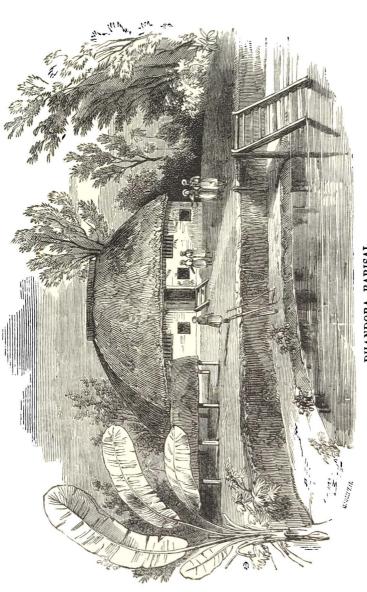
# THE MISSIONARY HERALD.



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## THE MISSION FIELD.

From various parts of the mission ment with idolatry. The inquiries, field we continue to receive encouraging reports of the progress of divine truth. India presents many features of enconragement, among which may be specified with joy, additions by baptism to the church of Christ.

In the district of Backergunge the brethren report several conversions, and a pleasing state of advancement in the piety and social well-being of the native churches. The villages of this district are wholly occupied in agriculture. The frequent inundations often expose them to hunger and want; yet among them are found many affecting examples of the power of divine grace, to strengthen character, to support in affliction, to comfort in distress, and to educe generous and benevolent feeling.

Five more persons have been baptized at the interesting station at Kalikapur, by our brother JOHANNES. The persecution to which the converts have been exposed has constrained him to obtain by purchase, a plot of ground on which to erect cottages for them, as well as to supply them with the means of selfsupport. The remarkable circumstances attending this work of God, give increased interest to every communication concerning the people, while we rejoice at the steadfastness they have displayed in the hour of trial. The effort of putting up huts, clearing the jungle, and giving the poor outcasts a fresh start in life, has not cost more than fifteen pounds. Other hopeful cases of conversion have also occurred. and we may hope that as the poor people have now a resting place, they will prosper, and that it will prove that God has a great work to do there.

Among the general subjects of interest connected with missionary labour in India, is the connexion of the govern-Hindoo deities, in the Queen's courts,

The inquiries, Commons into the affairs of the East India Company, previous to the consideration of the renewal of their charter, have induced the missionaries of various bodies in Calcutta to prepare a memorial to Parliament on the matter. "It is now," says the "Friend of India," "nearly forty years since one of the best representatives of the good old times of India informed Dr. Carey, that for his own part he intended to smooth his way to heaven by constructing a road for Juggernaut. The race of brahminized Englishmen has nearly died out." Yet the connection of the government with the temples and the priesthood of Hindoo deities, has not wholly ceased. For a long time the directions of the authorities at home, who, after many years of contrary policy, at last yielded to the repeated representations of Christian philanthropists, have been evaded, until, during the past year, orders were issued in India, breaking up the bonds which bound the Indian government to the care of the idol Juggernaut. But in various parts of India the connection still subsists. Much has indeed been done reversing the policy of former years: but some £160,000 sterling a year continue to be expended in the support of Hindoo temples, Mussalman mosques, brahmins and nursjeeds. Only  $\pounds 10,000$  of this is spent in Bengal. Other charges, however, in the local revenue are paid, which do not appear to be rendered to the government, in dues to Brahmins, gifts to local shrines, and propitiatory offerings, commenced perhaps, fifty years ago. Temple lands remain under the management of the Revenue Board, and oaths continue to be taken on the Koran, or by the in the courts of the Company. The missionaries desire to call attention to these facts at the present time, that in the new charter there may be inserted a clause forbidding, on the part of the Company, any further connection with these heathen deities and practices, which disgraces a government calling itself Christian, and, at the same time, leads the natives to think their rulers either unbelievers or hypocrites, or at the least, wholly indifferent to the gospel they profess to have received.

