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#### FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

#### PATNA.

The following letter from Mr. Beddy, dated Patna, 15th of April, furnishes affecting evidence of the strength of those prejudices which obstruct the reception and acknowledgment of the truth among the inhabitants of India. Meanwhile, famine is spreading fearful desolation through a wide and populous district, where there are few indeed to direct the perishing multitudes to the To use the expressive only refuge. language of an ancient prophet, God is marching through the land in indignation, and threshing the heathen in his anger. Oh, that this may be but the prelude to the displays of his healing mercy!

Patna, 15th April, 1838.

My dear Brother,

Since I had last the pleasure of addresssing you, I have been out in a district called Tirhoot, and although nothing particular occurred beyond the ordinary course of missionary work, preaching and distributing the word, yet on the whole I felt much gratified with my journey from the kind manner I was received by many, and the number of tracts, &c., that I was called on to distribute. There is little opposition now to be met with in preaching, except from the Mohammedans, who still continue to testify the greatest bitterness and opposition to every attempt to preach salvation through the atonement of our blessed Lord: but alas, here the matter scems to stand; there appears to be a heartlessness with regard to salvation and future things among the people that almost baffles description.

However, amidst these desponding scenes, now and then a something scems to spring up to revive our spirits, but this awful stumbling-block, caste, presents itself as a

barrier that no trifling energy, and no ordinary degree of faith can surmount. I am not without hope, that there are three or four, at least, here who are almost persuaded to renounce caste and all for Christ: but it is a great sacrifice. A servant of mine, of almost the lowest caste, a sweeper, whom I have had with me for about five years, and on whom I yet hope the word has made some impression, voluntarily gave up caste, he said, for Christ's sake, and to obtain salvation. He had been telling his family for ten or twelve days he would do so, but they did not believe him sincere; but when he had done the thing, he was assailed with the most indignant treatment, beaten by his sister, and, subsequently, taken away and bound; his mother, wife, and sister declaring they would kill themselves, rather than that he should become a Christian. The sister was also a servant, and the whole of them living on our premises. When persons thus situated acted so, what may we not expect from strangers? His family so far won upon his affections, that he had not power to withstand their solicitations, and he has again taken up caste. What may be the result I cannot tell; the Lord only knows what induced him thus to act, as also if there is any grace in his heart. I have been down during the month of January, to see brother Leslie; you have heard that he is poorly, and my last does not say that he has much improved. My chief object in going down was to assist him, and, if possible, to persuade him to go to sea for the recovery of his health, as both medical and other persons unite in saying that nothing but a voyage to sea will restore his health; but this he positively declines.

We have an awful visitation of Providence to the westward, a famine which is consuming thousands, and yet no cry of repentance, no forsaking their dumb idols. May the Lord in infinite mercy pour out his Spirit upon these dry bones! O that the prayers of his people may be heard, and answers sent in behalf of this poor be-

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nighted land. All around is one barren prospect, no thought, no concern, all dead in trespasses and sins. The weather is now awfully hot; the heat from the ground, even under a shade, something like that sent forth from a great heated furnace: the ground has become dry and hard, just like the hearts of the people around us. We indeed seem to labour in vain and spend our strength for nought, but the Lord's time is fast approaching; soon, soon I hope will India's sons and daughters come bowing before the cross of Christ. Send us prosperity, O Lord!

Yours affectionately, HENRY BEDDY.

#### JAMAICA.

We are happy to announce that the mail from this important island arrived just in time to allow us to insert, in our present number, intelligence as to the manner in which the ever-memorable first of August was celebrated. The question of wages, it must be owned, is one of considerable difficulty, and our missionaries have been called upon to use their influence with both classes, the employers and the labourers, to adjust it to mutual satisfaction.

From the north side of the island, Mr. Oughton writes, under date June 26th

My time is now very fully occupied. Almost all the managers of properties are sending to request that I would assist in fixing scales of wages, &c. with their people, and I am happy to say that the majority of them evince a disposition to act fairly, and meet, by a liberal conduct, the altered and improved spirit of the times. Oh, pray that their prosperity may not become a snare to their souls; but that with civil emancipation they may also receive that more glorious boon of liberty with which Christ makes his people free!

