.

Late accounts from this station are very encouraging, while they afford additional evidence of the pressing necessity of further aid.

Under date of Sept. 6th, Mr. Henderson writes:

The fancy articles for our schools were a very acceptable and useful present. The distribution of some as rewards, has afforded the children and ourselves a great treat. To myself, labouring in "the heat and burden of the day," I take these things as a peculiar mark of Christian sympathy. My engagements are incessant, and though I neither complain nor wish it to be otherwise, yet when I think of life, the possibility of my being unable to go on, through sickness or death, it grieves me to think that these operations might be stopped until a missionary could be got from England.

Our schools are prospering; the rooms are

by far too small; we have upwards of two hundred present daily, and being ill provided with assistance, my want of room increases our toil. I have resolved to enlarge on condition that funds can be raised in Belize, perceiving that any farther grant from the Society would not be approved of, and I am not without hopes of being able to succeed. We have received a second female assistant teacher, at the weekly pay of six shillings sterling. She is a member of the church, and renounces the whole for the benefit of the Society; this, "the riches of her liberality," the more judicious think beyond her means to afford, consequently, resolve to hand her a dollar a week at least, in a way suitable to the circumstances. A few persons have been added to the church since my last, and last Lord's day morning ten persons were baptized, an equal number of each sex. In addition to the pleasure afforded to my mind by such an occasion, one feature gave peculiar interest. Amongst the number was a Spanish man, the third Spaniard that I have admitted to this ordinance, besides which, I know of one seeking the ordinances of a Christian church, and this very evening one of them told me that three more are very desirous to come forward. The little leaven I pray may leaven the whole lump.

A second letter dated Oct. 11th, contains similar intelligence:

The Divine goodness which is so rich towards myself and family, demands my chief acknowledgment. Health of body and a measure of mental vigour are still our portion. Ten persons were noticed as having been baptized on the 3rd ult. On the 1st inst., I admitted six more to that ordinance, amongst whom was a young Frenchman of English extraction, of the age of nineteen, who had been some months previous, assisting me in the school a few weeks. At that time, his infidel views and hostility to godliness, made me rather pleased when he found another employ. Soon after I found him combating his companions with the very weapons which, but a little before, I had used against him. As they could not silence him, he was compelled to bear the epithets of "cracked," "fool," &c.; he has become even "more foolish in their eyes," by baptism. Thus you will perceive our number increasing, although we do not make this ordinance synonymous with membership. The congregation is also improving; still there is room, but this cannot be the case much longer. The readiest method of increasing the accommodation, would be that of removing the floor of the third story, occupied as a dwelling house, and turning that into galleries. When I look to myself, I am inclined to say, this alteration can never be wanted; when I look to the grow-

ing concern about salvation, among the people, I would say it is very likely. I am just preparing an application to the local assembly of Belize for £200 currency, to enable me to enlarge the schoolroom, which has become too small. If I succeed, this will be done immediately; if I do not, it must rest as it is, there being no room to ask the Society at present, especially after the outlay already made.

We are happy to add that an assistant to our indefatigable friend Mr. Henderson has been engaged, and is expected shortly to sail for Belize. We refer to Mr. Henry Philpot, a member of the church at Canterbury, under the care of the Rev. W. Matthews. Mr. P. has studied the British system of education at the central establishment in the Borough Road, and is prepared to share the varied and important labours in progress at the station. Our tried friends, Messrs. G. F. Angas and Co., act with their usual liberality with regard to his passage.

JAMAICA.

The season in Jamaica has been unusually sickly, and several of our missionaries have been affected by it. Among these is Mr. Clarke, of Jericho, who has been obliged to leave his own residence for a time, and repair to Kingston. From a letter addressed by him from thence to the Secretary, dated 25th of November, we insert the following:

My trials in body have for the last six months been great, and those of my dear family I have keenly felt: but all have come from the hand of a tender Father, and I desire not to suffer less than He perceives to be necessary for the welfare of my soul, and the glory of his holy name. I am like an instrument unstrung, or a broken vessel of no use, and sometimes fear lest a voyage to England or to some other part, might be urged upon me by my doctor; or think that the grave might soon open its mouth to receive my mortal part, to retain it until the morning of the resurrection, when the scattered fragments will be brought together again, and fitted for the service of the glorious Maker and Restorer.

