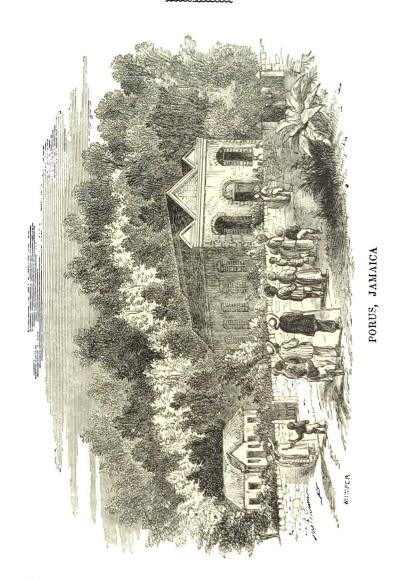
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ANNUAL SERVICES

OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1851.

A meeting for SPECIAL PRAVER, in connexion with the Missions, will be held in the Library of the Mission House, on the morning of Thursday, April 24th, at eleven o'clock.

THE ANNUAL SERMONS.

The Committee have great pleasure in announcing that the Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, D.D., of Regent Square, London, will preach the Annual Evening Sermon on behalf of the Society at Surrey Chapel, on Thursday the 24th, and the Rev. E. STEANE, D.D., the Annual Morning Sermon at Bloomsbury Chapel, on Friday, May 2nd.

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

SERMONS, LORD'S DAY, APRIL 27th.

The following are the arrangements, so far as they have been completed, for April 27th.

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

PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Alfred Place, Kent Boad	Rev. W. Young		Rev. W. Young
Alie Street, Little	Rev. P. Dickerson	Rev Belgrave	Rev. C. Stovel
Austin Street, Shoreditch	Rev.N.Haycroft,M.A	Rev. W. Miall*	Rev. T. Wheeler
Battersea	Rev. D. Katterns	W. H. Watson, Esq.*	Rev. J. Makepeace
Blandford Street	Rev. I. New		Rev. T. Winter
Bloomsbury	Rev. C. M. Birrell		Rev. W. Brock
Bow	Rev. H. H. Dobney		Rev. R. H. Marten, B A
Brentford, New	Rev. T. Smith		Rev. T. Smith
Brixton Hill (Salem Chapel)	Rev. B. P. Pratten		Rev. B. P. Pratten
Camberwell	Rev. W. Landels	Rev. J. Angus, M.A*	Rev. A. McLaren, B.A
Chelsea, Paradise Chapel	Rev. C. E. Birt, M.A.	Rev. R. H. Marten *	Rev. Dr. Acworth
Church Street, Blackfriars	Rev. J. Williams		Rev. J. Williams
Crayford	Rev. Jos. Davis		Rev. Jos. Davis
Deptford, Lower Boad	Rev. J. Kingsford		Rev. J. Webb
Devonshire Square	Rev. E. S. Pryce, B.A.		Rev.J.H.Hinton,M.A
Drayton, West	Rev. J. Gibson		Rev. J. Gibson
Eagle Street	Rev. J. Makepeace		Rev. G. H. Davis
Eldon Street (Welsh)	Rev. B. Williams	Rev. A. Jones	Rev. E. Probert
Gravesend, Zion Chapel			Rcv. T. F. Newman
Greenwich, Lewisham Road	Rev. W. Robinson		Rev. J. Hoby, D.D.
Hackney	Rev.J.A.Baynes,B.A		Rev. D. Katterns

PLACES,	MORNING.		FTE	NOC	N.	EVENING.
Hammersmith	Rev. R. H. Marten, BA					Rev. E. Edwards
Hatcham	Rev.C.J.Middleditch		•••			Rev. H. H. Dobney
Hawley Road, Kentish Town	Rev. E. Probert			•••	•••	Rev. E. S. Pryce, B.A
Henrietta Street	Rev. W. B. Bowes					Rev. C. A. M. Shepherd
Highgate	Rev. T. Winter	•	•••	•••	•••	Rev. C. E. Birt, M.A.
Hoxton, Buttesland Street			•••	••••		
Do., Baptist Chapel	Rev. T. Middleditch			•••		Rev. T. Morris
Ilford	Rev. J. J. Owen					Rev. J. J. Owen
Islington Green	Rev. A. Mc Laren, B. A				•••	Rev. W. Landels
Islington, South Baptist Chapel	Rev. C. Stanford					Rev. S. Pearce
John Street, Bedford Row	Rev. J. Stratten		•••			Rev. B. W. Noel, M.A.
Kensal Green	Rev. E. Harris			••••		Rev. E. Harris
Kensington	Rev. W. G. Lewis			•••		Rev. W. B. Bowes
Keppel Street	Rev. T. Wheeler		••••			Rev. I. M. Soule
Lce	Rev. J. Sprigg, M.A.			••••		Rev. J. Sprigg, M.A.
Maze Pond	Rev. J. Aldis			•••		Rev. Isaac New
New Park Street	Rev. W. Walters	Rev.	J. B	ancl	'n*	Rev. C. Stanford
Norwood, Upper	Rev. E. Edwards	••••	••••	•••	•••	Rev.C.J.Middleditch
Poplar	Rev. T. Morris		••••			Rev. J. Baynes, B.A.
Prescot Street, Little	Rev. C. Stovel		•••	•••	•••	Rev. P. Dickerson
Regent Street, Lambeth	Rev. T. Davies	Rev.	T. D	avies	*	Rev. C. M. Birrell
Romford	Rev. J. D. Carrick		•••			Rev. J. D. Carrick
Salters' Hall	Rev. S. J. Davis	•••	•••			Rev. W. Walters
Shouldham Street, Padd ington	Rev. S. Pearce	Rev.	I. M.	Sou	le*	Rev. W. Robinson
Spencer Place	Rev. J. Peacock			•••		Rev. T. Middleditch
Stepney College Chapel	Rev. J. Angus, M.A.	•••	•	•••	•••	
Tottenham	Rev. T. Swan	•••	•••		•••	Rev. T. Swan
Unicorn Yard, Tooley Street	Rev. W. H. Bonner		•••		•••	Rev. H. J. Betts
Vernon Chapel	Rev. J. Webb	Rev.	0. C	lark	*	Rev. O. Clarke
Walworth, Lion Street	Rev. Dr. Acworth		•••	•••	*	Rev.N.Haycroft,M.A
Walworth, Horsley Street	Rev. J. George		•••		•••	Rev. F. Bugby
	Rev. W. Ball	•••	•••	•••	•••	Rev. W. Ball
	Rev. G. H. Davis			•••	•••	Rev. J. Branch
	Rev. C. Woollacott	•••	•••		•••	Rev. T. Davies
Windmill Street, Hope Chapel	Rev. J. Ede	••••	•••	•••		Rev. J. Ede
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N.B. Collections will be made after these services.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, APRIL 29th.