Mr. Phillippo, from Spanish Town, a few days later, on July 7, thus refers to the same subject:—

It cannot be dissembled, that many proprietors and managers seem to manifest every disposition to annoy and impose upon the people under them by idle threats of expulsion from their properties, and by disgraceful proposals for their future services. As a consequence of the dissatisfaction occasioned by these circumstances, and others of a similar kind, occasioned by misrule, I have often, within this last week or

two, been ready to sink beneath the fatigue of travelling from place to place, for the purpose of securing permanent and general good-will.

A day or two ago, I visited almost every estate and penn in the neighbourhood in which I understood the least excitement prevailed,—assembled the people privately in their towns, and at their work, and, with all the earnestness and arguments I could exercise and command, entreated them. even under the most trying circumstances, to manifest the patience, forbearance, and respectful demeanour, of true followers of Christ. Nor, in any single instance, were these efforts unavailing; all, with one voice. declared their resolution to take off the crops without delay, to agree to whatever was equitable, and to cultivate future habits of industry and peace. But, while I have thus judged it advisable to apprise you of the real cause of any discontent that may possibly reach your ears, I would, at the same time, guard you against the apprehension of any thing extreme. The 1st of August, I doubt not, will pass over with all the peacefulness and sanetity of a Sabbath; and the majority of the planters, I am persuaded, acting in accordance with the spirit and changes of the time, will secure the willing services of the people on the following Monday. This, however, I may say, I have obtained almost as a pledge from the whole apprentice population by whom I am surrounded, both in town and country, amounting probably to 10,000 individuals. Some of the proprietors and attorneys, and these among the most wealthy and respectable, have submitted for my remarks their calculations relative to a scale of wages, &c.: at the same time declaring their determination, as ultimately most advantageous to themselves, to act towards their labourers upon the strictest principles of equity. Terms, acceptable and beneficial to all parties once concluded, upon one or two of the principal properties in this parish, under the management, or in the possession of persons heretofore reputed liberal and humane, I have cheerfully offered my services to facilitate their universal adoption, as far as my humble influence extends; and I have no doubt, from the character of the persons with whom the proposals originate, and from the importance and influence of the parish, that such an impetus will be given as will secure their speedy adoption, more or less extensively, by the mass. As the effect of the changes that are so rapidly progressing, and as illustrative of the ease with which men regulate their policy by their interests, I must not omit to inform you of the bright and glorious prospects which are now opening up to us for the

presecution of our glorious work. I am [ persuaded, that there is now scarcely a proprietor or manager, of any extent, in the whole district which I occupy, but who would be glad to afford me all the encouragement in his power in imparting religious instruction to his people. At the present moment, I have invitations from not fewer than a dozen of the most influential individuals in town and country, to establish schools and preaching in the vicinity of their estates, accompanied, in almost every case, by an offer of land and materials for the purpose of a religious establishment. British Christians, come, or send over, and help us! What is to be done must be done quickly, for the fields are ripe, and the harvest is great.

From the various communications dated subsequently to the day of freedom, we select that furnished by Mr. Tinson, particularly as its postscript is of the latest date of all the letters by the present mail.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 3, 1838.

My very dear Sir .-The ever-memorable day has passed, and passed peacefully, happily, and I hope piously. I should like to have written to you on its close, but was too much exhausted with its delightful labours, and yesterday was also a busy season. In passing the streets and lanes of our city, on the evening of the 31st ult., as the sun retired for the last time from a land of slavery, expressions of thankfulness, and mutual congratulation, met the ear from all directions.
"Thank God—freedom is come—I give you joy"-were the welcome sounds that floated on the breeze. Several places of worship were open at midnight, in which the assembled multitudes listened to suitable addresses, or chanted the funeral dirge of slavery at the moment of its decease, and hailed the birth of freedom with songs of praise. There was no rude or noisy mirth. A number of small parties continued during the night to serenade our citizens, and some of them treated us with instrumental as well as vocal music; and, though they stole my sleep, which I could ill afford to lose, in prospect of a laborious day, I willingly forgave the theft. The pieces I heard sung were mostly sacred, consisting of some of our well-known and beautiful hymns, such as those beginning, "Jesus, lover of my soul;" "All hail the power of Jesus' name; and "O'er the gloomy hills of darkness."

