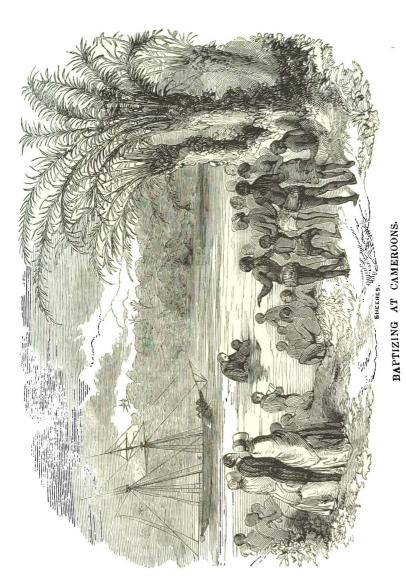
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CAMEROONS.

We present our readers this month with an engraving of the interesting event announced by our missionary brother SAKER in the following letter. It is dated Clarence, November 10, 1849. May this convert be the first of a long series to be gathered into the church of the Redeemer from the Dualla race.

hasten therefore to scribble a line, for I know not of any other vessel to sail from these parts for some time to come. I shall only be able to speak of the labours of the week that has just closed.

Voyage.

Last Monday, at five in the morning, I left Clarence with my wife and Miss Vitou, in the "Dove." At eight o'clock at night we reached Bimbia. At eleven next morning we left that place, being joined by Mr. Newbegin and his wife. Light winds kept us outside during the day till near three, when the approaching tornado gave sufficient notice to secure all the sails, and drop anchor. It was soon over, and in half an hour after we set all sails, to use a strong breeze from the north, and we had good hope of anchoring at Cameroons that night. While the last sail was being set, our fore top mast gave way, and brought down our top-sail and top-The jib-boom was also sprung, gallant-sails. and we were obliged to lower the sail. Thus disabled we made a slow progress, and night came on before we had well cleared all the wreck. We were then obliged to anchor outside, and wait for the morning tide. Daybreak on Wednesday we took our anchor, but were all day getting up the river. At six o'clock we anchored off Bethel. Here we found Johnson and family well; and at eight o'clock we held a prayer meeting with the brethren there, and a goodly company of Duallas.

First Baptism.

At four o'clock next morning we met a large company of Duallas for prayer. This meeting continued till six. On account of the tide, we deferred our next service till eleven o'clock, when we met again in the chapel. Sang and read in Dualla. Mr. Newbegin then explained the chapter I had read, through an interpreter, after which I addressed the congregation in Dualla, and explained the object of our meeting, showed from the scriptures the command of Jesus to disciple all nations and then baptize; that this is enforced by the example of Jesus and the practice of the apostles; then exhorted there (viz., October 14th) nearly 300 were the inquirer to a steadfast adherence to the crowded into it, and every morning and

We have just returned from Cameroons, words of our Lord and the path of righteous-and find a vessel sailing for Liverpool, I ness. We closed with singing and prayer, and then went down to the beach. Another Dualla hymn was followed by an address to the candidate. I then baptized this, our first convert, in the waters of Cameroons. Oh, that this small beginning may be speedily succeeded by the ingathering of a mighty host to the Lord our God! The spectators of this (to them) novel scene were very attentive; silence and order were observed by all. Deep seriousness and anxiety was on the face of many. Mr. Newbegin closed with prayer.

Formation of the Church.

At three we again assembled; brother Newbegin read and prayed, I then stated our object in meeting, read the dimission of Horton Johnson and wife from the church at Clarence, of myself and wife, received Smith, the baptized convert, into our number, and then explained the nature and objects of a Christian church, and closed by reading our constitution, signed by all the five members. Mr. Newbegin then read a requisition of this infant church to me to become its pastor. This I accepted, and in the name of the others, called on Johnson to be the deacon.

Brother Newbegin then preached to us, and our long service was closed by the administration of the Lord's supper.

Thus, dear sir, I have lived to witness what I have long desired intensely, the beginning of a good work at Cameroous, and the formation of a Christian church. Oh, that I may yet see it increased to a thousand souls. And I do hope, for the Spirit of God is doing a large work there. More than twenty inquirers are hanging on my heart and lips with marks of deepest solicitude. The ferocious, demoniacal features are assuming the softness of children, and those who a little time since sought my life, are saying to me, "What shall I do to be saved?" I cannot describe my feelings when I see and hear what I would record if I had but time. Dear sir, pray for us, and rejoice with us too.

The chapel I put up last year is too small. I built it for 200, but the last sabbath I was there (viz., October 14th) nearly 300 were

evening we have nearly fifty coming in for left for Clarence at dark. prayer.

Return.

But I cannot go on now. We left them in the evening, immediately after the last service, and at midnight took up anchor. We arrived at Bimbia Friday afternoon; not be able to visit Cameroons again till the parted with brother Newbegin and wife, and new year. Newbegin and wife are well.