On the subject of native agency I am deeply interested, and have now Mr. Merrick and his son employed in assisting me in my important work; the former, being still engaged with my chapels, receives only a trifling remuneration, but when free from chapel building, I wish to secure him as a regular helper, but know not how to do so,

unless allowed something for him by the Society. The latter is carrying on, most efficiently, my night and Sabbath school, and also assists at prayer-meetings, although, on account of my long sickness, he is not yet baptized. £20 was allowed me from the "Negro Friends' Society," and I give of this £10 currency to a female teacher at Lucky Valley, what remains, I give to him for his work in teaching, and promise to make it up £50 per annum. I give him board and lodging, and his father the same, when at Jericho. The young man is decidedly pious, humble, unassuming, and most diligent in his studies. He came to my house on Aug. 15th, this year, and has read a great deal, especially in his Bible; he has studied a considerable part of the first volume of Horne's Introduction to the Critical Study of Sacred Scripture; he has gone through Frey's Hebrew Grammar, and is translating Hebrew astonishingly well, and is just now commencing Ewing's Greek Grammar. In boyhood he learned a little of Latin, and knows something of French, and is well acquainted with English Grammar, and other branches of a common education. His talents are respectable, and his knowledge of Scripture is daily increasing. His views of divine truth are taken simply from what the Scriptures teach, and his modesty is likely to prevent his youth from causing him to be despised. I think I shall feel authorized to encourage him soon after his baptism to address the people, and regularly assist me in my missionary work.

Since I came here, I have had a long argument, in which brother Gardner took a part, with one of the seed of Abraham; an old man of considerable information. He professes to believe in the transmigration of souls into other human bodies, and says, "Is it not as easy for God to send the soul into another body, as to create a new soul for that body?" "and is it not said, 'He killeth, and he maketh alive?'" He further says, that when Jehovah shall again descend upon Mount Sinai, and declare that Jesus Christ is God equal with himself, then will the Jews believe, but not until then. We quoted many passages of Scripture to him, and he often knew not what to say. When we alluded to Gen. i. 26, and to Gen. ix. 7, and to Isa. liii. and other passages, he said he could not think we had a true translation, but he would go and consult a young man who was well acquainted with the Hebrew. He seemed particularly struck with the expressions, "Let us make man," &c., and "The inhabitant shall not say I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." May the Lord have mercy on his ancient people, and bring them to his fold, with the

fulness of the people of Gentile lands. I fear we are very guilty in this land in neglecting those who are the brethren of our Lord according to the flesh. My dear wife and children have had fever almost constantly since we came here, as well as

before our removal. We have been obliged again to send for a doctor. I have not had the ague since I reached town, but am weak, and almost useless, yet hope I am regaining strength.

LIST OF LETTERS LATELY RECEIVED.

EAST INDIES.—Rev. W. Carey, Cutwa, July 19, 1837; A. Leslie, Monghyr, July 30; James Thomas, Calcutta, May 22.

WEST INDIES.—Rev. John Kingdon, Manchioneal, Oct. 24, Nov. 22, 1837; J. Tinson, Kingston, Oct. 31; M. A. Hutchins, Savanna la Mar, Nov. 14; John Clarke, Jericho, Nov. 25; W. Knibb, Falmouth, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 14, 16; T. F. Abbott, St. Ann's Bay; Oct. 2, 7, Nov. 7; F. Gardner, Kingston, Nov. 14; John Clark, Brown's Town, Oct. 24; Thomas Burchell, Montego Bay, Oct. 3, 31; Walter Dendy, Bethtephil, Oct. 24; J. M. Phillippo, Spanish Town, Oct. 8; James Reid, Hayes Savannah, Nov. 15.

BAHAMAS.—Rev. J. Burton, Nassau, Oct. 14. T. Leaver, New York, Nov. 28.

HONDURAS.—Rev. A. Henderson, Oct. 11.

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

VILLAGE CHURCHES.

A considerable number of our churches in different parts of the kingdom, are found in villages. Not a few of these are at such a distance from towns, the friends connected with them are scattered over so wide a surface, and possess so little of this world's good, that it is scarcely practicable to visit them on behalf of the mission, or to make congregational collections for that important object. And yet, among these humble followers of the Lamb, there are not a few who earnestly desire the coming of his kingdom, who would rejoice to hear what, by the grace of God, is doing in foreign parts, and cheerfully contribute, according to their slender ability, to carry forward the work. From the worthy pastor of a church of this description, in the county of Essex, we have received a contribution this month, and as his letter furnishes an excellent model for general imitation in secluded rural stations, we take the liberty of inserting it. It is dated, Sible Hedingham, Jan. 16, 1838, and addressed to the Secretary.