We commenced our services in Hanoverstreet at half-past three in the morning. From thence till day-light the time was

chiefly occupied in reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. The congregation was large; God was with us; and the spirit of prayer was evidently enjoyed. Four members engaged who had all been slaves; and I never remember hearing them pray with more feeling or propriety-a chastened emotion of gratitude seemed almost to overpower them; and, on one occasion, nearly all the congregation were in tears, not of sorrow, but of grateful adoration, for the distinguished boon which the Giver of all good had conferred. The recognition of Divine power in the change effected, was very prominently evinced in their prayers; and most fervently did they bless God for the missionaries, whom they viewed as instruments in the great work. At half-past ten I preached to a crowded audience, from Psalm cl. 1, 2. In the afternoon, we took a view of the origin and progress of West Indian slavery, with the means employed for its abolition; that the mind might be furnished with incentives to gratitude, from a survey of the miseries they had escaped, and the methods by which their redemption had been accomplished. The services of the day were concluded by a discourse in the evening on John viii. 36. On each occasion, the privileges and duties that would arise out of this new state of society were fully and faithfully set before the people, to which they listened with the greatest attention

In the chapel at East Queen-street, service was conducted all day by our esteemed brother Mr. S. Whitehorne; who is now labouring to supply that church, in addition to the duties of his school.

I mentioned in my last, if I mistake not, that I proposed having a tea-party among the members of our church, on the evening of the 1st of August; but they preferred devoting that day to religious exercises, and have the party on the second. Accordingly, about 500 of the church and congregation sat down together last evening to a social dinner. A large booth was erected for the purpose, in the chapel-yard, Hanover-street, under which the tables were placed, and the ends of the booth ornamented with branches of the palm-tree, tastefully interlaced and decorated with flowers. The party sat down about six o'clock, and separated a little after eight. Several toasts were given; one to "Our beloved Queen," our present Governor, the Earl of Mulgrave, Lord Sligo, Mr. Sturge, and others. The whole was concluded by singing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Greater order and decorum there could not have been; not the slightest disturbance or unpleasantness occurred.

The same evening, an immense concourse

of people assembled a little out of the city, to witness a display of fire-works, transparencies, &c.; and it ought to be recorded, for the credit of the community, that not a single instance of riotous or disorderly conduct took place. Between eight and nine o'clock the great mass of the people returned home; and by ten there was scarcely one to be seen. There has been no uproarious mirth among the multitude, but the whole has been a scene of chastened joy.

Mrs Tinson has been spending some time at Yallahs, and is still there, chiefly with a view of promoting the interests of the school. From her I have received, this morning, an interesting account of that station. As I could not leave Kingston at this season, I sent my worthy old friend, Mr. Graham, our senior deacon, to conduct the services, and preside over the festivities, at Yallahs; and a pleasant time they have had there. Mrs. T. writing on the 31st of July, speaking of the school under the new master, says, "I was in the school-room nearly all day yesterday. Mr. R. appears to understand his business, and the children attend to him with great cheerfulness. Although to many of them every thing was new, they all did remarkably well. At twelve o'clock, the children were let out for half an hour, and I assure you they formed a pretty group, under the shade of the mango trees. Could you have seen them, I am sure it would have rejoiced your heart; they appeared so happy they knew not what to do with themselves. As I sat viewing them I thought it was worth the journey from Kingston to see.

"Wednesday morning, August 1. This is, indeed, a happy day. I could not sleep last night for joy at what God is doing here. Many of the people came yesterday, to prepare for the services and entertainments of to-day. Some were fetching water; some cleaning the chapel; some fixing the tables; others baking bread; some killing their pigs, and some cooking; but every face lighted up with joy: and of this morning I cannot give you a description, it has been so delightful. We have had a fine school; many more children have entered; and the people crowded from all quarters, till, at service time, the chapel and school-house were full, and many in the yard. They have been coming since four o'clock this morning. I could not get into the chapel, it was perfectly crammed; so I took a seat, with many others, under the trees."

In the evening, Mrs. T. adds, "After the religious services of the day, not less than from eight to nine hundred sat down to dinner. They have just finished their repast, and are now singing the Infant School hynn called 'Joyful;' but, instead of say.

ing, 'O that will be joyful,' they are singing, 'O this is joyful.' All has been conducted in the most orderly and peaceable manner; the people are neat and clean in their dress, and seem more than happy. I never saw such a scene in my life, I wish the friends in England could look upon us."

I add no more, than that I am,
My dear Sir, yours, &c.
JOSHUA TINSON.