About three o'clock this morning another tornado came on, which did us a little damage, but it blew us homeward at a fearful rate, and we anchored in the cove at seven this morning. Thus far God has blessed us. I am weary and weak. My wife suffers much. Vitou holds out surprisingly. I fear I shall

INDIA.

SAUGOR.

From a letter received from Rev. J. THOMAS, we learn that our sick brother, Mr. MAKEPEACE, had reached Calcutta in safety, and was immediately to embark in the "Maidstone" for England. We cannot withhold from our readers the gratifying letter below, forwarded to the Secretary, and signed by the members of his church. The churches of Christ in this country will welcome with joy among them a brother so highly commended to their affectionate sympathy and prayers, and will listen with deep interest and responsive feeling to the message with which he comes laden from the field of missionary toil. The letter is dated December 1st, 1849.

It was with feelings of unfeigned regret that the baptist church at this station, and the community at large, viewed the departure of the Rev. J. Makepeace from Saugor on the 19th ultimo, more especially at a time when so much good was being effected. He was very highly esteemed by all on account of his zeal for God, his humility and very exemplary Christian conduct, every body showing him acts of kindness up to the moment of his departure, proving thereby that they appreciated his services in the cause of his blessed Master, and commiserated his afflictions. He was obliged, at the recommendation of his medical adviser, to quit his field of labour, from severe indisposition, brought on by excessive exertions for the good of the souls of his fellow creatures, and to return to England to seek, under the divine blessing, a restoration to health. Go where he may he carries with him the good wishes of the baptist church planted here, and of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, it will not be too much to add of the station generally. The church will not cease to pray for his prosperity, remembering the words of the apostle Paul upon himself and his family, and that he may former health and vigour, to prosecute his labours in this land of idolatry.

His labours.

His labours here were incessant, the whole weight of the mission resting upon him, viz., keeping a private school for the support of the native Christians (the boys who attended feel and lament his leaving; one of them said to a person on the eve of Mr. Makepeace's departure, "I am sorry that Mr. Makepeace is going away, for I will lose a good master in him. I would gladly accompany him if my father would allow me,") watching over the members of the church, having stated preachings for the Europeans and natives, studying and preparing his subjects for the purpose, with various other duties, which were evidently too much for him, he being alone. He was also a workman that needed not to be ashamed, who was spending his strength in his Master's cause; but thanks to the Giver of all grace, he did not spend his strength for nought, neither was his labour in vain. No, his labours were blessed by him whose glory he sought; he was the happy instrument in his hands of doing much good, in warning sinners of the evil of their ways, and leading to the Thessalonians and Hebrews, "Pray many who were dead in trespasses and sins, for us," that the blessing of heaven may rest living without God and without hope in the world, to Jesus the only refuge of poor he brought back to us perfectly restored to his miserable sinners, as well as the only hope set before them in the gospel. Many have found pardon, peace, and reconciliation with 2 K 2

God through the blood of the atonement, | home, and will, should the Lord spare him, and are rejoicing in Jesus as their Lord and Master, determining, by his grace assisting them, to live to him who died for them and rose again, and who is now seated on his mediatorial throne interceding for them.

Increase of the church.

In the short space of one year the church has numbered twenty-two, exclusive of six members of other evangelical churches who communicate with them at the Lord's table, and who are very zealous in the cause of our common Lord, helping on the work by every possible means in their power, making in all twenty-eight. Out of this number one has entered into his rest, and another has been removed to a distant station. There are also at the present moment five or six more candidates for admission into the church. What has already been done is a proof of what can further be done, and the necessity there exists for this being permanently occupied as a missionary station. Who can look on the things above mentioned without rejoicing and praising God for his love and mercy in Christ Jesus to our poor fellow mortals? Verily the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we rejoice.

The field and its need.

This is a wide field for missionary labour; there is no labourer at present to enter the field. Will not the thought of the thousands around us perishing for the lack of the knowledge of the glorious gospel of the blessed Saviour, the glad tidings of great joy to all people, arouse many who are abundantly blessed with much of this world's goods, and who are the Lord's stewards, to come forward in this best of all causes, and assist by giving of their abundance to send out missionaries to this and other parts of India? The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few, very few. May we pray to the Lord more earnestly to send forth many more faithful men into his harvest.

The Rev. J. Makepeace is on his way

be better able to lay before your Committee the wants of the people here, and plead the cause of missions in general more ably, from a better knowledge of the state of things, than can well be made known in this letter, for which purpose he has been deputed by the church at Saugor.

Encouragements to labour.

The missionary who may come here in the room of him who has left, will be greatly encouraged to find an open door, the heathen around collecting in large numbers whenever the Lord's servants go out to them with the message of mercy, and are attentive to listen. It is said that when going out into the villages around, the people eager for instruction will say, "Why don't you come oftener? we have been looking out for you, for we are anxious to hear the doctrines of Christianity.