A General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at the Mission House, Moorgate Street, on the morning of Tuesday, April 29th, when the pro-2 κ 2

ceedings of the past year will be read, the report of Committee on the subjects referred to them by last Annual Meeting, the motion, of which notice was given last year by the Rev. W. ROBINSON of Kettering, 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 30th.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Society will be held in EXETER HALL, STRAND, on Wednesday, the 30th April. The Chair will be taken by GEORGE GOODMAN, Esq., Mayor of Leeds, at ELEVEN o'clock.

The Revs. Dr. DUFF of the Free Church Mission, J. J. FREEMAN of the London Mission, J. MAKEPEACE of Saugor, East Indies, T. WHEELER of Norwich, W. LANDELS of Birmingham, and other brethren are expected to take part in the proceedings.

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. Dr. Cox has kindly consented to preach a Sermon to Young MEN on the Claims of the Mission upon them, on the evening of THURSDAY, May 1. 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.

INDIA.

CHITOURA.

The labours of our missionary brother, Mr. SMITH, are extended over a large portion of the country around Agra. In this district he visits not fewer than fifty villages, some twice a month or oftener, and all of them once. In the month of December no less than eighty-two visits were paid to these villages. In addition, an occasional visit is made to fairs and melas, of one of which he has forwarded the account given below. His letter is dated January 24, 1851. Mr. SMITH's local residence is at Chitoura, or Nishtarpur, the Town of Salvation, where he has formed with most encouraging tokens of success, a native Christian village. Native converts for the most part here take up their abode, where they find all the means of grace regularly supplied, and also an opportunity for the prosecution of their trades and callings apart from the idolatrous customs of the heathen, and also those social rights and comforts which are denied them by their fellow countrymen on their abandoning Hindooism, and their breach of caste.

The following account of our visit to the you. I left home on the 14th November, Buteshivai mela may be not uninteresting to accompanied by two native brethren, and

after preaching in a few places on the road, | are sounded in his ears. A Saviour who is we arrived at the mela on Saturday evening, able and willing to save the vilest of the the 16th inst. Our party consisted of five, viz., myself and two native brethren, Mr. Harris, who is supported by the baptist church under Mr. Lish's pastorate, and a native brother supported by the Presbyterian church at Agra. The Rev. Mr. Kreiss, of the Secundra mission, with two native assistants, occupied another position, and Rev. Mr. Schneider, of the same mission, with two more native brethren, a third ; thus we mustered altogether eleven, a smaller number than usual, and when compared with the mass of people collected together, most disproportionate. Yet the battle is not always to the strong, nor the race to the swift ; the Lord can save by many or by few, and therefore by no means disconcerted at the numbers, we commenced on Sunday morning to preach the gospel, and were delighted and encouraged by crowds of attentive and intelligent hearers. We obtained a most convenient place for preaching, and also for conversing with inquirers. The former duty we performed in turns, keeping it up from morning to night each day, and those at liberty looked after the books and attended to the latter. We united in a regular Christian service in the middle of the day, and then returned again to out-door preaching.

A hopeful inquirer.

My attention was attracted by a strange looking man standing nearly outside the large circle of hearers by which we were surrounded; his attention was fixed, and he drew nearer and nearer, until at last he stood almost under the preacher's elbow. In this position I had an opportunity of watching him for some time. He stood with mouth extended, eyes glistening (as the eyes of Vairagees only can glisten), ears open, pos-ture erect and motionless as a statue, devouring with avidity every word that fell from the speaker's lips, and sometimes, when anything pleased him, or appeared applicable to himself, his iron features relaxed into a smile. Here was a man, who having been made sensible of the plague of his own heart, renounced the world at least in profession, and set out in search of a peace which experience taught him it could not give. For years had he wandered in search of happiness, but in vain. Thousands of miles had he dragged his weary limbs over the burning plains of India ! He had visited Jagganath, Dwarika, Gaya, Badri Nath, and every place of pilgrimage of any note; but his heart, he said, was as hard as ever, and full of sin as ever, and his mixing with vile companions in his pilgrimages, and eating intoxicating drugs, had made him still more callous, blunted his feelings, and almost destroyed his susceptibility to impression, but now strange things

vile-a Saviour who gave his life a ransom for rebels such as himself, is proclaimed to him for the first time; his attention is arrested ! he listens again, doubting as to whether he has heard correctly or not, and again he hears, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." "He that believeth shall not perish, but have everlasting life." This is just suited to his case; just what he wants and has been seeking! He is convinced that this is the truth; that pilgrimages and austerities are vain. He surveyed himself, daubed with mud, a brass chain about him, and scarcely clothing to cover his nakedness, and said, "J have left all for salvation-home and friends, and all that is dear in this world, but until now I have found no hope, not one gleain of light to guide my soul through the world's dark waves and billows I will now make a second surrender of my own works, my brass chains, and malas, and tilaks, and I will take refuge in Jesus Christ." He washed himself. stripped off his idolatrous ornaments, and we trust was beheld sitting at the feet of Jesus clothed and in his right mind. Is not this a brand plucked from the burning? His former companions tried hard to get him back again, and would have laid hands on him had he not kept close to us; he however accompanied us home to the Christian village, and is anxious to be able to make known the Saviour he has found to his deluded countrymen.