Late years have seen a large increase in the vernacular literature of Bengal; not only do missionary presses pour forth floods of knowledge, both religious and secular, among the people; there are not fewer than forty native presses in Calcutta, established for the purpose of publishing Bengalee books, which send out 30,000 volumes annually. There is indeed among them a mixture of the bad with the useful; but it is a fact, not a little illustrative of the progress of things in Bengal, that while every work but one of ancient Bengali origin, and full of idolatry and obscenity, has ceased to be printed, nearly four hundred works have been printed in Bengali, since the Serampore missionaries printed and published the first work hands by our generous sympathies and in that language fifty-one years ago. Al-|our prayers.

which has long ceased to be the case | though English education is eagerly sought after, and much encouraged by the government and some missionary bodies, the native language has become, and is daily becoming, more extensively the medium of intellectual and religious influence and enjoyment in the native community. The importance of this cannot be over-estimated; since, while thousands may learn the English, the Bengali must ever remain the language of the millions.

> Our readers will peruse, with deep interest, the letter of Mr. SAKER. If difficulties occur in the work of evangelization, yet these give way before the untiring zeal, fidelity, and diligence, of the true servant of Christ. As will be seen yet further, results of no slight value follow the missionary's toil; and civilization, industry, and commerce, are found to accompany, in loving companionship, the beneficent influence of Christianity.

> Nor less encouraging is the communication of our brother EAST, from Calabar, giving cheering prospects of the institution he has undertaken to guide. To train a native ministry for Jamaica is an object of the first moment ; every day adds to its urgency; and we may well strengthen our excellent tutor's

## INDIA.

## BACKERGUNGE.

The visits paid by our esteemed missionary brother, the Rev. J. C. PAGE, to the various stations in the Barisal district, are full of encouragement. He writes of them as follows :---

#### DHAMSHAR.

The first place I visited was Dhámshar. Here I spent four days (Jan. 22nd-26th.) You may remember that it was here, just twelve months ago, two brothers with their wives renounced caste, and joined our little Christian community. Unmindful of the indignation, abuse, and outstretched broom of their own mother,-and braving the declared for Christianity, and were all but

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March 4th, 1852 .- I have just returned from a visit to some of our stations; and think you will be pleased to learn some threatened opposition of the zamindár, they particulars about them.

carried off by the zamindár's piadás, when those lately come amongst us, has given us our people rescued them. Their offence a fine bit of ground for a chapel: and a was not soon forgiven. More than one chapel we must have. The last day I was petition have they been obliged to present in the village, I had a large congregation for protection. Their houses have been left of Muhammadaus, who kept me speaking alone, their mother has joined them, but nearly two hours. their zamindár, a wealthy and influential man in these parts, has not ceased to annoy them. They have been waited for at markets, and watched in all their out-goings and in-comings, as though they had been thieves and robbers with the police after them. Every now and then promises of condign punishment have been renewed,and then bribes held out to them, if they would but return,-but all in vain. They have remained stedafst; and, on the evening of sabbath day, Jan. 25th, I baptized the elder brother, named Paban.

#### SUFFERING FOR THE GOSPEL.

On the Friday previous, the good man, with his eldest son, an interesting little fellow, took some vegetables for sale to the neighbouring bazar. There he was met by his old friends the piadás, and marched off, prisoner-fashion, to the chaudhuri's kachen. "We have caught you at last," cried they. "So you have become a Christian, have you?" "I am a Christian," said Paban. Then followed sundry upbraidings, and railings, and threatenings; all which, however, failed to move the good man. Calmly he bore it all; telling his enemies that he was now in their power, it was true; they might do what they liked with bim,but they could kill only his body. "Mv soul," and twice he repeated it, " will go to my Father in heaven. That you cannot touch." "You are fined 25 Rs." cried out one of the great men : this elicited only a smile. "Pull his ears, ' cried out another; but this was but gently done, and never disconcerted or angered Paban. "Take him off," was the next order; that is, being interpreted, Take him to the inquisition-like place where ryots are punished, and occasionally tortured. "Take me," said Paban; "but it is late in the day, so let my boy go home, for he must be hungry." No; father and son must go together. They were removed; but in five minutes a message came, to let the Christian go: and home he came at night, telling me that the devil had been after him trying to injure him. A significant question is now asked in the bazar : How was it a Christian was carried off to the kacheri,-and then dismissed unfined and unbeaten? We can answer this question. Would that the heathen could ! I hope Paban's example will be soon followed by his wife and brother too. They all seem getting into the right way.