We hope and pray that the Lord will not long leave us without a shepherd, and we feel assured from past experience that he will hear and answer our prayers. It was in answer to prayer that our late pastor was sent, and no doubt but by continual wrest-lings at the throne of grace he will send us another.

Another encouraging fact which ought to be mentioned is, that a chapel is in contemplation of being built, that a sum of 1100 rupees and upwards has been subscribed. The most of that sum has been raised at this station. Many thanks are due to the kind friends who have so kindly assisted in the mission work at this station.

All who see and hear of these doings must feel convinced that the Lord is amongst us, blessing the seed sown by his servants, stretching out his arm to save, plucking sinners as brands from the everlasting burnings, translating them from the kingdom of sin and Satan, into that of his dear Son, and they will no doubt unite with us in ascribing all the praise and glory to God.

Signed by the members of the church.

During the absence of Mr. MAKEPEACE from Saugor, our brother PHILLIPS of Muttra has consented during the present year to occupy his station.

CALCUTTA.

Under the date of January 8th, our esteemed brother, C. B. Lewis, gives the following report of the stations under his care, and of the labours of the last year in which he has been engaged.

The past year has been one of many mer- child, are the most prominent. cies mingled with some severe trials. Among have been unceasing and unspeakable. My the latter, the frequent weakness and sickness of my dear wife, and the death of our beloved | tion good.

The former own health has been almost without interrup-

The stations in my charge are two-Narsigdarchoke and Dum Dum. I will give the particulars relating to each in order.

NARSIGDARCHOKE.

At the commencement of 1849 the number of members was forty-eight. Since then one aged woman has died, we hope in faith; three have been excluded, two of them for conduct unworthy the Christian name, and one in consequence of his own desire to join the flock of a missionary of the Propagation Society in the neighbourhood, confessedly with a view to certain temporal advantages. This man has returned to us after an absence of little more than a month, but we have hitherto refused to re-admit him to membership. On the other hand, one has been haptized, and two restored, leaving us forty-seven, or one less than we were at the beginning of last year. We have had many applications for membership, chiefly from those who have been excluded in former years, but in the absence of very decided evidence of godliness we have left them to stand over for the present. We commence this year with prospects more encouraging. We have four candidates for baptism and six for restoration, and of many of these we hope well. The means of grace have been well attended, and I trust many of our poor people are growing in grace. The native preachers have attended to their duties in a satisfactory manner, but we long to see a deep impression made upon the heathen around, who at present appear altogether hardened and careless, whilst they readily admit that their religious system is a fabric of lies. With regard to contributions to the mission funds, my poor people have done little. They are miserably indigent, yet I hope from the manner in which they have received admonition on this subject, that the present year will witness a beginning -necessarily insignificant in itself, yet as the result of self-denial and Christian benevolence, important and acceptable. All their efforts have hitherto been directed to the relief of the poor amongst themselves. A "gola," or granary, has for some years been harvest season, and grants to the poor are editions.

voted out of it as circumstances demand. school, in which about twenty-five hoys are taught to read and write Bengali, is daily held in Narsigdarchoke. Next I must speak

DUM DUM.

The number of members at the commencement of 1849 was twenty-two. Within the year two have died, and one has been excluded. God has however permitted us to rejoice in increase. Five have been baptized and one received by letter, so that our present number of members is twenty-five. this station there is much to encourage, and much also to dishearten. We have suffered very severely in the past year by the removal of our English members, who are all in the At present, with the exception of army. three whom I baptized on the 23rd of December, there are none of our European members resident with us. All have been drafted off to distant parts of the land, and even these three I have excepted are about to leave on the 25th inst. for Benares or Lahore. May the presence and protection of Christ go with them, so that none of them may be lost. Our congregations are at present good, but probably a week or two hence those who compose them will be on the march to the Upper Provinces, and the results of the word they have heard with us must remain unknown.

I am, as you are probably aware, engaged in the work of carrying through the press some of the versions of God's word which are printed here. In Bengali, a reprint of the whole New Testament, which brother Wenger entrusted to my care in June last, has been completed. I assist brother Wenger also by reading over the proofs of the large Bengali bible now printing. In the same way I continue to help brother Thomas with the proofs of the Hindostani New Testament. Our edition of Henry Martyn's Persian Testament which was commenced in September last, has proceeded to the end of Mark. printed under my editorial care. bestowed much care upon it, and have deestablished. This is stocked with rice in the tected and expunged many errors of former

JESSORE.

Our labouring brother, Mr. PARRY, has been much blessed in his exertions to extend the gospel of Christ in the region where he itinerates. Their results are given in the following letter, dated January 19th, 1850.

Baptisms.