Continuance of labours.

Monday morning we again took our stand, and preached the gospel to hundreds of attentive hearers. Another pilgrim heard well, and appeared convinced of the truth of Christianity. He said he would accompany us, but disappeared, and we heard no more of him. A zamindar also from Sasna, came several times, and followed me to my tent, where he stated his determination to become a Christian. He took the name of our village, and said he would shortly come to us. Thus we continued to labour Tuesday and Wednesday, and were beset nearly all the time by numbers of attentive inquirers-not idlers and objectors-but what appeared to us souls anxiously seeking after truth, and many of them impressed with the idea that Christianity is true.

Thus ended our labours in the mela. We left for home on Thursday morning, preaching on the way as opportunity offered, and arrived safely on Saturday, after an absence of cleven days, during which we experienced the goodness and care of our heavenly Father, and were restored to our homes in safety.

We distributed a good number of gospels

and tracts in Sanscrit, Hindi, Persian, and Urdu, and had several proofs that those distributed on former occasions had not been in vain.

A retrospect of the scenes witnessed at this mela leads me to hope that the set time to favour India is not far distant. Such attentive crowds I have never addressed. To see men day after day neglecting their worldly business to sit and converse about Jesus Christ, and the way of salvation, surely ought to make us double our labours and prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for the coming of the kingdom of Christ in this dark land of idols and superstition, too long in the power and service of the wicked grace of God is sufficient; here is my rock one.

Baptism of converts.

On the first sabbath in January I had the pleasure of immersing two believers in Christ, We had an immense crowd of spectators, and the service was altogether interesting. I hope others will be added to the church in like manner on the first sabbath in next month. We have several hopeful inquirers, and the Lord is creating a spirit of inquiry in the minds of many. This year will, I hope, be one of prosperity. I feel anxious for the salvation of the heathen, and the Lord is strengthening me for more zealous labours. Oh, how dreadful the idea of being unfaithful, of souls perishing through my neglect; the and stay.

CEYLON.

Under date of January 14, 1851, our brother ALLEN gives at some length an account of every station forming the Mission in this beautiful island. These details we reserve for the Annual Report; meanwhile we earnestly commend to the attention of our readers the remarks which follow, and which find their appropriate place in the Herald. The Committee earnestly desire to send our brother the help he needs, and to occupy in greater strength this encouraging field. The fields are white unto the harvest ; but where are the labourers ?

your first missionary, in the providence of God, first set foot on this island. During that period your agents have continued to work on in faith, and patience, and hope, in the kingdom of Jesus Christ; and it has pleased the Great Head of the church to own their labours for him, and to crown such labours with a considerable amount of success. Of the fruits of these labours, some, how many perhaps, cannot be known now, have been gathered into the garner, like shocks of corn that were ripe. They have grown, and expanded, and mellowed, and have been plucked by the Great Proprietor who does as he will, and others remain to be matured. Seed also lies buried as yet, but it will not deceive our hope; it will spring and bear fruit by which God will be glorified. This, we would remember, is especially the working-time with us, and I trust we are anxious to be found employed, leaving the results with God, who alone can give the increase. He has brought us through one great period of time, and has permitted us to enter on another; and, on a review of the past, we are obliged to exclaim, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us; yea, having obtained help of God, we continue unto this day." And there is abundant reason why we should "thank God, and take courage." The year that is past and gone into eternity with all its record. has been marked by trials of no ordinary

Thirty-eight years have passed away since | put in the balance against them, and the simple conclusion to which we must come is, that God has done all things well, and we have much to be thankful for ; at least so it appears to me, when I endeavour to look at things as they are at this period, in this part of the Master's vineyard. From the tabular statements of labour and its results, as well of expenditure in money, you will be able to judge for yourselves-and may I express here a still lingering hope, that the cry that has already reached you, and has been echoed and re-echoed until it has become apparently too familiar to be noticed by the churches at home, may nevertheless be heard and speedily responded to-"Come over and help us." Though it reach you only in its dying echoes, let it be heard whilst there yet remains but one to raise it. No doubt the deputation you kindly sent to us have spoken plainly about your mission here, and probably their cry would be similar. Again, therefore, let it be heard by the churches, and not only heard, but responded to.

You will have had through the deputation and newspapers that have been sent to you, various items of information in connexion with the labours carried on here, which will render it almost unnecessary to say much about the stations now, though I will endeavour to give you a summary of what has been done during the year, and what is doing now, and thus give the church at home one more kind; but we are not without something to opportunity of judging as to the propriety of sending or withholding assistance. I know | full well your own opinion and anxiety about it. Perhaps your anxiety is only equalled by my own, while at times one stands bewildered and confounded by the apparent unreadiness of individuals at home, to show their love and their zeal for the Saviour and his cause, and their compassion for souls, by hugging more closely their comforts in their fatherland instead of coming here. And yet there is nothing so very uncomfortable and intolerable here, as to alarm them. Only a little salutary drilling is necessary on their arrival, and all will be tolerable, and it may be, pleasant into the bargain.

Whoever comes, may lay his account with labour and the trials inseparable from making known the gospel, whether at home or here. Perhaps here one might meet with difficulties that do not occur in England; but, after all, the main obstacles are the same everywhere. If a man cannot brace himself up to such things, he had better stay at home, and we will be content to wait and work on.