P.S.-August 14. There has been no packet since the previous date, till to-day, All is quiet; and I believe the people would generally, if not universally, settle down to work in good earnest, if their employers would come to terms, on a fair and equitable footing; but they have been so long accustomed to have every thing for nothing, that many of them cannot readily bring their minds to the idea of paying wages; and they wish the people to work for very little, in some cases, not enough to support them at any rate. Nevertheless, I have no apprehension but all will be well after a while. Last evening, I had a deputation of three poor men from St. Mary's, a distance of thirty miles, beseeching me to visit them, and get a white minister for them. They said, they were not less than seven hundred people, all calling themselves Baptists, with thousands around, but no school amongst them, nor any person fit to lead them. Oh, that the church of Christ would awake to its duty and its privilege! What can be done?

### HOME PROCEEDINGS.

# EXTRA CONTRIBUTION FOR TEN MISSIONARIES.

To the Contributors to the Effort for sending out Ten Additional Missionaries to India.

Brighton, Sep. 18, 1838.

Dear Christian Friends,--

About fourteen months ago, I was impelled by a sense of duty to urge on the attention of the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society, the destitute, and yet promising state of British India, and was in consequence (in counexion with my esteemed friend, Dr. Hoby) kindly encouraged to appeal to your Christian benevolence, for the means of sending out, without delay, ten additional missionaries to labour in that vast country. The total amount solicited for the expenses of preparatory study, passage, and outfit, of each of the ten missionaries proposed, was £500, which, with £1000 for the erection of a native

chapel and school-room at Calcutta, raised the amount desired to £6000. It is now my pleasing duty to inform you, that (including a few sums promised, but not yet received), rather more than the whole amount has been subscribed; so that, so far as pecuniary matters are concerned, the effort has been crowned with complete success.

In announcing a result so delightful, my colleague and myself desire first to acknowledge the kindness of that blessed Being, who is himself the Fountain of goodness. and the Author of every good word and work, and who breathes into his people a spirit of benevolence, as well as accepts the offerings which that spirit prompts them to present. To Him would we render praise for the happy completion of the object. It would be unjust, however, were we not to acknowledge also the obligations under which we are laid to those of His people whose generosity has secured its accomplishment. We would especially thank our excellent Treasurer, and his family, as well as several members of the Committee, who by their noble donations at the commencement of the effort, manifested to others their deep sense of its importance; to the Rev. Dr. Reed, the Rev. R. Knill, and several friends of other denominations, who exhibited so liberally their interest in exertions beyond the circle of their own communion, and to the "Benevolent Unknown," whose individual munificence provided the entire expense of a chapel and school-room. At the same time, we would express our gratitude to persons in restricted circumstances, who in proportion to their means, have given with equal generosity; and to many servants and others in the lower ranks of life, who, after listening to the miseries of the heathen, have, unsolicited, pressed on us the acceptance of their contributions.

I frequently picture to myself the joy with which the labourers furnished by your liberality will be welcomed by our brethren in India. Such aid has been long and earnestly desired. When Mrs. P. and myself were leaving India, Mr. Carapeit C. Arutoon, one of the Society's earliest Missionaries, handed me a copy of Rennell's Indian Atlas, desiring me to present it in his name to the Committee. It was accompanied with the following message, expressed in his usual simple and interesting manner,-" Pray show this large map of Hindustan to the Committee," said he, "and tell them, that they, and British Christians in general, must surely have forgotten how large India is, or how few missionaries they have sent to labour for its salvation.'

Our other brethren in Calcutta, enfeebled by the continued illness and temporary absence from their stations of three of their

number, and compelled in consequence to relinquish most interesting exertions, have sometimes indulged the language of remonstrance and complaint, at no further aid being afforded them. Our brethren labouring alone at Colombo, Monghyr, and other places, greatly need associates to assist and encourage them in their duties. The native Christians, in a touching appeal to their British brethren, have earnestly solicited fresh labourers from England; and, when I asked a number of interesting children what I should bring them from Europe, even they begged for "more missionaries, to instruct themselves and their countrymen." With what pleasure and gratitude, then, will all receive the brethren who have already sailed, and those who, we hope, will shortly follow them. In the name, therefore, of the European Missionary brethren who have long been suffering from the pressure of accumulated labours; of the valuable native preachers, promising candidates for the ministry, and infant Christian churches, who yet look to foreign agents as their guides and instructors; of the rising Christian, Hindu, and Mahomedan population, who now long for Christian instruction-all of whom solicit your aid: as well as in the name of the vast multitude of natives, not yet wishing your assistance, it is true, but on that very account the more in need of it, and yet we trust to be benefited by it .- I affectionately thank you for your generous contributions. May the blessed Redeemer. the progress of whose kingdom you desire to promote, graciously accept your offerings. and return into your own bosoms a thousand-fold the sacrifices you have made for his glory! Follow every missionary, my dear friends, with your fervent prayers for the divine blessing on his efforts. Then may you be privileged to hear of multitudes whose conversion to Christ shall give you abundant pleasure while on earth; and who, acknowledging you under God as the means of their salvation, may at last, "when you fail, receive you into everlasting habitations."