During the past year I had the satisfaction of baptizing thirty-six converts, who enjoyed

the gospel. I have cause to thank God for the grace and mercy bestowed on them. whereby they have continued to evince the sincerity of their faith in the Lord Jesus the henefits of religious instruction for many Christ ever since they acknowledged num to months previous to their public profession of be their Saviour, notwithstanding the hatred

and opposition manifested towards them by are praying for the fructifying influences of their unbelieving countrymen. The greater the Holy Spirit, and looking forward with number of the converts above alluded to great cagerness for the conversion of thouswere Mahomedans previous to their embracing Christianity, which affords us a pleasing indication of the proud Islamist having begun to examine the claims of the gospel. We have every reason to hope that ere long many of the poor deluded followers of the false prophet will renounce the religion of the Koran, and become the disciples of the Son of God. In this district there are upwards of half a million of Mohamedans, and who are in general very ignorant of the Koran. Some of our tracts in Bengali and Hindostani, which we have widely circulated, have tended to enlighten the Mahomedans by exposing the errors of the Koran, the subtlety and fanaticism of Mahomed and the Mahomedan priests, and in the conclusion, by the gospel plan of salvation being briefly and clearly unfolded. These tracts are duly appreciated by most of the Mahomedans within our reach. Wherever we preach, we find generally that one half of our auditors consists of Mahomedans. Both amongst them and the Hindoo population of this district, much seed hath been sown, and we more than it has hitherto done.

ands of souls who are yet walking in the broad road of everlasting destruction.

Another cry for aid.

The want of labourers, I mean native agents, owing to the want of funds for their support, prevents my bringing into cultivation a large portion of the field occupied by myself and native assistants. We pray and hope that the Lord of the harvest will mercifully send forth many labourers. To the above cause I humbly presume the small success which has attended the introduction of the gospel in India is in a great measure to be attributed.

The population of this district is nearly as much as that of Ceylon, where there are quadruple the number of labourers, including ours and other denominations. There the churches may number from six to eight hundred converts. If I had as many native agents to labour with me as the Ceylon mission has, I have no doubt that the cause of

CEYLON.

COLOMBO.

By the January mail, our brother Dawson acquainted the Committee with the reasons that existed for his early return to the invigorating climate of his native land, and proposed to await their reply to his request. He was soon after seized with the most alarming symptoms, and for a short time appeared to be rapidly hastening to the grave. It has, however, pleased the great Keeper of the keys of the gates of death and the grave to spare his life; but its continuance demands that he immediately leave the island. Under these trying circumstances he has by this time embarked for England, leaving our Ceylon mission in the charge of Mr. Allen alone. In a letter, dated January 10, 1850, Mr. Dawson writes:-

permitted to hold my pen. And now I am able to do so, though with a trembling hand, it is to inform you that the doctors deem my case so urgent as to demand my speedy removal from these shores.

A conviction that the Committee will sympathize with me in my affliction, and approve the course I have been compelled to adopt, will bear up my spirits on the voyage, in a tropical clime, He made that rest-house and if the waters of the ocean are to be my to me the house of God and the gate of grave (which from my diseased and shattered heaven. He did not permit a doubt of his state I deem highly probable), I shall not in goodness or my safety to enter my mind, the prospect of dissolution have one regret, and as to the fear of death, it had no place unless it be that for the sake of the cause of in my soul.

Contrary to expectation, I am once more, Christ and my little helpless family, I did not sooner consent to a step-taken at last too late. For myself, I know that under any circumstances, to die will be gain, and I bless the Lord for his sanctifying grace, by which, when apparently on the borders of the invisible world, in a rest-house surrounded by dense jungle, and without an earthly friend at hand, enduring suffering only known

To this we may fitly add a few remarks by our brother Allen, whose increased labours and responsibilities claim the fervent prayers of the servants of our common Master.

I wish it were permitted to me to write in a more cheering tone than that which has pervaded most of my late communications, but it is difficult to appear cheerful when the heart is oppressed with a load of sorrow. I have little more to tell of than stroke upon stroke, and it may cost a struggle to lean on the hand that strikes, and say it is all for the best. Still no doubt it is for the best. My last letter gave tidings of death, and this will speak not of death, but of sickness nigh unto it. Our poor dear brother Dawson lies in the next room, better certainly than when we brought him down six days ago, but illa wreck-a worn-out missionary waiting to be put into a ship for England, whose climate, if it be God's will, is to restore and brace him up, and send him back again to the field of labour that he loves. He has long been shattered, and for the last two months a stranded vessel, for whose going to pieces we have been looking. The doctors sent him have been looking. The doctors sent him away from Kandy last week, but he was obliged to stop at the half-way rest-house to die, as he thought, but Providence ordered it otherwise, and we fetched him in an easy carriage, and on Monday next, if nothing prevent, I go to bring down the family, preparatory to their departure from the island. He is very unwilling to proceed to England before receiving your answer to a letter he wrote some time ago; but he must, and the urgency of his case must be his justification. The doctors will not allow any delay.