My dear Sir,

With this you will receive two pounds, sixteen shillings, and six pence, for the Baptist Missionary Society, collected at our *Missionary prayer-meetings*, and full one half of it given by the poorest of our poor con-

gregation. After waiting in vain for years for an opportunity of instituting an auxiliary society, I thought I would apply to you for two missionary boxes. I did so, and my plan of using them has been, to place them on the table of our vestry, on our missionary prayer-meeting nights. On those occasions I read the *Heralds of your Society* (the only means of my poor people's getting any information upon missionary affairs.) And you would be delighted to see the cheerfulness with which *the few*, alas! who attend those meetings, come forward with their penny and halfpenny. The amount collected in the first year was, £1 16s. What I now send is the amount of a year and three months' subscriptions.

I should not have troubled you with this detail, but from the hope that you might be able to turn it to some profit by suggesting the plan to those pastors of poor churches who are told by their people that an *auxiliary*, or even an annual collection for missions, cannot be given by a people who find it difficult to keep the doors of the sanctuary open, from their great poverty. I would say to every Baptist church, Let there be a Missionary prayer meeting—let the pastor *always* attend if possible—let a missionary box be on the table, and let THE HERALDS ALWAYS BE READ; and I believe there will not then be a Baptist church in the kingdom which does not contribute *something* to the great and glorious cause of missions.

I could do good with a few old Reports, *Heralds*, &c., if you have any to part with, I remain, dear sir,

Yours most cordially,

ROBERT LANGFORD:

HIGH WYCOMBE.

On Lord's day, Dec. 10, 1837, two impressive sermons were preached by the Rev. E. Carey on behalf of the mission, at the two Independent Meeting-houses, kindly granted by the respective pastors, Rev. W. Judson and J. Hayden.

On the following Monday evening, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Robt. Wheeler, Esq., Mayor, was in the chair, who kindly presided upon two former occasions, and now addressed the numerous assembly in an energetic manner, upon the beneficial results of missionary efforts. John Parker, Esq., Rev. Messrs. W. Judson, J. Hayden, Henry Lacey, (Indep.) J. Simmons, (Wesleyan) E. Carey, W. W. Evans, the deputation from the Parent Society, J. Statham, Amersham, and J. Davis, Risborough, severally advocated the claims of the heathen. The collections, &c., were liberal, amounting to £40. 8s. 7d., including donations from the Hon. Robt. Smith, M.P. £5, and £7 from Messrs. Hearn and Veary. J. P.

BRECON.

The Baptist churches in Brecon and the neighbourhood have long manifested great apathy in the cause of missions. Several of the members of the Brecon branch of the British and Foreign Young Men's Society, lamented this state of things, and resolved, the first favourable opportunity that would

offer, to form a Baptist Missionary Society. The kind providence of God favoured the design sooner than was expected. Mrs. Coultart came some time ago to reside in Brecon. She succeeded in inducing one of the friends to take a collecting card. A missionary box was likewise presented to Kensington Sunday School; the children contributed their halfpence very liberally. A favourable opportunity having thus presented itself, the committee of the Brecon branch met, and immediately formed a Missionary Society; the proper officers were chosen, and a committee nominated. A prayer meeting was held on Christmas day, for the purpose of seeking the divine blessing on the newly-formed institution. A general interest was excited on the subject; a tea-party was held on New Year's Day, in Watergate Chapel, with a view of obtaining funds for the Society, and exciting an interest in the cause of missions. More than 300 persons sat down to tea. The sight was very imposing, and will long be remembered with delight by all who witnessed it. The sum of £5 was realized, although the price of the tickets was only 6d. each. A missionary box has been procured for Watergate Sunday School. Collectors have been appointed, We hope to be able to stir up the neighbouring churches, and enlist them in the missionary cause. So that at the close of the year we hope to have a good sum to devote to the conversion of the heathen.

W. J.

Contributions received on Account of the Baptist Missionary Society, from December 20 to January 20, 1838, not including individual subscriptions:

High Wycombe, Auxiliary, by Mr. Hearn,		Cardington, Cotton End, by Rev. J.	
Treasurer.....	40 8 7	Frost.....	15 0 0
Sevenoaks, by Rev. Thomas Shirley.....	32 17 10	Thorpe, Essex, by Mr. King.....	5 8 6
North Wales, Churches of the Old Association, by Rev. W. Jenkins, Dolau	19 18 0	Wingrave and Aston Abbots, by Rev.	
Newark and Collingham, by Mr. Lomax	33 10 0	J. Aston.....	4 0 0
Fenny Stratford, by Mr. Theobald.....	11 4 6	Anglesea, Churches, by Rev. W. Morgan.....	20 0 0
Northampton Street, St. Pancras, Collection, by Mr. Hall.....	3 0 0	Bratton, Two-thirds of subscriptions, &c., by B. Anstie, Esq.....	14 11 3
Carmarthenshire, Two collections by Rev. W. Jones.....	0 15 0	Woodstock, by Rev. C. Darken.....	5 0 0
Hants Auxiliary, by Josiah George, Esq., Treasurer:		Suffolk, by Rev. James Sprigg, Mr. Pollard, and Rev. John Eyres:	
Romsey.....	12 19 3	Framsden.....	2 2 6
Andover.....	16 18 3	Crowfield.....	3 0 0
Newport, I. W.....	12 12 10	Bury.....	24 0 0
Wellow.....	1 16 6	Otley.....	4 6 0
Niton.....	1 2 4	Charsfield.....	1 10 0
	47 11 7	Sundry Subscriptions.....	3 12 6
Dunstable and Houghton Regis, by Rev. D. Gould.....	46 8 2		38 11 0
Woodford, by Mr. Austin.....	4 0 0	Aberdeen, Friends by Mr. Stewart.....	4 0 8
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		Cornwall, Auxiliary Society, by Rev. J. Spasshatt.....	25 0 0

DONATIONS.

Camberwell, Mr. Steane's Junior Bible Class, by Miss M. Gurney, for <i>Chilpore</i>	5	0	0
Mrs. T. Rippon.....	10	0	0
D. A. E.....	10	0	0
Friend, by Rev. J. M. Phillippo, for School at <i>Passage Fort</i>	8	7	2
Mr. George Charlewood.....	1	1	0
John Fell, Esq., Spark Bridge, near <i>Ulverston</i>	1	0	0
Mr. George Yonge, 156, Strand.....	1	0	0

LEGACIES.

Robert Scott, Esq., late of Pensford, Somerset, Executrix, Mrs. Eliza Ann Scott. Executors, John Hunter, Henry Granger, and Thomas Dewsoap, Esqrs.....	205	3	1
Mr. Joseph Stevenson, late of Great Picston, Yorkshire. Administrator, Thomas Bruce, Esq.....	45	0	0

Additional Contributions towards sending out Ten Missionaries to India.

James Swan, Esq., <i>Ensham</i>	10	0	0	Do. by Mr. Giles, <i>Withycombe</i>	0	10	0
Friend, by Rev. J. A.....	10	0	0	Rev. Timothy Moore.....	21	10	0
Nath. Robarts, Esq., <i>Barnet</i>	25	0	0	— Dr. Hoby, <i>Birmingham</i>	50	0	0
Josiah Hindman, Esq.....	20	0	0	<i>Melbourne</i> , Friends, by Rev. James Flood.....	10	5	0
Mr. S. Franklin, <i>Chellenham</i>	1	0	0	<i>Walford</i> , Two Friends, by Rev. E. Hull.....	20	0	0
Taunton, &c. by Mr. Thomas Horsey:				Friend, by Rev. John Dyer.....	5	5	0
George Stevenson, Esq.....	10	0	0				
W. Walter, Esq., <i>Oldbury Lodge</i>	1	0	0				
Mr. T. Newberry.....	1	0	0				
Mr. T. Horsey.....	3	3	0				
Friends.....	2	2	6				
Do. at <i>Minthead</i>	1	10	0				
Do. by Misses Bunt and Crabb.....	2	4	6				

P.S. In a part of our last impression, the name of J. Trueman, Esq. Walthamstow, was printed by mistake, Freeman. The donation of Miss Lum of Bolton was printed £4. instead of £40.

Miscellaneous Contributions for Special Objects.

Of Miss R. Stacey, for <i>Yallahs</i> School, by Mr. Tinson.....	20	0	0
Of Do. for <i>Montego Bay</i> School, by Mr. Burchell.....	20	0	0
Of Miss M. Dudley, for <i>Coullarts Grove</i> School, by Mr. Abbott.....	5	0	0
Of Joseph Gurney, Esq., for <i>Kingston</i> School, by Mr. S. Whiteborne.....	10	0	0

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A box for Jamaica has been gratefully received from Mrs. Bass, of Brighton; also, a parcel of Magazines from Mr. Smith, Superintendent of the New Court Sunday School, Old Bailey; a paper parcel from Canterbury, for Mr. Burchell; and two dozen frocks, from the Misses Burls, Edmonton, for Jamaica.