Permit me to add, that, while your kindness has provided the means of sending out to India more labourers, enlarged efforts will be necessary for their future support. Nor is this all: the call for more missionaries is loud from the West as well as from the East; while the Society is so crippled from want of funds, that it cannot listen to the urgent solicitations which it receives. My state of health (although considerably improved) will not allow my waiting on those who have not contributed to the extra effort for India; but I trust that, without solicitation, they will gladly forward douations corresponding in amount to those now ac-

knowledged from their brethren, in order to relieve the Society from the debt which at present so painfully embarrasses it. I hope, also, that all its friends will give it themselves, and secure it from others, that enlarged support in annual contributions, on which the stability and extent of its operations must ever chiefly depend. The exertions of the Christian Church in former years, are quite inadequate to the exigencies of the present time; and the conversion of the world is surely an object of sufficient

importance to excite and justify more liberal contributions than have been hitherto afforded. Happy they who give in some degree in proportion to the importance of the object, and their obligation to make known to others that mercy which they have themselves experienced, and to which they are indebted for their highest enjoyments, and their dearest hopes.

I remain, dear Christian friends, Yours very sincerely, W. H. PEARCE.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

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Mr. Quant, of Turk's Island, presents his thanks for a parcel of clothing from the Misses Reeve, of Taunton, which has proved very acceptable.

From Mr. Knibb, Falmouth, July 20:-

"My sincere thanks are presented to the Sabbath School Union for a valuable supply of school books; to the Young Ladies at Hackney, for a very acceptable box of useful articles; to an Unknown Friend, for a neat and large supply of needles and cases; and to my highly esteemed friends at Worcester for a box, which is not yet landed. To these, and other friends, I will write after the first of August."

Thanks are returned to Thomas Chevely, Esq., of Clapham, for a parcel of Magazines.

\*. A Brief Sketch of the Mission, and of its various stations, &c., in the East and West Indies, has just been printed, and may be had on application at the Mission House, or Mr. G. Wightman, 24, Paternoster Row, at 6s. per 100.

### IRISH CHRONICLE.

OCTOBER, 1838.

Subscriptions and Donations received by the Secretary, Rev. S. Green, 61, Queen's Row, 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 Messers. MILLARD, Bishopsgate Street; Sanders, 104, Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury; Laddroke & Co., Bankers, Bank Buildings; by the Rev. C. Anderson, Edinburgh; the Rev. Mr. Innes, Frederick Street, Edinburgh; the Rev. J. Ford, 8, Richmond Hill, Rathmines-road, Dublin; by Mr. J. Hopkins, Bull Street, Birmingbam; by Mr. J. H. Allen, Norwich; and by any Baptist Minister, in any of our principal towns.

Messrs. HINTON and STOVEL report of their journey as follows:-

Dear Brother Green,-London, August 11, 1838. Having, by the good providence of God, been preserved through the journey we undertook at the request of the Baptist Irish Society, we give you, as desired, for the Chronicle, a brief outline of our proceedings.