I must take my leave of you for the present. I cannot do so, however, without reminding you once more of the claims Ceylon has on the home churches. The field is large, dotted with some most interesting and important stations, from which the gospel is sounded out all around. These stations, it is true, have their native pastors and other assistants, and

voted ; but they need guidance and general superintendence; and these are more than can be given by a solitary European, who has duties to perform in connexion with the English church and congregation, equivalent to those which devolve on the pastor at home. It must be that there are men at home,pastors of small churches, with some little experience, or at college, who will be willing to come and help. There is nothing wanted here but just what is wanted everywhere, to render the work every way delightful. We want only an out-pouring of the Spirit and men to gather in the harvest. And surely it cannot be too much to hope, that this year will not pass away without witnessing to the arrival of some one or more to occupy the vacant places of Colombo and Kandy. I am yet well and willing to work ; but how long I may be able to discharge the duties that devolve on me, is a thing unknown to us. If men should willingly offer,—I need scarcely say,—remember Ceylon. However much you may cherish Africa, and feel for the Continent of India, do not forget Ceylon. "Come over and help us ;" we are faint, but pursuing." " Come over and help us.'

May all needful wisdom and grace be given you for the work in which you are engaged : and may the Great Lord of all the churches give you the silver and gold which are his, and dispose some of the hearts that are in his these, for the most part, are diligent and de- | hand to offer themselves willingly for Ceylon.

WEST INDIES.

HAITI.

The needful funds for the chapel which our brother WEBLEY is proposing to erect in Haiti have not yet been fully furnished. The success which has cheered the hearts of our friends in this promising field has made this contemplated measure' almost indispensable. We insert a letter on the subject from the Rev. H. WEBLEY of Woodside.

To the Editor.

Woodside, Feb. 26, 1850.

My DEAR SIR,-In looking over the Magazine, month after month, knowing the urgent nature of my son's chapel case in Hayti, I have been very anxious respecting the collections for that object ; and seeing that but few of our churches contribute any thing towards it, I have thought that if you could say a word or two upon the subject, it may be of great service.

From my son's private letters, as well as his public, I see that if he cannot realize the object of his wishes relative to the proposed chapel, the success of the mission will be considerably retarded, and there is every prospect of his health breaking down. To preach

every Lord's day in a close, confined room, in such a climate as Hayti, will very materially shorten his days; and from what I know of the churches in the neighbourhood of Trowbridge, Bradford, Bath, Bristol, &c., if the case could be urged upon them through the medium of your publication, I think they would come forth to the help of the Lord in such a case.

With this we send you a small collection from a few of our friends at Bradford, and though small, if our sister churches were to do the same, the object would soon be realized.

The prospects of the mission in Hayti were never so encouraging as at present. God has of late been pleased to nonour his blessed word as diffused by our agents there in a vorv remarkable manner ; and as our dear friends have given their lives to the work of the tinue to rest on your valuable publication, Lord, and the prayers of many persons are and on all the efforts made use of for the now being answered in the extension of the spread of his glorious gospel, Redeemer's glory, those of us who hold the ropes at home, should be prepared to respond to the call of such as cry to us for the help they so much need.

Hoping that the blessing of God will con-

I am, dear sir, yours affectionately,

W. WEBLEY.

We subjoin a few extracts from the addresses, at the recent missionary meeting, of two native Haitiens, on whom rests in some measure the future evangelization of Haiti.

BROTHER CAJOUE'S ADDRESS.

Dear brethren and sisters in Jesus Christ,-A heavenly voice has bid me "flee out of the midst of Babylon, lest I be cut off with her in her iniquity." Wishing to obey this voice of mercy and of grace, my feet have been directed towards the messengers of Christ. Since then my spirit has found new light, my faith new fire, my hope new vigour, and my love new zeal; so that I have now been baptized according to the religious forms of our Lord and Saviour, who is at once their author and their model. You can scarcely perhaps believe, nor can I express to you how great have been the joy and peace that I have experienced during my few days' sojourn amongst you. I have seen, in a manner the most convincing, that the religion of Christ reigns here, and that it is the only remedy that can re-establish the human race in true happiness, whether it be as it regards this life or that which is to come. Be not weary, then, in speaking of this sweet, this holy, this sublime religion, whether it be in the worship of your families or elsewhere. Our Lord Jesus has conquered the world, and if we possess his Spirit, we shall conquer it too. My patriotic heart would give birth to feelings of the fondest sympathy could I see my fellow Haitiens understand the word of God-could I see them search the scriptures in the book of God. Surely they would then find the "pearl of great price, and drink of those "living waters" whic which alone quench all thirst. To conclude, my friends, let us strengthen each other in this royal road, "looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith." Then, when death shall close our eyelids, we shall find a sweet and sure refuge in the arms of Him who only is wise, and who only reigns for ever. Amen.

BROTHER DESCHAPELLES' ADDRESS.

Dear brethren and sisters,-

We who are members of the little church formed here are happy, oh ! how happy, that God has permitted us to see here to-night some of his servants, who are come to unite with us in showing forth his great mercy, to mingle their prayers with ours, and to thank Him for the gifts and mercies with which come to him who, through love to you, took

he has blessed us. Ah, we thank Him that, though we were once enemies to Him-as are still all who love the world more than him-though we were once idolaters and rebels, He has had compassion upon us, and has sent his servants amongst us to proclaim to us the glad tidings of salvation.

Having thanked him, unite now with me, dear brethren and sisters, in thanking our brethren, the missionaries, who through love to us, and burning with desire to see us Haitiens reconciled to God, have left their country and every thing dear to them, to come and make us acquainted with that love of God to which we had been so long estranged. Yes, dear brethren, without these faithful servants that God in his infinite mercy has sent to us, we should still be buried in the deepest superstition, and without this love of God in them, they would never perhaps have thought of leaving their parents and friends, to take refuge amongst us who were never known to them. Is it not, then, the love of Christ which has caused them to recognize us as brethren ?