Our good friend, Mr. Ash, of Bristol, is informed that the Reports, about which he inquires, were regularly sent on from Fen Court. It is sometimes found that the parcels do not reach their destination so promptly as is desirable, but we have no means of guarding against this, or even of knowing when it does take place, till we are informed of the fact by the parties interested.

N.B. Subscribers in and around London, are respectfully informed that, in order to secure the timely arrangement of the Annual Accounts, the Collector has been instructed to call for the Subscriptions without delay. It is hoped the friends of the Society will kindly facilitate this arrangement.

IRISH CHRONICLE.

FEBRUARY, 1838.

Subscriptions and Donations received by the Secretary, Rev. S. GREEN, Walworth; by the Rev. J. DYER, at the Baptist Mission Rooms, 6, Fen Court, Fenchurch Street; and the Rev. STEPHEN DAVIS, 92, St. John Street Road, Islington; the Messrs. MILLARD, Bishopsgate Street; SANDERS, 104, Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury; LADBROKE & Co., Bankers, Bank Buildings; BURLS & Co., Lothbury; by the Rev. C. ANDERSON, Edinburgh; the Rev. Mr. INNES, Frederick Street, Edinburgh; the Rev. J. FORD, 1, Rathmines-road, Dublin; by Mr. J. HOPKINS, Bull Street, Birmingham; by Mr. J. H. ALLEN, Norwich; and by any Baptist Minister, in any of our principal towns.

Journals of the Readers and Preachers in our various Stations have come to hand, from which the following extracts are taken:—

Adam Johnson, Dromahair, Leitrim, Oct. 12.—Read in the Police Barrack the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, and made some remarks on what was read. They were very much gratified, and requested me to form a prayer-meeting. To this I readily agreed; and we keep it up occasionally since. The Serjeant assists me in our little meetings; and I trust the Lord will bless our feeble endeavours, and crown the Society's labour with an abundant success. Since I commenced reading for them, instead of going to the public-house, on the Sabbath-day, as they used to do, they sit down to read the Bible for their families. May the Holy Spirit shine upon his own word, so that it may be a light to their feet, and a lantern to their path.

August 15th, read in the house of Thomas J. the 26th, 27th, and 28th chapters of Matthew, and strove to point them to that sacrifice alone by which Jesus hath perfected for ever all them that are sanctified, entreating them to receive him as their Prophet to teach them, as their Priest to atone for them, and as their King to reign in them, and rule over them.

September 10th.—Read in the house of James M. the 15th, 16th, and 17th chapters of John, and made some remarks on what was read, showing them the mutual love between Christ and his children, under the parable of a vine; and how the Saviour prayed for his people, that they might be kept from the evils that are in the world. They were so delighted that they requested me to read the same chapters in the Irish, and, although Roman Catholics, they seemed to receive the word with all readiness of mind. May the Lord enlighten their dark minds, and make his word precious to their immortal souls.

Robert Beaty, near Coolany, Sligo, Dec. 12.—On visiting a sick man in Ballymuray, I found a few of his Roman Catholic neigh-

bours assembled. I endeavoured to give the conversation a religious turn, by remarking, that life and health are uncertain, and pointing out the necessity of being prepared for that awful change which awaits us. Some of the persons present were old; and I asked them to tell how we can be prepared and made meet for the heavenly inheritance? They all seemed ignorant of this but one individual; who replied, that there is no way of getting to heaven but through the merits of the Saviour, and quoted several portions of Scripture in proof of this. A short time ago, I gave this individual a Testament, and was happy to learn that he had been using it. I read and explained for these people the 3rd chapter of Romans, showing that all are on a level in the sight of God, and that by the deeds of the law, there can no flesh be justified. I also read and explained the 3rd of John, showing the Gospel plan of salvation, and was heard with eager attention.

Mr. Boland tells me, that the parish priest visited and inspected his school; that, after hearing the different spelling-classes, he then examined the readers in the 15th of John—“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman;” and he then asked, What is meant by the true vine and the branches? One of the boys answered, that Jesus is the true vine, and that his people, or those who believe on him, are the branches. After asking the pupils several questions from different parts of the chapter read, he said, that some of them knew theology better than some who were over large parishes. Moreover, he said, that times are greatly altered, for he remembered to have seen persons in college greatly puzzled with questions that had been answered in that school.