Our adult and children's schools at Dhámshar are well attended. A few men, women, and boys have learned to read. One of

#### AMGAON.

Amgáon was the next place visited. This is only an out-station, with seven families. Before seeing the people, I inquired of the heathen about them. "One thing we know," was the reply, "the Christians do not work on the sabbath, but meet together to worship God. We cannot say we have seen any evil in them." I spent a day with the Christians, and had many Hindus and Muhammadans around me all the time.

#### KALIGAON.

Next I went on to Kaligáon. Here the people had long been very unsteady. Months ago, the native preacher was taken very ill, and was nigh unto death. He was forced to come away, and there was no one to supply his place. Then three or four families kept away from worship, talked of Mahantism as better than Christianity--that is, sin better than obedience to the wanted neither Sabbath nor Scripture; neither Sáhib nor sarkár. So they dreamed that he would give them up, and let them do what they liked. I do not think, therefore, they were at first over-pleased at seeing my boats approaching their village. No one came out to meet me; but I pushed on, and spent four days with the offenders, reproving, expostulating, and teaching. Finally, they all promised to do better in future; to be regular at worship, observe the sabbath, obey their teachers, and so forth. So I placed a school teacher from Digaliyá among them, prayed with them, and came away, indulging a hope that this station would now revive a little. But I fear I hoped too soon. The last accounts from the place were not favourable.

On the sabbath afternoon, I had a large number of heathen, together with the Chris-tian congregation. To them I spoke at length of the glory and greatness of Christ -how that He is Lord over all gods; and that the gods of the heathen are vanity. There was great attention ; and after the service I ascertained that what was said was understood by all, perhaps felt by some.

#### GHAGAR.

February 10th. Left home again for On the way we stopped at a Gháoar. market place, and had a goodly number of hearers, to whom John and I spoke for an hour. The sun was so hot, and there was not a tree even to shade us, that I was obliged to finish sooner than I wished. The number of men able to read was rather surprising. They seemed all poor villagers, but yet managed to read our tracts, and were glad to get them,

#### CRUEL PERSECUTION.

Late at night two of our people from Madrá came on board, with a letter, stating that some ryots of Babu Ram Ratan Ray had seized our native preacher Adam, and beaten him most unmercifully. The following day we reached Ghágar, when I sent for Adam. In the afternoon he came, attended by all the Christian men in the village, by way of escort ! He had been beaten very severely, had marks of sticks all down his back, and had managed to walk so far with great difficulty. It seems that the previous Tuesday morning, while Adam was going into the village (Mádrá) to collect the children and others who attend school, six men, ryots of the Babu's, stopped him and told him to call on the Rájá (Bábu Rám Ratan) to save him ! This, of course, he would not do. So they seized him by the hair, knocked him down, beat him to their hearts' content with láthis; and then dragged him to a ditch, where they left him senseless and hopeless. For all this treatment I could discover no reason whatever. The Bábu's gomáshtás could assign none; for three of them came to me, asking me to make up matters, promising to send the offenders to me that I might punish them,-and asserting that the assault had been made without their orders or knowledge. However, as I could not believe that ryots unencouraged by their superiors are so hold and lawless, I would not listen to them; but sent Adam that night to Barisál to petition the magistrate. How far we shall get justice remains to be seen. But if the offenders escape, matters shall not end. The fact is, this is the third time Ratan Bábu's people have seized our native preachers, and ill-treated them; and we must not put up with such things.