Responsibilities.

Great responsibility, and a great amount of labour, remain for me, in both of which I should like some one to share. You will see hence.

at once that help is needed, and I trust some effort will be made to send out two men if possible. The difficulties in the way are known to us here, but difficulties have been and must again be surmounted, or half the work that has been carried on for years must be left undone. Enough, and more than enough, to pain us and all who look for the coming of Christ's kingdom, has been abandoned already, and that more should be left, or at least neglected or partially cared for, is a thing that I cannot contemplate without pain. No, brethren, it ought not to be that the ground should lie fallow, and the harvest be lost for want of labourers and reapers. God's people must lay such things to heart, and arise to their duty and their privilege. We have no objection as long as we are able to work, and then, if it be so ordered, to lie down and die here, but the field must not be suffered to run to jungle again. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into the harvest. Pray practically. Numbers lie down to rise no more without having proffered to them that which is a specific for the woes of a ruined world, and can British Christians withhold it, since it is in the power of their hands to bestow it? Men there must be ready to come, and the means of sending them are in the churches. May the Great Head constrain them to give as he requires, and to say, as the church, the kingdom of Jesus Christ, prosper so do we. It would be something to gladden and to stimulate, when toiling alone, to hear there was hope of welcoming some brother or brethren to this part of the vineyard, say even twelve months

May we not hope that the church of Christ will respond to this affecting appeal? What hinders but the want of fervent love and complete consecration of all to God?

WEST INDIES.

BAHAMAS.

In a letter, dated Nassau, January 15, 1850, our brother, Mr. Littlewood, gives the following interesting sketch and detail of the large ocean-field over which he voyages to the various islands which form the scenes of his missionary labour. The self-denial, perils, and sufferings such labours must involve, can well be apprehended by our readers; but they are cheerfully endured for the service of Christ.

It becomes me at the close of another quires considerable exertion and self-denial. year to take a review of the past, and place before you a succinct detail of the state and proceedings of the churches under my care. It will be the churches under my care. It will be obvious to you that a charge so comforts, voyaging hundreds of miles in small extended, comprising forty-six stations, re- boats, travelling rugged roads, exposed to the

rain, the dew, and the sun, I feel my need of continually navigating, where the ocean is greater devotedness. Never was the sublime prayer more applicable, "Sanctify them by thy truth." My beloved partner has accompanied me to many of the out-islands, and shared in the trials incident to the voyage and the pleasures attending efforts of picty and benevolence. Our work is our mutual comfort, to both delightfully pleasant, and will be, I hope, our crown of rejoicing in eternity.

State of the churches.

If the state of these widely scattered churches is not prosperous, it is at least When the lambs of Christ's fold are assailed by the enemy, a safe refuge is the resort of the faithful; a season of darkness is succeeded by the reappearing of the ineffable beams of the "Sun of Righteousness." If the cause of God is hindered by cold hearted professors, the pious efforts of others, who seem to realize the sentiment, and embody it in their lives, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up," encourage the hope that "the day of the Lord draweth nigh." And if the piety of one declines, and he goes back, and "walks no more with us," the conversion of others whose cry is, "This people shall be my people, and their God shall be my God," assures us that "the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." By the hand of death we have lost twenty-one of our members, several of whom were eminent Christians, and it may be said emphatically of them, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Two have withdrawn from us, and forty-seven have been excluded. As a counterpoise, we have rejoiced in the baptism of 108, in the restoration of thity-four, and eighty candidates are waiting for admission into the fold of God. We have six native agents, assisted by their wives, exclusive of 140 sab-bath school teachers. Their work is divided between forty-five churches, 1475 members, 3045 attendants on public worship, 1226 scholars. Through the efforts of so many we can but hope that good is effected, which is evidenced in the steady accession to our churches, and in the increased knowledge and piety of the people, though I assure you there is lamentable room for improvement, for it is to be regretted that so many love darkness rather than light.

The field of labour.

It is impossible to give you any thing like an idea of the field of labour under my supervision. Imagine an expanse of water spread out before you some 500 miles studded with hundreds of sea-girt isles, varying from one hundred miles by forty, to bare rocks of one hundred yards in circumference. Amidst these islands I am

frequently as smooth as a mirror, reflecting the sun's vertical rays in great intensity, or is as often by the tempest tossed into frantic waves, hurled by the sweeping hurricane into moving masses of liquid foam, embittering the lives of thousands "that go down to the sea in ships, and do business in mighty waters."

The work.