John Monaghan, Old Rock, Sligo, Dec. 9.—I have lately commenced reading the Scriptures in two of the villages, namely, Abeyfield and Killovel, mentioned on the other side, which had been, even to an individual,

notorious for their violation of the Sabbath, in spending that sacred day in card-playing, dancing, and whiskey drinking, and every other similar vice. But the result is, that at my last visit to these places, I had seven Roman Catholic hearers in the former, and five in the latter, who heard attentively whilst I read and endeavoured to explain several portions of the word of God to them. At my departing, they jointly expressed their thanks for what they heard, and an aged man, in behalf of all the rest, promised that they would in future endeavour to suppress these evil amusements which had been practised amongst them.

Wm. Cavanagh, Carramore, Sligo, Dec. 16.—I have lately met with an old man, who is rejoicing in the Lord. I asked him his hope as to the future? His reply was, that Christ died that he might have everlasting life. His hopes of entering into heaven often cause him to cry out, "Lord, thy will be done." He thanked God, that ever the Baptist Society had sent schools to the country, and also readers and preachers to explain the Gospel; for, were it not for these means, I should have remained ignorant of the love of God to a perishing world; and you, in particular (referring to myself) have been the chief means in the hands of Providence, in bringing me from darkness to light. I lived eight or nine years in the village with him; he is upwards of eighty years of age, and lived without God or hope of eternity in this world, till about twelve months ago.

I lately read for better than three hours in a wakehouse, and distributed tracts; it was at a loss for one for every tenth that applied for them. Such simple preachers of the Gospel, as the tracts may be termed, are, I hope and pray, opening the eyes and hearts of many.

It is with the greatest difficulty, that the people are brought to attend to any thing said about Jesus Christ; but, as soon as the Virgin Mary is referred to, they are ready to fall down to worship; there is more obedience paid to her and the saints than to God; and many would rather have it so, that the poor creatures should continue all their lives in darkness, than allow them to hear the truth as it is in the Gospel. Some of the priests are not preventing the children's attending schools. Whether it proceeds from conviction, shame, or other motives, it is hard to say; but, if they were allowed to attend the preaching and reading of the Gospel, there is not, in my opinion, any people that would be more attentive. I have frequently to refer to things of an earthly nature, and to the different occurrences of this life, to bring salvation through Christ to their understandings. Westward of my house, for the distance of fourteen Irish miles, with the exception of the police at Raintern, there is

not a Protestant but two; all the whole multitudes are in heathen darkness, superstition, and idolatry.

W. Hamilton, Athlone, Nov. 17.—We have at present peace in all our borders, and there is every reason to hope, that the Gospel is making progress. That you may understand the state of our affairs more clearly, I shall give you my journal for the last fortnight.

Tues. 7.—Preached at Raharney to an attentive congregation.

Wed. 8.—Visited four families; conversed at considerable length with Wm. Moxham, your reader; went to Carrigboy, and preached in the evening. The people there are still glad to see me, and willing to hear the word of life.

Thurs. 9.—Walked to Barry, five miles, and preached in the evening. Frid. 10.—Returned home, and had a profitable meeting in the evening.

Sund. 12.—Went to Moate, and preached morning and evening. It was a very profitable Sabbath-day. Mond. 13.—I visited eight families; read, expounded, and prayed with seven of them, and preached to a larger congregation than usual in the evening. This was the most profitable meeting I have had for several weeks; the Lord enabled me to speak with unusual energy. Tues. 14.—I inspected the School, and felt gratified with the manner in which the children recited, and also with their scriptural knowledge; afterwards I returned to Athlone, and preached in the evening. Thurs. 16.—I inspected the school in this town, and afterwards went to Baylin, and preached in the evening. Frid. 17.—Visited a little, and had a lecture in Athlone in the evening.

As Moate offers some encouragement for spiritual cultivation, I intend giving it every second Sunday and Monday.

Our church and congregation in this town remain steady, and, I trust, are making progress in divine knowledge. A few new hearers have been attending for the last fortnight.

T. Berry, Abbeylieux, Queen's County, Nov. 24.—I feel great pleasure in informing you, that the congregation here has considerably increased since I last wrote. Those who first came continue to attend, and on the two last Sabbaths the numbers appeared to be about thirty-four and forty. I observe much attention, and am informed that others are likely to attend. I am in the habit of calling upon those I do know for the purpose of religious conversation and sometimes prayer; and, as I may become more generally acquainted, I have no doubt of better success. I find that too much of the spirit of controversy had existed here, and has done the cause no good. As I came fully "determined to know nothing

but Christ Jesus and him crucified," I intend to avoid religious strife, whilst at the same time, I trust, the Lord will enable me boldly and faithfully to proclaim a free and full salvation to every sinner, through the merits of the blessed Redeemer. I feel great pleasure in my work; and I think, I can say also, that I feel much of the supporting and encouraging influence of the Holy Spirit. The church, 'tis true, is very small; but then the members are friendly, they appear to love me, and they are not influenced by worldly motives. Besides preaching twice on Lord's day, we have prayer-meeting after morning service; and, at eight o'clock in the evening, a Bible class, where singing and prayer has been introduced. At each of these exercises the Lord manifests himself to our souls.