We landed at Waterford, after a pleasant passage from Bristol, on Wednesday, the third of July; and were most kindly welcomed by our excellent brother Hardcastle, the pastor of the Baptist church in that place. One of us on the following day commenced his tour. preaching at New Ross on Thursday, Enniscorthy on Friday, spending the Sabbath at Wexford, and returning to Waterford for Monday Evening; from whence he made his way, by Clonmel and Vermoy, to Cork, against the following Sabbath. In the mean time, the other of us visited the two watering places of Dunmore and Tramore, and spent the Sabbath in Waterford; thence taking the sea-coast, by Dungarvon and Youghal, to the same point, Cork. From hence, a visit was paid to Bandon; and, after various services at Cork, on Wednesday we proceeded to Killarney, where we both preached in the evening, and on the morrow divided, one to Mallow and Charleville, the other to Tralee and Tarbert. At Limerick we met again; one of us occupying Dr. Townley's pulpit on the 22nd, and the other preaching at two country stations, Castle Connell and O'Brien's bridge. Mr. Thomas, of Limerick, who gave us "a hundred thousand welcomes," had devised an open air service for noon on Monday, in Lord Dunraven's park, at Adarc, for which his Lordship had kindly granted permission; and, on Tnesday, we again parted, one to take the route of Athlone and Kilbeggan, and the other that of Abbeyliex and Maryborough. We thus met in Dublin, for the 29th, where we rendered our services to the brethren of our own denomination, and to the congregation of Mr. Cooper.

It would ill entertain the readers of the Irish Chronicle, if we were to record the names of all the places, of all sizes, at which, during the course of this journey, we testified the gospel of the grace of God. Let it suffice to say that, Saturdays excepted, always once, and often twice a day, we were engaged in doing so. Our reception, generally—the exceptions were few and unimportant—by Christians of all denominations, was in the highest degree cordial and gratifying; and the greatest pains, assiduity, and kindness, were in all cases manifested by our brethren more immediately concerned in making managements for our movements, and in facilitating our progress. We feel deeply obliged to

them all, and cannot but commend them all to the grateful esteem of others.

How far our labours were either acceptable or useful, can be better told by others than by ourselves. We feel that they have been connected with many causes of humiliation, and that they constitute but a slender—though we hope not an unwilling-offering to Him we serve. We beg the prayers of our brethren, that they may be followed by his blessing.

As to the Society's labours, it was not our object to survey them; nor have we seen more than a very few of their stations. The general condition of Ireland, of course, awakens strong emotions, and requires deep consideration. Lamentable religious and social evils have their fangs deep in the bosom of that fine country. How to cure them is a problem to all parties; and we shall be happy, if the best attention we have been able to give to the case shall enable us to throw out any hints in the Committee which may contribute to its solution.

We are, dear brother, most truly yours,

Mr. Berry, September 3, writes to the Secretary:

Dear Sir. --

Your kind letter of the 20th ult., has encouraged me very much. The hands of your labourers are sometimes heavy, and their hearts faint; and we need, not only the comforting and sustaining influence of the Holy Spirit, but also the good wishes, the prayers. the advice, and the support, of those under whom we labour. Your permission to hire rooms for preaching in large and populous towns, together with the assistance you afford me of carrying the word of life and of peace, by means of a Scripture Reader, to my deluded and benighted countrymen, calls forth gratitude to God, as well as sincere thanks to you. May these increased means of promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in this district be attended with corresponding effects. Mr. Jackman has not yet called upon me, but I hope he soon will. Mr. Hinton's visit to this neighbourhood has not been in vain; two of the people with whom he conversed on the morning he was leaving this, have since proposed to be baptized; and kindly feelings are awakened in those who have heard his sermons. I always thought that annual visits from you would promote the cause; and, I am still persuaded, that under the blessing of God, your perseverance in this plan will be attended with salutary effects; and, if the visit could be extended to two months instead of one, greater good might be expected. I think I perceive our prospects brightening, and our cause progressing. When we commenced our special prayer-meetings on Monday evenings for the Holy Spirit, at our first we had four present, at our second five; but, latterly, we have seldom less than fourteen, six of whom publicly implore the divine influence. At these meetings a revival is manifest, and I trust I can say, that, in some measure, we sit not still after prayer, but proceed to work whilst it is called to-day, knowing that the same Jehovah who has promised the Spirit to those who ask, has also commanded us " in the morning to sow the seed, and in the evening not to withhold the hand."

Upon reading the accounts from Jamaica in the Missionary Heralds, my heart was frequently cheered. "Surely the Lord is doing great things for them, whereof we are all glad." These feelings of joy, however, were frequently mingled with gloomy doubts, both of myself and others, for I concluded, that if we were as faithful, as active, as pious in this country as the dear brethreu in the West Indies, that the Irish Chronicle would furnish the supporters of missions with tidings of good, as much as the Missionary Herald. These doubts as to myself were overruled for good, for they have frequently led to self-examination and prayer.