Nassau I make my home, if it may be called such. In January 1849, I visited Ragged Island, above 200 miles to the south-east. In February Mr. Capern, with his family, took a trip to Rum Cay, I occupying his post for about six weeks. Early in May I visited Long Cay, between 200 and 300 miles to the east of Nassau. On this and the adjacent islands I spent five weeks profitably to myself, and I hope of advantage to the people. The ordinance of baptism was attended with peculiar pleasure, and a good impression appeared to have been The inhabitants were excessively kind, and deeply sympathized in the regret expressed on our leaving their shores. is a fine field for missionary effort, but I was obliged to leave the people as sheep having no shepherd. Steering north-west by north, after clearing Bird Rock, for sixty miles, we again landed amid the hearty congratulations of our people at Rum Cay. A house was instantly engaged for us, and all appeared to vie in making us comfortable, and for a fortnight I felt it good to accompany those to the house of God who "love the gates of Zion." Being anxious to visit other islands before the hurricane months ensued, I embarked for "San Salvador," the first island discovered by brave Columbus in the west. Putting out to sea in the evening of 28th of June, and running under easy sail for the night north-west, the next morning at eleven we landed. My labour was now divided between the numerous churches and schools planted on this extensive island. Our native teacher has there a most interesting and inviting field. The hallowing influence of the ordinance of believers' baptism was much enjoyed.

It being now dangerous to voyage in these seas, ere I could return to Rum Cay I was obliged to charter a vessel at a high rate. Having returned, we gave ourselves to missionary efforts between the two churches and schools on this Cay. The young people manifested a lively interest in the singing and other meetings for improvement. The 1st August was devoutly celebrated, the children's joy was beyond expression. By visiting each station on the sabbath and during the week, I often found the exercise and the heat of a vertical sun more than equal to my strength. The health of my beloved partner was also seriously interrupted; for two months she was

the Lord's prisoner. As health permitted, our time was fully occupied in the church, the schools, the classes, &c., nor were our efforts ineffectual. Ere we left, ten interesting converts were immersed in the liquid stream, in obedience to our Lord's command, making in all twenty baptized here during the year. The Lord is smiling upon this church, and our prayer is, that "the little one may soon become a thousand, and the small one hecome a strong nation."

In October I again put to sea, and after a tedious passage of two nights and a day to the west north-west, having sailed about eighty miles, I landed at "Stevenston" Exuma. A happier time I have seldom spent than that enjoyed with our native teacher, brother F. Mc Donald, and with the churches under his care. The sabbath schools are in an interesting state of prosperity, and six have been added to the church by baptism.

Ragged Island. Leaving amid the good wishes and prayers of the pious, after clearing the land we pursued a south-east course for above 100 miles. The weather was awfully portentous, and for three days, while riding high upon the broken wave, the Shepherd of Israel watched over and conducted us safely to Ragged Island, situated near the shores of Cuba, where the slave groans beneath the oppressor's yoke. How agreeable to leave the stormy sea for a quiet retreat to the peaceful land! As we entered the pretty little harbour, the place seemed surrounded by an air of sacredness. Children neatly clad were wending their way to the school, the tinkling bell was announcing the hour of divine employment, the man of business had laid aside his daily avocation, and the perfect quietude that stood out in bold contrast with the roaring sea, indicated very forcibly that the gospel of Christ had effectually changed the habits of the people. It was the sabbath morn. On my landing I was quickly surrounded, and received a hearty welcome. Borne on with the pious to the house of God, the sabbath services were felt to be unusually delightful, the Spirit imparting a softening and sanctifying influence. With other pleasing duties, the ordinance of baptism, in which ten participated, rendered the season deeply impressive and solemn. The interest manifested by the children of the sabbath school in missionary efforts is a pleasing feature in this little cause, and more than compensates for the toils of a My soul would have lingered here above a fortnight, and in quitting would gladly have alighted on the shores of Cuba, but the first was impracticable, and the latter As the hour of embarkation drew near many with tearful eyes assembled at the water's edge to bid us adieu. parting hymn and prayer ended, I again launched from them; the waving of hats, &e., continued until dimmed by distance.

Further voyages.

Keeping a range of Cays on our weather bow, and sailing north by west, &c., for four days, after considerable exposure we reached Long Island, where our native teacher, Mr. Fowler, is reaping the reward of his zealous efforts. The baptism of forty hopeful disciples is an encouraging circumstance, and appears to be rightly appreciated by these friends. Having visited this place eight years ago, I was enabled to contrast the present with the past state of the church, and nothing could be more gratifying to him who seeks the people's good and God's glory. I was now within thirty-six miles of Rum Cay, the next point of attraction, but the wide ocean rolled between. A fortnight's itineracy among these warm-hearted churches made it difficult to part without reluctance, but again I was obliged to commit myself to the bosom of the deep. A northerly course took us directly into Rum Cay harbour. Landing the morning following, and finding all well at Rum Cay, amid the tears and sobs of the disconsolate we packed up ready to sail on the morrow for Nassau, with the view of visiting the islands to the west of Nassau. Early the next morning we were on board a small schooner, steering north-west. As the day advanced we passed close by Conception Island, memorable for our shipwreck and loss of all our property eight years ago. Three days' sail brought us into Nassau harbour about two P.M., on the peaceful sabbath. A little rest was seized, which was very refreshing, not having had any sleep for three or four nights. The duties of the day soon followed, and though fatigued, I was able to occupy the pulpit twice. In less than two weeks I was again riding high on the rolling billows, pursuing a westerly course to Andros Island. A fortnight's hard labour in an open boat in visiting the churches succeeded. Lightbourn, our native teacher, is labouring successfully in the churches and schools. The baptism of thirteen is a pleasing assurance that the Lord is with us.