On the first Sabbath of the month we hold a special prayer-meeting for a revival of God's work among the churches of Christ in general, and our little band in particular. Such seasons are precious; and there can be no doubt of the issue. Brother Sharman, of Rosenalis, preached for us, on last Lord's day but one, with great acceptance. I trust he is a spiritually-minded man, and one that will be eminently useful at Coolany. We have, at our prayer-meeting, committed him to the care of the Good Shepherd, and treated that he might be strengthened by the teaching of the Holy Spirit for the great and important work in which he is about being engaged.

The Same, December the 25th, 1837.— I find that during the past month the Lord has enabled me to preach twenty-three times, to sometimes large and interesting congregations, to attend four scripture reading meetings, and to visit some families for reading and prayer. I bless the Lord that through much severe weather my health is preserved, and that I am spared to the end of the year in his service. The new year, if spared, I look forward to with much interest, for I expect that our little church, ere the end of another year, will be considerably increased. I feel great pleasure in saying that my private visits appear to have been blessed in one or two instances. John Case and Thomas Howe both converted men— never prayed in public, even with their families, until I came amongst them, and now it is pleasing to hear them pray at our meetings; and they allow no day to pass without offering up the morning and evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with their families. I have lately come to lodge in Howe's house, and observe with pleasure the good effects of Christian example. May the Lord be praised for these tokens of his approbation. Since my last letter, Mr. Fraser, to whom I lately referred as being ill, has departed this life, and there is reason to hope that he died happy; not one word es-

caped his lips that would lead to suppose that he has not forgiven his murderer. I preached in Donoughmore, on the occasion; and I hope the dispensation is sanctified to his afflicted family. The station at Donoughmore is very interesting. I have preached there three times since my last letter to increasing congregations; and from this we are likely to have an addition to the church.

I have taken in two new stations this month, Corbally, near town, and Roscrea, a large town, in the county of Tipperary, nineteen miles distant; preached in the latter town Lord's day the 17th, in the morning at 10 o'clock; held a conversational meeting at 1, and preached again in the evening at 8 o'clock. The place was small, but was much crowded with attentive hearers. Brother Booth, though not in very affluent circumstances, having fitted up the place, at his own expense, he is very urgent that I should come once a month, at least, to Roscrea. I have therefore arranged to preach for them the second Lord's day of every month (the Lord permitting). Brother Booth thinks the place will be too small, but he and a few others propose in this case to look out for another place at their own expense.

The congregation at Abbeylieux continues steady; there is, at least, no decrease; but I think if the chapel could be rendered more comfortable, the congregation would be larger, for it is exceedingly damp, the situation is low, the floor earthen, and the appearance not at all inviting; the vestry thrown down, and the baptistry closed up. I felt a little surprised that it should have been neglected so much.

I would also very respectfully lay another case before you. Whilst our English brethren are doing so much for the promotion of God's glory in this land, we ourselves are doing very little. I have mentioned this to one or two ladies, and they agreed with me that an effort should be made to collect something toward the funds of your society, and they promise, if furnished with cards, to make the attempt. Brother Booth, of Roscrea, also thinks something might be done, and I have no doubt that respectable and pious persons would be found to become collectors. Should this meet with your approbation, would you have the kindness to send a few cards containing a general view of the proceedings of the Society. [Cards have been sent.]

On looking around me, and beholding the great destitution of my countrymen, I thought it better not to confine myself to Abbeylieux, and with this view I have arranged to preach alternately on Sabbath days here and at other important stations. Time is short and uncertain; precious souls are perishing for want of the bread of life; the messengers of peace are few and widely separate. May

the Lord enable all his servants to work whilst it is called to-day.

William Thomas, Limerick, Nov. 20, 1837.

—I have sent you by post the statement of the schools for the quarter, under my superintendance, and with this I forward the readers' journals, all which I hope will be gratifying to their kind supporters.

The schools at Castle Connell and O'Brian's-bridge, which I inspected on the 9th, have considerably increased and improved.