Of the station at the barracks I hope well. I commenced preaching here about four months ago, and, although the regiment has been since changed, I receive a hearty welcome from their successors. Tracts are very thankfully received by them, and a disposition to hear the gospel evinced. By introducing myself into such places, many Roman Catholics come under the sound of the Gospel. Indeed, the last time but one that I preached for them, a Roman Catholic serjeant addressed the men before the service, advising them to preserve decorum, and afterwards listened with attention himself.

Michael Mullarky, August 10th, 1838, writes to the Secretary:—

Dear Sir.—

Since Mr. Farmer's arrival in this town, in consequence of his taking up the most important of my meetings in the town and neighbourhood, I had more time for itinerating than before, which has enabled me to extend my labours, I trust with some advantage. Having read at a very early period, in the Society's reports of a station at the Kilcooly Hills, situated about twenty-two Irish miles from this town, and about twelve from Thurles, I determined to visit it, I had to walk alone. On my way I endeavoured to procure a place to preach in Littleton, a small town four miles from Thurles, but failed. After doing what I could, in the way of distributing tracts and conversation, I proceeded to the Hill, where I arrived about three o'clock in the afternoon. After going from house to house some time, distributing tracts and conversing with the people there also, I unexpectedly met with a good man, of the name of Wm. H., who had been a member of the little church; and, with the exception of his wife, the only remaining Baptist. Through his assistance, I got a house to preach in; and he and I warned a congregation, who assembled from the neighbouring villages, and heard with the greatest attention. It was delightful, to one acquainted with the ignorance, bigotry, and wretchedness which prevail in many parts of this country, to behold their eager eyes fixed upon me, while I was endeavouring to direct them to the Rcdeemer, and hear their solemn praises to the Almighty for an opportunity of hearing the gospel. On the following morning, we had a smaller congregation in another part of the district, with whom we continued in conversation and prayer the greater part of the day. In this exercise I had cause to praise God that the seed already sown by the Society on the top of this mountain is not entirely lost, but that there is reason to hope, that by prayer, perseverance, and zeal, in dependence upon Divine aid, that it will be brought to spring up, and bring forth unto eternal life.

We were much pleased with a young man of the name S—. who, we were led to think, is anxious to be baptized. In the evening, we returned to where we met the evening before, when a still larger congregation was assembled. From the house being narrow, I was obliged to take them into the open air. After meeting, some of the persons present promised to commence a prayer-meeting the following Sabbath. I have now a letter before me from Mr. H——, requesting of me to visit them again; in which he informed me that they have commenced the prayer-meeting, and that fourteen attend; which I trust is the commencement of great things.

Last week, I visited the village of Portlan, sixteeen miles from this town in the Waterford direction. In the village, there is a cotton factory, in which 1500 persons are employed, and the village contains a population of from three to four thousand inhabitants. without any stated means of evangelical instruction. I was accompanied by a young surgeon, of the name Russell, from Thurles, whose brother, a pious young man, and I believe the only religious character in the neighbourhood, holds a situation in the factory. He, from his attending the persons connected with the factory professionally, was well acquainted with the neighbourhood, and accompanied me to some of the cabins, where we had interesting conversations, and gave away some tracts, which were gladly received, after we read portions of them in their hearing, which seems a good plan to overcome the prejudice which the priests inculcate against these little silent missionaries. We warned the people for preaching in Mr. Russell's parlour, in the evening, which we were pleased to find crowded to excess, with several persons outside the windows, hearing attentively. Some of those who attended earnestly requested that I would recommend the Society to take up this neglected village as a permanent station; at the same time, promising to hire a house, and pay the rent themselves, and to enter into a subscription to build a little place of their own. Both these villages, from their large population, destitution of the means of grace, the desire manifested for the gospel, and the facility that little churches formed in each of these places would afford to the introduction of the Scriptures into the dark and extensive neighbourhood which surround them, demand the immediate attention of the Society. When spheres of labour like these present themselves here, every effort should be made to cultivate them. I have promised to go to Palaw next Sabbath day. I expect to return on Monday; and go by Thurles to the Hills on Tuesday; and expect large and interesting congregations in both places.

Extract from Denis Mulbern's Journal for July last.