The tempest.

A passage of seven days replete with circumstances too distressing to pen, attended my homeward bound voyage. A dreadful north-easter took us off the west end of Nassau, and placed us in awful jeopardy for eighteen hours, with our vessel waterlogged, and her sails torn to ribbands. We at length, at great risk, crossed a reef, over which the sea was playing in a most fiantic style, and entered Blanket Sound, Andros Island. Four times I threw off my coat, expecting to be obliged to struggle in the foaming surge.

The last voyage of the year.

Another week or nearly so passed, and again on the Lord's day, in health, only worn out by excessive anxiety and night-watching, I landed on the shores of New Providence, but not to of the new chapel are completed, but they tarry long. Like a bird of passage, ever on the wing, in two days more I was, with my beloved, quietly sailing to Eleuthera. Here we ate our Christmas dinner. I was sorry to find the health of our native teacher, W. Mc Donald, impaired. The day school under Nassau. The captain with whom I had his care is well conducted, and the people engaged my passage refusing to go to this appear attached to him. The baptism of six place, I was disappointed; hence those islands is a further reward of his labours. The walls have not been visited yet.

want the means to purchase materials for the After a fortnight's absence, we were roof. again in Nassau preparing for a six week's

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

A meeting for Special Prayer, in connexion with the Baptist Missionary Society, will be held in the Library of the Mission House, on the morning of Thursday, April 18th, at eleven o'clock.

THE ANNUAL SERMONS.

The Committee have great pleasure in announcing that the Rev. Francis TUCKER, B.A., of Manchester, will preach the Annual Evening Sermon on hehalf of the Society at Surrey Chapel, on Thursday the 18th, and the Hon. and Rev. BAPTIST W. NOEL, M.A., the Annual Morning Sermon at Bloomsbury Chapel, on Wednesday the 24th.

Service to commence on the Thursday evening at half past six, and on the Wednesday morning at eleven.

SERMONS, LORD'S DAY, APRIL 21st.

The following are the arrangements, so far as they have been completed, for April 21st.

The afternoon services marked thus * are intended for the young.

PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Alfred Place, Kent Road	Rev. W. Young		Rev. W. Young
Alie Street, Little	Rev. J. Dickerson	Rev.E.R. Hammond	Rev. W. B. Bowcs
Austin Street, Shoreditch	Rev. H. H. Dobney		Rev. J. J. Brown
Battersea	Rev. W. Pechey, M. A.	Rev. I. M. Soule*	Rev. J. Jackson, jun.
Bow			Rev. W. Walters
Brentford, New	Rev.J.Leechman,M.A		Rev. F. Tucker, B. A
Brixton Hill (Salem Chapel)	Rev. J. Jackson, jun.		Rev. Dr. Acworth
Bloomsbury	Rev. C. M. Birrell		Rev. W. Brock
Camberwell			Rev.N. Haycroft, M.A
Chelsea, Paradise Chapel	Rev. W. Robinson	Rev. F. Trestrail*	Rev. B. Godwin, D.D
Church Street, Blackfriars		*** *** ***	Rev. C. E. Birt, M.A.
Deptford, Lower Road			Rev. W. Edwards
Devonshire Square			Rev.J.H.Hinton,M.A