Having, then, united myself with you in thanking these faithful servants of the God we now serve, and in expressing the joy we feel in possessing them amongst us, allow me to address a few remarks to you, which will, I trust, be as useful to myself as perhaps they will be to you. St. Paul tells us to "exhort one another," and surely there is no duty more important than this, no means more sure of manifesting our love to our brothren, and of strengthening each other in the faith. Inclined, as we all are, to that which is evil, and so often prone to forget the duties that God's word prescribes, our mutual exhortations must tend to prove to us the necessity of a more careful perusal of God's word, and of greater warmth in our prayers, as well as of a redoubling of our zeal.

During the past year we have all been the subjects of many trials and of much affliction. Have we, then, felt that God was only trying us for our good, and that, if he dealt thus with us, it was only to inspire us with new confidence, and to lead us to fly to him ?

And you, dear friends, who have not yet eome to Christ, allow me to address a few words to you. Have you then no desire to upon himself the form of a servant, dwelt in | walked, and to believe in Christ for the salvaour flesh, lived a life full of suffering and of tion of your souls. But go to him by faith, sorrow, and died a cruel death upon the that sincere faith which shall enable you to to call sinners to repentance? Was it not humble yourselves at his feet, as did the publican, who, oppressed with the weight of that those that should believe on him might have eternal life? And will you not, then, come to him? By the most powerful, yet offended thec, be merciful to me a sinner, by the sweetest of voices, he commands you to repent without delay. Why close your hearts to his tender appeals? Has not God redeem thy creatures. May God, by his given you intelligence? And why has he grace, enlighten you all with his holy Spirit, given it you? Is it not that you might fear and cause you to know and feel your low and love him? Decide then to-night to leave estate Amen. the road to death in which you have so long

publican, who, oppressed with the weight of sin, and not daring to lift his eyes to heaven, exclaimed, "My God, I feel that I have so do you say wash me in the precious blood of thy Son, which flowed down the cross to

JAMAICA.

Below we give extracts from various letters received from our afflicted brethren and churches in this island. They will abundantly testify the fearful ravages which cholera has made, and give proof that the generous liberality of the churches and people of God in this country has been fitly bestowed. Till now we were not able to supply particulars of the fearful scenes through which our brethren have passed. They were not, however, needed to excite our sympathy. The general facts, as stated in our communications by circular, have been quite sufficient to arouse sympathy and provoke the generous aid of the servants of Christ, and to furnish the Committee with a fund from which very considerable relief may be afforded. The fund amounts to a trifle more than two thousand pounds, of which sum about £650 have been distributed in grants to every one of our brethren, for his own need as well as that of his suffering people.

Extract from letter of Rev. THOMAS HANDS of Montego Bay, dated Jan. 9th. 1851.

During the past three months the cholera has been sweeping over the land, and has cut down not less than twenty thousand of the inhabitants. Among this number, many of the members and inquirers connected with our churches have been taken away. The consequences of this visitation are awful in the extreme. Agricultural and commercial operations are almost at a stand. The numbers taken away from the churches by death materially affect our pecuniary affairs, and the ability of most of the survivors to do anything for the support of religious and educational institutions has been so sadly lessened as to leave little hope that the cause can be carried on without help. I speak within bounds, when I say that during three months the majority of our people have to assure you, that independently of any hope been earning nothing. The little means some of aid from your funds, I am determined in of them had, have been exhausted by sickness | this season of trial to remain at my post, until and death in their families, so that numbers driven out by destitution, or taken away by are kept from absolute starvation by the aid death.

derived from the funds of a benevolent society, and contributions of bread kind, sent down from the higher mountain districts in which the disease has not yet been raging. But for such aid numbers must have perished in this town for want of food.

I feel that under these circumstances of suffering and destitution, I should fail in my duty as a Christian minister if I sought safety and comfort in flight. I feel that this solemn visitation is intended to arouse the people, and already we see evidence that such will be its effect to some extent-I trust, to a great extent. Now, more earnestly than ever are we called upon to offer that gospel to the people which alone can teach them how to live, and prepare them to die; and I hasten

Extract from letter of Rev. R. WATSON of Mount Olive, dated Jau. 15, 1851.

I suppose you have heard of the great | island. From this dreadful disease we have mortali tywhich the cholera has caused in this | lost fourteen of our faithful people, among

them a sincere, pious, and diligent deacon, by the name of James Gordon. He died in trust, that the wise Disposer of all events the following pleasing manner: On Friday morning, the 22nd November, he rose at an early hour, and went to conduct prayermeeting in his class-house ; after the meeting was over, he complained of feeling poorly; some means were used; he then called for praver ; after that he showed his wife where some money was, which he had for the church; told her he owed no man anything; several were indebted to him, but she must not be hard on them ; if they paid her, to take it, but if not, to let them keep it ; he again called for prayer, took part in the petition, when his spirit took its flight to the eternal world. In this dear man of God the church at Mount Zion has sustained a great loss; but sincerely do I hope, that our blessed Saviour will soon raise up others in his their profession, so far as human eye can bestead.

The mortality has been very great; but I has been working good out of it, for there has been a great stir among those who were once careless and unconcerned, and I believe all the teachers of religion have availed themselves of the opportunity of working upon the excitability of the people, and I hope that there have been, and will be, many cases of true and genuine conversion.

Within the last three months, our four small stations have increased thirty-seven members, and sixty-nine new inquirers. I must not forget to say, also, that after a long state of probation and strict examination, we had the happiness of baptizing eleven candidates, on the 25th of August last, in the presence of a great many spectators; and that they are all walking consistently with hold.