21. In the neighbourhood of Backs, from ten in the morning to six in the evening, visited eleven families, and read the Scriptures in nine of them, and distributed seventeen tracts. In most of these families I was well received, particularly in Robert M'Tanulty's, Coolcran-more, and John Clark's, of Cloughan. In the former, I read part of Matt. i., and made some remarks on the nature and design of the mission of the Son of God. After a little conversation with this man, I perceived that, although a Roman Catholic, he must have been in the habit of reading or hearing the Scriptures. I inquired if he could read, and if he had got a Bible or Testament? He said he had, and instantly drew out of a hole in the wall, from between two stones, a Testament; but so defaced by soot and smoke as to be entirely illegible. He said, that he had received it as a present about five years ago, from one of the London Hibernian Society's agents. He blessed God that he ever did receive it, and that be had learned from it much about Jesus Christ, of whom he had been before entirely ignorant. He referred to 1 John i. 7; and remarked, that he was fully convinced, that nothing but the blood of Jesus could wash away any sin. He also remarked, in answer to something I had said, that he never would in future enter a Roman Catholic chapel, or have any thing to do with a priest, were it not that he feared his neighbours would throw down his cabin upon him, or even take his life. I believe that this is the only tie that now binds many in this country to the Church of Rome. In the house of John Clarke I read Isa, liii.. made some remarks, and closed by prayer; present thirteen, all Roman Catholics; before I closed, seven more dropped in. I proposed to give a tract to each person in the house who could read, but how was I surprised to find, that in this case I could only give five tracts. I had five copies of the tract (No. 297) "A letter to one who cannot read; which were eagerly and thankfully received.

Mr. Sharman, July 31, 1838, writes to the Secretary:—

My dear Brother,-

Our schools, in one or two instances, have been attacked by the Romish priests; and our congregations, in order to prevent my preaching in some places, and the people coming to hear in others, by the Protestant Priests. This opposition has arisen from the circumstance of my having baptized three individuals on Lord's day, the 8th of July. I may preach as often as I please, but not to interfere with any of the parishioners. These persons have been added to our little church in Coolancy. One of them since has met with much opposition; her family are quite

against her having any thing to do with the Dippers. Some four or five months back she could enjoy herself as any other young female, amidst the pleasures of the world; but I trust the Lord has convinced her, by his Divine Spirit, of the evil of sin; I have reason to believe her to be a converted character. Although she has a distance of nearly three miles to walk to Coolaney every Lord's day, yet her attendance is regular; this I regard as a mark of sincerity, the more so as she could be very comfortably conveyed to the parish church, in a good car, with the rest of her family.

In my last, I think, I mentioned something about my having commenced a Sabbath school in this place. You will be glad to know, it is doing far better than I at all anticipated; there are on the roll eighty; we have an average attendance of sixty-two. From this school, I trust, much good will result, as many attend who cannot come to our daily schools. I have to assist me two female teachers, and four males, whose services are gratuitous. Your very beautiful present of books is indeed welcome, for which we return you our most sincere thanks. These I purpose, please God, distributing amongst the children of the Sabbath school, as premiums to the most deserving. The articles of clothing is another cause of much thanks to our very kind friends on the other side of the

water; they will be of very great use to many naked children, who are inclined to come out, but for their wretched state, for want of some sort of clothing. May the Lord increase your funds an hundredfold more,

As to our daily schools, the attendance, as you will see from the state of the rolls, has not been so good as could be wished for, on account of the hurry of business for the last quarter; this has made much against their progress in learning.

I have been enabled, thank God, for the last month, to attend my appointments pretty much as usual; preaching four to six times each week; these were such as are the nearest home. As I have been engaged whilst inspecting the schools in preaching at these stations in the county Leitrim, where I have been received in a very kind and respectable manner. I hope to be able to make some arrangement shortly that will enable me to visit these out-post stations oftener than I have done for some time back. There are not less than twelve or fourteen stations, where good congregations can be had in the district independent of Coolaney. May the Lord enable me to go on steadily in my Master's cause; and may you he able soon to send me more help; for the harvest is truly great. May the Lord of the harvest send out such as will be the means in his own hand of doing good in poor Ireland. Amen and amen.

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Mr. Dyer has kindly handed to the Secretary sundry articles for the Society; among which is a valuable ivory Indian workbox from Mrs. Bland, which, according to her wishes, Mr. Green is anxious to sell for the best price he can procure, the proceeds being applied to the Society's funds. It was valued some time since at £10.

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