I went to preach at Adare, on the 13th, and to inspect the school at Drahidhasna on

the 14th, which has also increased and improved. After I inspected, lectured, and prayed with the children, the good clergyman who was coming to Limerick, went back when he saw me, and proposed I should preach in the school-house that evening, to which I gladly agreed, he sent round and collected a congregation of from sixty to seventy persons to whom I preached. He gave out the hymns; his family attended; he repeatedly thanked me for the sermon, and hoped I would soon come again. He is no high church bigot, but anxiously wishes to promote the Saviour's cause.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

From Dec. 20, 1837, to Jan. 20, 1838.

Bedford:—			
Thomas King, Minister	1 1 0	Newcastle-on-Tyne	24 6 0
Thomas Kilpin	0 10 0	North Shields	6 17 6
Do. do., by a Friend	1 0 0	South Shields	3 1 1
Mrs. Galc	0 10 0	Berwick-on-Tweed	13 17 0
Mr. Green	0 10 0	Fordforge	6 0 0
Mr. Brashier	0 5 0	Edinburgh	145 17 7
Mrs. William Smith	0 5 0	Cupar, Fife	6 18 6
Mrs. Wells	0 5 0	Dundee	21 17 0
Miss E. Langley	0 5 0	Montrose	8 4 6
Mrs. White	0 5 0	Aberdeen	28 14 5
Eben. Malden	0 5 0	Elgin	2 0 0
Benjamin Malden	0 2 6	Perth	18 14 2
Mr. Hill	0 2 6	Stirling	2 10 0
Mr. Burr	0 2 0	Loughton, by Rev. Samuel Brawn and Friends	7 0 0
Mrs. Marsden	0 1 0	Seven Oaks, Rev. Thomas Shirley:—	
Mrs. Gamby	0 10 0	Ladies' Association, for Irish School	8 0 0
Mr. Young	0 10 0	Mr. Harrison, subscription	1 1 0
Mrs. Worth's Missionary Box	0 5 0	Mrs. Thorpe, donation	1 0 0
Mr. Jos. Kilpin and Sister	0 6 0	Lover of the Saviour	1 0 0
	7 0 0	Brooms Grove, by Mr. Harwood	1 0 0
Collection	2 0 0	Reigate, Rev. E. Lewis	1 6 6
	9 2 0	Miss Lum, Bolton	40 0 0
Camberwell, part of collections at Rev. Edw. Steane's	16 0 0	New Mill, by Mr. Grover	5 17 6
Ashford collection by Rev. T. Davis	3 14 0	Tottenham, S. S., by Mrs. Fletcher	2 8 9
Weston by Weedon, by Mr. W. Morris	2 1 6	Reading:—	
By Rev. J. Finch, Harlow:		Mr. Williams	1 0 0
Rev. J. Stewart, Sawbridgeworth	5 0 0	Mr. P. Davies	0 10 6
Mr. Stevens, do.	1 0 0	Mr. Day	0 10 0
Friends at Harlow	3 10 0	Mr. Noon	0 10 0
Donation, Mr. Stanger, Fen Court	2 0 0	Mr. S. Cooper	0 10 0
Olney, by Mr. Saul, Mission Fund	3 0 0	Mr. Rhodes	0 10 0
The Misses A. H. and M. Smith	2 0 0	Mrs. Wayland	0 10 0
Wootton-under-Edge, by Miss Strong, through Mr. John Watts	5 0 0	T. Lodge, Esq.	0 10 6
Donation, F. Meredith, by Mr. Pritchard	0 5 0	Mr. J. Davies	0 10 0
Rev. T. Moore, Shadwell, annual	0 10 0	Mr. Brown	0 10 0
Rayleigh, by Rev. J. Pilkington *	2 0 0	Mr. Champion	0 5 0
By Rev. Stephen Davis:		Mr. W. T. Pledge	0 5 0
Tottenham	27 8 6	Mr. Johnson	0 5 0
Watford	1 0 0	Mr. C. Standerwick	0 5 0
London	11 10 0	Mr. J. Alnutt	0 7 6
Canterbury	11 11 0	Rev. G. Cole	0 5 0
Ripon	0 18 8	Mr. D. Vines	0 5 0
Stockton	3 6 6	Mr. S. Collier	0 5 0
Darlington	3 17 6	Mr. Lediard	0 5 0
		Three Friends	0 7 6
			8 11 0
		By Rev. W. Thomas, Limerick:	
		Clonmell	3 10 0
		Waterford	2 5 0

* Mr. P.'s donation of old clothes would be very acceptable.