#### DIGALIYA.

On Thursday morning, the 12th, our people from *Digaliyá* came for me, and dragged me and my goods in several little dingis through mud and water, a distance of three good miles. The heat, the stench of the mud, and the disagreeable motion of the dingi made me feel quite ill. I was glad, about 11 o'clock, to get into the chapel. Here all was near, crean, and The first thing that struck me, was a pretty little round golá which the people had just finished. Poor as they are, they left their fields, and gave about 12 Rs. of labour towards this object, and that most cheerfully. The paddy deposited here (now nearly 300 maunds) is for the relief of the sick and leads to misery all the year through.

by loans, in times of want. We have similar, though smaller, golás in nearly all the stations. The Circular Road Church and the Native Christian Social Advancement Society have generously and considerately helped us in this matter; and to them I would renew our thanks.

At Digaliyá I spent five pleasant days, having worship with the people twice a day, examining candidates, attending to the schools, &c. On sabbath the 15th, I had a congregation of 147 adults crammed within the chapel, with nearly 50 little ones outside. After each service the people were questioned about the sermons, and were able to give a tolerable account of them. In the evening I had some Hindu hearers.

#### BAPTISMS.

On Monday, after a long examination, we received *fifteen* persons for baptism, seven men and eight women. They had all been candidates for twelve months, some for eighteen months. Their answers to the numerous questions put were very satisfactory. The testimony given by the native preacher and members generally, concerning their changed characters and consistent lives, was most decided and pleasing. It was with both joy and fear that I agreed to baptize them. Yet, after what I had heard and seen, I could not help asking, "Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized ?" &c. At sun-set I immersed them in an adjoining tank. At night we had the Lord's supper together, and I do not remember to have been en-gaged in a more solemn service. One of those baptized is a very old blind man. He seemed nevertheless the happiest of all. "I have no other wish," said he, when told that he was accepted by the church, "but to obtain a little refuge at the feet of Jesus Christ :--- to lie at his feet is all my desire." When baptized, I asked him how he felt? "Full of joy in Jesus Christ," he answered. Ten of the rest, six women and four men, are from our adult classes, and are able to read the New Testament; so that we see, with no little gratitude and pleasure, the fruits of our efforts to get all our people, old and young, to read God's own book. And more fruit God will give us; and more humble praise will we pay to Him !

There are now twenty-eight women, ten men, and nineteen boys attending school in Of these, thirty-one have this village. learned to read with more or less fluency.

### BROTHERLY KINDNESS.

It often happens that sickness, or the want of bullocks or seed, prevents a poor man from cultivating his field, and thus Well, helpless by gifts, and the people generally to prevent the occurrence of such distress. our Digaliyá people have, untold by me, | stayed but two days, but was obliged to sit up formed themselves into various bands, agreeing to bear the burden of the weak, sick, and helpless, and prepare and sow their land for them. This shows no little union and love among them. Indeed, several little things of this kind I might mention, all which tend to show that the station is blessed of the Lord.

#### PAKHAR.

On Tuesday the 17th, I had engaged to go to Pákhar, an out-station of Digaliyá, but said I could not sit in a dingy and be dragged through the mud,-it made me so sick. So the men from Pákhar, after spending Monday evening with us, set to, after midnight, and worked hard till morning, filling up all the broken parts between the ridges of the fields, so that I might be able to walk to their village, a distance of three miles. Then they came for me, took what things I required, led the way, and now and then carried me over places which, with all their trouble, were too wet and muddy to get over dry-shod. After twelve o'clock I attended to those who were learning to read, saw how far each had got on, how much all knew of the First Catechism, and so forth. Though there are only twelve families here, there are thirteen women and eight men learning. Next we had worship together; and then proceeded to speak to the heathen, who had mustered full 200 strong to see the Sahib, and hear what he had to say. With them we were engaged till evening. At night again the Christians came, and the heathen came, and the day's work was renewed. I wished much to stay a day or two longer in this village, but other places were wanting me; so, on Wednesday morning, I returned to Digaliyá, and found the people from Madra had come for me.

#### MADRA.

till much after midnight to make up for the shortness of the visit. This station is improving, though it is not yet what we would like it to be. There are twenty-two women who come to school three mornings in the week; but no men. The names of a few candidates for baptism were meh-tioned, but I thought it better for them to wait a little longer. The congregation was very good both times each day.