Extract from letter of Rev. S. JONES of Annatto Bay, dated Jan. 22nd, 1851,

As long as I possibly can get on by the contributions of the people, I will do it. The prospect before us now, in this respect, is certainly not encouraging. We have lost a great number of our people by the cholera. In the two churches no less than one hundred have died of this disease alone, a part of whom were among the most regular supporters of the cause. Who will come forward to fill their places, I know not, but the cause is God's, and he is able to carry it on.

As you have doubtless been informed, the cholera has made the most fearful ravages throughout the island. In some places the whole population have been all swept off by it. Having had no preparations, either of medicines or of the comforts necessary for it, the disease had its full force on those places, and the result has been awful to contemplate. Great numbers died from total neglect. The people could not be persuaded to attend to each other's wants; but as soon as any of them were taken sick, their nearest relations

would abandon them to their fate without the least assistance being offered to them. The scenes which I myself witnessed of this character were most heart-rending, and I believe I shall never forget them. The cholera has thus brought to light some features in the character of the people of the worst description. Some husbands would not bury their own wives unless they were paid for it. Parents also would not bury their own children, unless they were paid for it. It was with very great difficulty that the dead were at all buried, and most exorbitant prices charged for burying, and for almost every thing else done in connection with the cholera. Thus the avariciousness and selfishness of the people have, by means of this awful visitation, been brought to the clear light of day. Things that would not before have been even suspected have now been clearly proved, and the discovery is any thing but favourable to Jamaica.

Extract from letter of Rev. C. ARMSTRONG of Gurney's Mount, dated Jan. 23rd, 1851.

I write to say, that through the abounding mercy of God, we, as a family, have up to now escaped the awful scourge that has made desolate some of the churches, and many, many families. For nearly two months cholera has been in our vicinity, and many have died.

Since the 1st of January, in the small church of Fletcher's Grove as many members have died as I shall have to report for the year 1850. You can form but a faint idea of the panic which this visitation has caused, Labourers will not go to the towns of Montego Bay and Lucea, and as a consequence, many articles we require for house use, we have to do without.

Near our post office, eight miles from here, about twenty have died ; and from a neighbouring property, I have just had a man asking for payment for eleven coffins. I do not think on this estate that there could be a population of more than thirty.

I returned a few hours ago from visiting a place called Rejoin : there death has been doing his work; and since I left, ono I visited has died. At Bamboo, just by, the people are dying without any relief, as far as medicine might relieve them. Medicines cannot be procured to the extent required ; no doctors, no nurses for 14,000 people in the interior districts of Hanover. I have given away till my stock is exhausted. The presbyterian minister about five miles from here sent to Kingston for camphor and calomel, men, the stay and staff of Fletcher's Grove, and procured two pounds, the postage of is gone. He was at chapel on the sabbath, which came to more than ± 4 sterling.

The distress is extreme. One of our best and dead shortly after.

Extract from letter of Rev. J. E. HENDERSON, dated Hoby Town, Jan. 23, 1851.

Before this reaches you, you will have of the church there, and not less three hunheard of the awful ravages made by the dred who were attendants upon my ministry, cholera throughout the island. It first made Three of my most active deacons and four its appearance in Trelawney in the early part of November, and for a time, it was fondly hoped it would be confined to the town of Falmouth. This hope, however, was not realized. Hoby Town was the first place in the rural district to suffer, and the disease has since spread itself throughout this large and densely populated parish. It would be useless for me to attempt to describe the awful scenes that I have witnessed. Our medical man (the only one for a large district, containing not less than 10,000 persons), fell a victim almost at the commencement, so that the whole burden and responsibility of administering medicine, &c., for the people here, fell upon me. The labour and anxiety were very great; and I feel thankful that I was able to do what was necessary without any apparent injury to my own health, and with success equal to any other individual. For several weeks our house was like a dispensary, the whole time of my dear wife being taken up with making pills, &c. For five or six weeks, death reigned with almost undisputed sway throughout the parish, sparing no class, but doing its most fearful work upon the poor and helpless. In some instances large and populous districts have been almost depopulated. In the Unity districts, and in the neighbourhood of the chapel, obtained for some stations, they must be scarcely one out of a hundred was saved. I abandoned. lost in less than a week a hundred members

deacon's wives were amongst the first to fall. In some cases whole families were swept away in a few hours. Attorneys, overseers, bookkeepers, and merchants have been among the victims. Not one missionary of any denomination has fallen, although you will be certain that they everywhere appeared in the thickest of the disease. They have seen almost a literal fulfilment of the 7th verse of 91st Psalm. In connexion with the church of Waldensia, I have lost perhaps sixty members and a large number of attendants. We have still a good many sick and dying around us; but have every reason to hope that the violence of the disease has spent itself. I am deeply anxious to know what will be the result of so fearful a visitation. I trust good. The people are everywhere flocking to the different houses of prayer; so that, notwith-standing our heavy losses, our congregations are as large, or larger than they ever were. Backsliders are professing repentance, and large numbers of the hitherto careless seem to be anxious about their souls. Of course, we must wait and see if they will "bring forth fruits meet for repentance." I need not tell you, that this fearful visitation will, in many cases, greatly aggravate our pecuniary difficulties, and that unless some help is

Extract from letter of Rev. T. B. PICKTON of Bethtephil, dated Jan. 27th, 1851.