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Drayton, West	Rev. E. Carey		Rev. E. Carey
Eagle Street	Rev. Dr. Cox		Rev. T. Winter
Eldon Street (Welsh)	Rev. — Phillips	Rev. — Davies	Rev. B. Williams
Gravesend, Zion Chapel	Rev. R. Roff		Rev. Isaac New
Greenwich, Lewisham Road	Rev. W. Edwards		Mr. E. B. Underhill
Hackney	Rev. D. Katterns	Rev. W. Goodman	Rev. W.G. Lewis, sen.
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Henrietta Street	Rev. T. Winter		Rev. T. Thomas
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Islington, 2nd Church	Rev. W. Walters	.	Rev. C. Larom
John Street, Bedford Row	Rev. J. Morison, D.D		Rev. B. W. Noel, M.A.
Kensal Green	Rev. W. A. Blake		Rev. J. Phillips
Kensington	Rev.W.G.Lewis,sen		Rev. C.J. Middleditch
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Poplar	Rev. J. Webb		Rev. J. Sprigg, M.A
Prescot Street, Little	l .		Rev. C. Stovel
Regent Street, Lambeth	Rev. W. Brock	. Rev. J. Clarke*	Rev. C. M. Birrell
Romford		Rev. Thos. Joseph	Rev. Jos. Davis
Romney Street	Rev. H. Betts		Rev. H. Betts
Salters' Hall	Rev. N. Haycroft, M. A		Rev. E. Bryan
Shacklewell	Rev. T. Thomas)	Rev. S.G. Green, B.A
Shoreditch, Ebenezer Chapel	Rev. W. H. Elliott		Rev. W. H. Elliott
Shouldham Street, Paddington	Rev. J. Phillips	Rev. W. B. Bowes	* Rev. R. Roff
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N. B. Collections will be made after these services.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 23rd.

A General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at the Mission House, Moorgate Street, on the morning of Tuesday, April 23rd, when the proceedings of the past year will be read, the motions of brethren Mursell and Price, of which notice was given last year, will be considered, the Committee and officers chosen for the ensuing year, and other business transacted.

The Chair will be taken at ten o'clock precisely.

This meeting is for members only. All subscribers of 10s. 6d, or upwards, donors of £10 or upwards, pastors of churches which make an annual contribution, or ministers who collect annually for the Society, and one of the executors on the payment of a legacy of £50 or upwards, are entitled to attend.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING, APRIL 25th.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Society will be held in Exeter Hall, Strand, on Thursday, the 25th April. The chair will be taken by Alderman Callender of Manchester, at eleven o'clock.

The Revs. J. J. Brown of Reading, T. Thomas of Pontypool, J. Walters of Preston, T. F. Newman of Shortwood, J. L. Phillips, Esq., of Melksham, and the Hon. and Rev. Baptist W. Noel, have kindly consented to take part in the meeting. The Committee also hope to have the presence of Dr. Cumming, and brethren to represent the London and Wesleyan Missionary Societies.

Tickets for the meeting may be obtained at the Mission House, or at the vestries of the various chapels.

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

The Rev. W. Brock has kindly consented to preach a Sermon to Young Men on the Claims of the Mission upon them, on the evening of Thursday, April 25th. The use of the Poultry Chapel has been cordially granted by the pastor and deacons for this object. The service will commence at eight o'clock, which hour has been selected for the convenience of young men who could not attend earlier.

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

Since our last the Committee have had before them several offers of themselves from young brethren for mission service. To all these they have been compelled to return one uniform reply: that in the present state of the Society's funds these applications must be respectfully declined. This is most grievous, for in India especially, men are wanted. Several of our stations there are dependent on the life of a single missionary. At this moment Saugor is vacant owing to the return of Mr. Makepeace through ill health. Some of our brethren are advanced in years; they have long toiled in the field, and their cry for help

is distressingly frequent and urgent. Dear friends, permit us once more to appeal to you. Give yourselves to more earnest prayer to God, that he, from whom alone all good comes, may help his people to extend the cause of the Redeemer among the heathen.

As the Society's engagement with the Rev. P. J. SAFFERY is about to close, in consequence of the changes which have recently taken place in the secretariat, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution on the 5th of March:

"That this Committee, in taking leave of their esteemed brother, the Rev. P. J. SAFFERY, whose engagement with the Society, after being renewed for eight successive years, finally terminates on the 31st inst., hereby assure him of their high appreciation of his devoted services, and express the hope that he may be conducted to some post of usefulness where he may continue to promote the interest of the kingdom of Christ."

Mr. Underhill returned from Scotland on the 6th, and Mr. Clarke completed his engagements there on the 14th ult., and then proceeded to Berwick on Tweed and its vicinity. The reception of our brethren in Scotland was most gratifying. The collections generally were liberal, and they were greatly encouraged by the evident interest taken in the mission. They entertain a strong hope that next year, even more will be done by our Scottish churches, To our friends who have so cordially entertained and kindly aided our brethren during their sojourn, we tender our warmest thanks.

During the past month Mr. Carey has been attending meetings at Chesham. Windsor, Luton, and Woolwich. Mr. Underhill has also attended meetings at Shoreditch and Bow, at the latter of which places Mr. Carey has been associated with him. Mr. Trestrail has visited Saffron Walden, Langley, Sampford, and Thaxted and Loughton in Essex, Brixton Hill and Eagle Street in London, and West Malling in Kent. Mr. Saffery has been engaged in Bedfordshire, and Mr. Leechman has kindly represented the Society at Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate, and other places in that district. The Rev. B. Price has also been busily at work in South Wales, assisted by brethren Thomas of Newport, Rowe of Risca, and E. Thomas of Bethel.

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