#### SUAGAON.

Saturday 20th, proceeded to Suágáon. It was night before I got to the village, hungry and worn-out. On subbath-day we had more than the chapel could hold. There and worn-out, was much attention to the preached word. On Monday we received five women who had long been anxiously desirous of baptism. One of them has learned to read, and has grown considerably in knowledge. On Tuesday evening I baptized them in a tank far from the chapel; the heathen from the neighbourhood and several brethren from other stations, quite surrounding us. Oh, may all those thus confessing Christ be kept by his mighty power, through faith, unto salvation. Suágáon is now in a much healthier condition than it ever was. I hope things will daily improve. Five women, ten men, and three boys can read. Others are learning.

Thus ended my two visits to the stations. Will not the reader join me in thanking the Lord for the tokens of his favour so evident among some of our people? Will he not join in prayer, too, for each one of these little churches, that it may be kept pure, and be greatly increased : and for the heathen and Muhammadan, too, that they may turn to Christ? Pray, reader, pray, that Christ's kingdom may come, and his will Thursday 19th, went to Madra. Here I | be done on earth as it is done in heaven !

## AFRICA.

## FERNANDO PO.

Mr. SAKER presents a most interesting picture of his manifold labours. It is dated Clarence, January, 1852.

I now enclose for you a rough'sketch of the material, &c., which we shall need for our chapel roof, which has been contemplated so long. I feel certain that you will be interested with the circumstances which have caused the outline and details of all that was necesthe delay; so, although it will occupy your sary, intending to forward it to you immediate-

In a letter to one of the Treasurers, | time to read, I will pen a few lines, but will be as brief as possible.

The time left me to prepare for my voyage, after the Committee had sanctioned the building of the chapel, in October, 1850, was too short (only eighteen hours) for me to send to you any particulars of the material wanted. As soon as our voyage began, I had much time at command, and all my plans were reviewed; and in the end I sketched ly on landing. To do this I had no opportunity for many weeks. In the meantime, the rapid decay of our buildings here induced me to attempt to make bricks, so that, in time, we might have buildings less destructible than those we now occupy. With this came the thought that, if I succeed with bricks, how much better to make the chapel of that This induced me to delay the material. building a little space. As soon as I could command a day, I began with the clay we have here. After a few difficulties were overcome, we succeeded in making 500. In attempting to burn them, we succeeded so far as to convince me that, by a mixture of clay and a suitable kiln, we should succeed to our utmost wish. In the meantime it became necessary for me to spend my time chiefly at Cameroons. Our next attempt was with the clay found there, which proved to be much better suited for our purpose, and we were full of hope. We made a few, and dried them in the sun; they answered well for all dry places. We then erected sheds, all dry places. made tables and moulds, and at length built a kiln, with two fires, with which we can eventually burn 4000 at one time.

The next stage after the buildings were all ready was to obtain labourers, and in this matter we have an evidence of the success with which God has honoured us in Cameroons. In settling myself there seven years since I resolved to make brick, if for no other purpose, yet for a good cottage for myself, and for months I tried, but in the end gave it up in despair. No persuasion or offer of payment would induce the men to labour. Labour, they said, was only for slaves. We set the example by continuous labour, and they laughed at us and regarded us as slaves or fools. In these few years there has come a change. We could not get bricks; yet we built a chapel of wood, and the people filled it. They heard, and, in time, felt the importance of preparing for the solemnities of another world. The love of God, as seen in the person and work of Christ, arrested their attention, and some few sought unto us to be instructed. The truth made impressions on Right beach. their hearts, and they were changed.