Once more we see all our chapels filled; in the midst of this awful visitation and thanks to the cholera. Our congregations appear as if the dead of the past ten years had risen, instead of the pestilence having taken away its thousands in the past three or four months. From the first of August to the end of October, 1850, I never witnessed so general a desertion of the house of God, or sin so rampant and raging, and the plans of the people for processions, dancing, &c., &c., at the past Christmas, were on a grand scale. Kingston and Spanish named place, the deaths were 476; in the Town were to supply the dresses; but the latter, 829. In this (Bethtephel) quarter cholera came, and has prevented much, but not all this revelry ; and now many backsliders are anxious for restoration, and many I have had to attend on many cases, but inquiries for baptism; to all I can give but have had no death as yet. Our sheet-anchor

apparent revival, I have had to deal with some of the worst cases of delinquency in the church that I ever met with. In our Hastings district the disease has been very rife and virulent. The deaths there have been about two hundred, including many members and one deacon of the church, with his wife and the two oldest of his eight children. This part is now quite free, as are Falmouth and Montego Bay; in the firstthe disease still lingers, and during the past week we have had some of the worst cases. restore or baptize, I must see evidences of the Spirit's work. I can but rejoice to see so many flock to hear the word, but and but few recovered under the saline, except when combined with calomel. The in operation. There is no truth in the state-English journals are full of errors respecting ment of the Patriot, that "seven medical "The Cholcra in Jamaica," and no wonder, men have fallen in Kingston, and an equal when our own depart so far from truth. The proportion in Spanish Town ;" each of these mortality will never be known, except the places lost one, and the island, nine. machinery for taking a census be at once put

Extract from letter of Rev. B. B. DEXTER of Stewart Town, dated Jan. 30th. 1851.

We have lost twenty-seven members in six | weeks by this scourge, of whom three were deacons. I cannot help hoping, however, that the sad visitation has done, and will yet do, immense good. Time, but most of all, eternity, will show whether my hope is well founded.

The total loss in a population of about 2500 has been 102, in the short period I have mentioned, and, in comparison with many other districts, we have been greatly favoured. I attribute this in a great degree to the composure of mind produced by an attendance on our daily prayer meetings, at peep of day | many of them can write a good hand, and some and at evening twilight, when in different of them a beautiful one.

parts of the town we have frequently had 500 or 600 present,

I hope there is a good work going on in many different ways in the churches, but dare not yet write too strongly on the subject. At Stewart Town during the past year fifty three were baptized, and 25 more would have been, had it not been thought more prudent to defer it till the disorder had left us, besides a like number who were standing ready at New Birmingham. Most of these are young persons brought up in our schools, and who can read the word of God well, while

Extract from letter of Rev. B. MILLARD of St. Ann's Bay, dated Feb. 4th, 1851.

have suffered dreadfully. Indeed, it is difficult for any one to understand what some of us have been called to witness. The pestilence has raged fearfully, and the mortality has been great. For instance, a third of the population of St. Ann's Bay has been swept away by cholera. Out of our two congregations at St. Ann's Bay and Ocho Rios, we have lost nearly 300 persons, who were either members (of whom 160 died), or inquirers, or hearers. For six weeks all work on estates, and labour of almost every kind, was suffer. Add to this, affliction knocked me at a dead stand still. On the Bay, the stores down. Leaving supplies out of the question, and shops all shut, with the exception of one our anxieties and trials have been very severe. opening now and then in the morning for an

Some of our congregations and churches hour or so. I have been on the roads and walked the streets without seeing any persons except such as were running for medicines, or carts hurrying away the dead. Alarm, lamentation, and distress prevailed ; numbers who were at prayer-meeting in the morning, were buried before night, and the stoutest hearts quailed. Oh ! the scenes witnessed, the sights beheld, are beyond description. The distress occasioned is great : from November to January (the end) supplies were stopped, and you may fancy what we had to

Extract from letter of Rev. W. DENDY of Salter's Hill, dated Feb. 6th, 1851.

and trying time, we have been surrounded by disease and death in its most appalling forms, and the cholera has not yet left the neighbourhood. In the early part of last year many members were separated from the church, in consequence of a spirit of carelessness and indifference to an attendance upon the public means of grace; and in the latter part of the year, and in the beginning of this we have had a most fearful visitation. The deaths of members from the 1st day of January 1850 to the present time, are over 160. until the cholera has more generally disap-More than thirty of our day scholars are dead; peared. and fifty persons who were once members, but

As a church, we have had a most fearful | have been excluded, also twelve or fourteen inquirers, beside sothers who attended with us. We have indeed had scenes of desolation and death. Thus, it will be seen, that the church has been very much reduced in numbers, and consequently in ability to support the institutions connected with us. The whole of our day schools for a time are closed, the teachers having to be supported, without childrens' school fees to help out for their maintenance. Two only are now open, and the other three I do not like to re-open

Extract from letter of Rev. J. MAY of Lucea, dated Feb. 10th, 1851.

I cannot tell you half the scenes I have | past seven weeks; scenes of destitution, dis-witnessed in this afflicted town during the ease and death. Day after day, and week

after week, my hands, and head, and heart, | spectable appearance. In some cases mediwere full ; death and the grave were familiar as household words; and with every effort to save the afflicted, we saw carried to the grave 337 persons of all classes, out of a population of about 1000. Seventeen out of thirty-four of our town members are dead. Strange, that the disease attacked the more respectable portions of the inhabitants here. whilst it passed the paupers by. I suspect, nay, I am sure, that this fact unfolds a fearful tale of destitution and want on the part of those who had striven to keep up a re-

cine could not be given, because the sufferers had been so long without food ; and they We opened soup kitchens; formed died. benevolent societies, &c., and did all we could to relieve the distressed, and many were saved through these means.

Through the mercy of our God the plague is somewhat stayed here. It is however spreading into the country districts and numbers are dying daily.

Large numbers of our members have fallen. The Lord sanctify and save.

Extract from letter of Rev. S. OUGHTON, Kingston, dated Feb. 11th, 1851.