principles began to have place, and when they went to trade in the country they could no longer succeed by fraud and lies. As soon as this was seen, persecution came; and with the loss of all property, and with personal suffering they barely returned to tell their companions. And so it has happened that, as soon as a man decides for God, his own townsmen drive him from the markets, lest he should spoil the trade. This is a trial that comes on all the men who are determined to obey God rather than men. In their sufferings they come to me to know what they are to do. I have replied, " Cultivate more ground, raise and sell provisions, plant cotton, and open a new source of trade ;" and latterly I have said, " Make bricks, and I will pay you." Now see their answer—" We will do anything, if you will teach us!" I have taught them, and my brick-yard maintains five families, and in return I get 2000 bricks every week. This, my dear sir, is a triumph-a triumph which we owe to God and the influence of his holy word. Without the gospel, I could get no work done; with it, I can build a bridge across our wide river, or convert the wilderness into a fruitful garden ; and had I a sufficient sum of money to maintain a few families through two years of labour, I could open a new source of profit and dependence for our people-even without money, I hope eventually to succeed in planting a few acres of cotton, even as we have with sugar cane.

It only remains to say, that we have made a specimen of paving tile, and shall try plain tiles for covering soon.

We now need lime or cement, and in my travels I am searching high and low to obtain a material for lime. I hope to succeed.

My brick-making is no longer a subject of hope, so I make no further delay in sending you the particulars of the roof.

We have since learned that our persevering brother has secured lime sufficient for his purpose by the collection of oyster shells from the neighbouring beach.

## WEST INDIES.

## HAITI.

## JACMEL.

Our young brother, Mr. D. WEBLEY, He thus writes of them, under date has now fully entered on his work in this important island, and has visited some of the scenes of his future labour. American Baptist brethren.

Since we last wrote to you, we have together visited three of our stations - Mont Plaisir, Cayes, and Marigo.

Mont Plaisir, as I believe you are already aware, is only a plantation about fifteen miles from Jacmel, of which Eliacine's father is the proprietor, and on which there are few other residents besides his family. As it was a busy time with them, we were able to collect but very few together. We spent the greater part of the day with them, and in the evening held a service in their house, when my brother expounded the scriptures, and prayed with them. Eliacine's sister Alcida, who has been mentioned to you in previous letters, still continues anxious to be baptized. She has sought instruction from her mother-inlaw, already a member with us, and occasionally from the Mission family, and we have great hopes that she is truly converted. Civille also, who applied some time ago for baptism, and who has had so much difficulty on account of his living formerly according to the usual custom of this country with two women-remains, I trust, still determined to pursue the path of duty, and is, I believe. at present building a house with the intention of marrying and living in it.

We went to Marigo, purposing to stay a few days, but on arriving there, could not obtain grass for our horses, and were compelled to return on the following morning. In the evening we held a service in the Court-house of the village--the Commandant, an old man upwards of ninety years of age, who treated us with great respect and friendly feeling-having kindly offered and prepared it for our use. The service having been previously announced through the village, we had an excellent congregation-better than on any former visit-the room being well filled, and (as is usually the case) numbers standing outside. The people appeared pleased to receive us-paid great attention while my brother expounded the scriptures, and prayed with them, and willingly received the tracts which we distributed among them at the close. There are many encouraging aspects in this, and in most other such small country villages. Their inhabitants are less under the influence of the priests -being seldom visited by these men-(who rarely visit them more than once in twelve months) and are therefore less prejudiced against us than many others. They appear very hospitable-friendly disposed, and willing to hear the gospel; and though their ready and numerous attendance is no doubt, in great part, to be attributed to the novelty of the thing to them, yet it is very encouraging as giving us more ready access to them. I was much pleased with our visit here; my heart yearned over them, in so evident a state of the grossest ignorance and darkness on everything relative to their spiritual inte- congregations were good-especially at our rests, and I felt it no small pain that I could principal meeting, of which I have just