Your very welcome letter came to hand | tion of this instance of the care and loving last week, bringing the pleasing intelligence, that at least in one of the churches of highly privileged England, Jamaica is not forgotten, nor its sorrows and distresses uncared for, since instances have of late been too rare for the present to be unnoticed, or the kindness which prompted it not to be acknowledged with most heartfelt gratitude and Please to convey to dear brother thanks. Birrell the warmest acknowledgments of myself and brother Rouse, for the interest he has taken in the late calamities, and the practical proof of it he has afforded us, and to the beloved people of his church, our thanks for their liberal aid, and prayers that the God of all grace may recompense their liberality to our afflicted churches by rich returns of temporal, and especially by spiritual blessings on themselves.

The cholera has at length left our city, for which I desire? to render humble and hearty thanks to the Father of mercies. It is, I am sorry to say, still lingering in some of the country districts, although not in so fatal a form as it wore some weeks ago. Truly its ravages have been awful. I think I am rather within the limits, when I say, that a tenth of the entire population of the island have fallen. In Port Royal, Port Maria, and Lucea, it has taken away from twenty to fifty per cent. of the inhabitants. In Kingston about four thousand have fallen victims to the plague, and in every place it has visited (and but very few have escaped), its effects have been most calamitous. Still, although so much exposed, none of our mission band have been lost. God has mercifully watched over us, and whilst a thousand have fallen at our side, and ten thousand at our right hand, it has not come nigh us to destroy us. God grant that it may be seen, after many days, that we have a blessing. been spared for good, and that the recollec-

kindness of our heavenly Father may incite us all to increased earnestness and devotion to the work of the Lord.

I think there can be no doubt that the extraordinary ravages of the disease may be in a great measure attributed to the deep poverty. and in multitudes of cases, the utter destitution of the poor people. For years I have been convinced that the great mass of the labouring population of our towns and city were in circumstances of most abject poverty; but until this disease appeared, I believe no one was fully aware of the extent of miscry and destitution which existed around them.

I sometimes indulge a hope, that the late awful visitation has been sanctified to the spiritual good of the people. Certainly there has been much more anxiety manifested than I have seen for several years. During the cholera we had prayer meetings in our chapel every morning at five o'clock, which were crowded, and the ordinary means of grace I think are better attend than before, whilst many who once forsook the house of God and the fellowship of the saints, are now returning, and seeking to be restored. Still I rejoice with humbling, lest when the excitement of sorrow shall have passed away, they may return to their former carelessness and neglect. Still duty is ours-the issue is with God. I would therefore desire to be more than ever active and faithful in the discharge of my trust ; and pray, that though now I often sow in tears, I may one day reap in joy. We have lost about two hundred by the cholera, and brother Rouse has lost thirty out of his very little flock of less than one hundred. This has greatly weakened us; yet our hope is in the Lord; he can raise up others to fill their places, and even yet turn the curse into

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

Our brethren CAREY and MAKEPEACE finished their Scottish journey in the early part of the month. Mr. CAREY has also visited Carlisle, Whitehaven, Maryport, Wigan, Lewisham Road, and Saffron Walden. Mr. MAREPEACE and Mr. T. SMITH have been in Bedfordshire and Birmingham, and is engaged for the latter part of the last and early part of the present month, in Somerset and Wilts. Dr. Cox and Mr. FISHBOURNE have attended meetings at Hitchin; Mr. BIGWOOD, at Sharnbrook and vicinity. Mr. SMITH has also been our deputation to Thrapstone and places adjacent. Mr. TRESTRAIL has taken part in services at Prescot Street, Cheltenham, Eagle Street, Luton, Stepney, and Biggleswade; and Mr. UNDERHILL at Wycombe, Brentford, Windsor, Lewisham, Loughton, Harlow, Leamington, Woolwich, and Honghton Regis, It will be seen from the foregoing statement that it has been a very busy month.

The Annual Meeting, it will be seen, is fixed for one day earlier than usual. Owing to the opening of the Industrial Exhibition for all Nations, and the expectation of unusual bustle, and the engagement of many of our friends officially on that occasion, it was deemed advisable to select the previous day. This will account for those deviations from the usual times of holding some of the services.

The following letter from one of our brethren to Mr. MAKEPEACE is so interesting that we give it a place here.

Chipping Norton, March 15, 1851.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I have been hoping to have a letter from you, fixing the time of your visit. I write again urgently to renew my entreaty that you will not pass us by in your journey southwards. The results of your last visit are very gratifying; the weekly and monthly contributions to the Missionary Society are not only maintained but increased. A letter received from Mr. Smith of Chitoura, has also given new spirit to our young friends, who collect for an orphan girl. And as another proof of a deepened missionary spirit, I have received calls from several of our poor friends with their shillings

as contributions to the cause; one young man brought me last week nine shillings, as a tithe of his weekly earnings. Come, then, and encourage such, and arouse others to do likewise.

I can also see the reflex influence of all this on us as a church—a livelier zeal is most evident; inquirers are more numerous than at any previous period of my pastorate here. I have ten young men at Chorton, and six at one of our stations, desirous to give themselves to Christ. Glory be to God.

Hoping to receive a favourable reply, I am, dear brother, Very sincerely yours, THOMAS BLISS.

The arrangements for our Annual Services are now completed. They will afford, we trust, satisfaction to all. But we cannot too earnestly beseech our friends to remember them at a throne of grace, that they may be stirring, earnest, devout, solemn, and impressive. Their influence will not then expire with them; but will remain to animate and encourage for a long time to come. The proceedings of the year have been characterized by peace, goodwill, cordiality, and general unity of purpose and feeling. May these blessings be still vouchsafed, and in a yet more abundant measure.

POSTSCRIPT.

By Indian letters, dated February 5th, received as we go to press, we are happy to learn, that our brethren RUSSELL and LEECHMAN are well. They had just returned from a most interesting visit to the stations under the care of Mr. GEORGE PEARCE, and were about to depart from Calcutta on a visit to Barisal, Jessore, Dacca, and Chittagong. They were expecting to leave India for England by the April steamer. The missionary intelligence is of a very cheering description.

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