not find ready utterance for my feelings to them. Cayes is a village on the sea coast. lying between Jacmel and Marigo. We passed through it in going to the latter, and gave notice that on our retuin we should stay to preach. When we returned we found the ground underneath a large spreading tree by the road-side swept and prepared for us. The Commandant had sent into the mountains and neighbourhood around, to give notice of our coming-but, as we returned sooner than we had caused them to expect-the people of the village alone collected. These brought out their chairs and benches, and sat round my brother, while he read and expounded to them the first part of the 13th of Matthew, and prayed with them. They listened very attentively, and afterwards willingly received our tracts. We were near the sea-so near, that every now and then my brother's voice was almost deafened by its roar. The scene had so many points of resemblance to that when the gracious words of Him, "who spake as never man spake," were first addressed to the multitudes who stood around Him on the shore-that, as we read and explained them, we seemed almost to realize it anew. These visits have greatly endeared my chosen work to me, and encouraged me to pursue it, and I trust soon, when more advanced in the knowledge of French, to enter with more effect upon it. I am advancing slowly-but find it a much greater difficulty to surmount than I could have imagined. I hope, however, gradually to overcome it by patient and persevering labour. We have also, since our last to you, held our annual missionary meetings. These have been this year more than ever satisfactory and pleasing, and we trust will prove productive of much good in various ways to the interests of our Mission. We had with with us our brethren Mr. Judd and Mr. Lillavois from Portau-Prince, besides Dorval and Des Chapelles. Mr. L- is a young man formerly of the Wesleyan connexion-but having been a baptist, has joined Mr. Judd's church-is of very promising character and abilities, and has had considerable experience in preaching. We were all very pleased with him. With good talents, he appeared so open, simple, sincere, and so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the gospel. Mr. Judd is about to ordain him, and leave him in care of the Church at Port-au-Prince, during his absence for a few months to the States. He has promised to give us his address on the occasion, which was highly interesting and impressive, so that I hope we may enclose it in our next communication to you. Those also of Dorval and Des Chapelles gave us all great pleasure. My brother has translated and enclosed them to you, and I am sure that on reading them you will share our joy and satisfaction. Our

spoken, when our room was well-filled, and | baptized-but at present her father most redaughter has, we trust, experienced real con- have of them. version of heart, and is very anxious to be

great numbers standing outside. We hope solutely forbids it. The limits of my paper that very favourable impressions were then oblige me hastily to close. Let me afresh produced, which will yet appear. I ought entreat a large interest in your most earnest also to mention to you that Madame Fergus' prayers, for I most deeply feel the need I

## JAMAICA.

### CALABAR. '

Mr. EAST, gives us the interesting details referred to above. It is dated April 6th, 1852.

More than a month ago you had tidings of our safety, and now I am thankful to be able to inform you that, through the mercy of our heavenly Father, we are all well. To me, indeed, the climate is not only endurable, but delightful. One sometimes keenly feels the separation from the endeared associations of home; but in my work, and in the sweet consciousness of believing that I am where God would have me to be, and doing what he would have me to do, I find my solace and my joy. As to my work, I was never more happily employed with my dear young brethren around me, eager for instruction, and ever receiving it in a spirit which makes it a real pleasure to impart it. I feel at home, and for the time being lose the realization of the fact, sometimes saddening to the spirit, that I am 5000 miles away from so many whom I tenderly love.

It is now nearly two months since I commenced my regular duties.

On Sunday, the 21st ult., our esteemed friends, Mrs. and Miss Tinson, set sail from Falmouth ; so that, all being well, soon after the receipt of this it will be your pleasure to welcome them to the land of their fathers. Their continuance here for a few weeks after our arrival, was of great service to us ; indeed, I hardly know what we should have done without the information and advice we obtained from them.

A few days before their departure, we had here one of the most interesting meetings 1 ever remember to have attended. Thinking it might be gratifying to our friends, and answer some good purpose to the Institution, I invited the native pastors who had been educated at Calabar to spend a day or two with us, and take their final leave of the widow and child of their late beloved and lamented tutor. They accordingly assembled, some on the evening of the ninth, and others on the morning of the tenth of the abovementioned month. At family worship, on the morning of the latter day, brother Johnson for it.

In the following letter, our brother, |led our devotions in a strain of simple piety with which our hearts were deeply affected. An hour or two before dinner we all met; Messrs. Johnson, of Clarksonville ; Smith, of Dry Harbour; Palmer, of Staceyville; McLaggan, of Moneague, Gordon, of Mount Nebo and Fray, of Refuge, with Mrs. and Miss Tinson, and Mrs. East, for mutual Our first topic of conversation conference. was one which lay very near to every heart ; it was not the departure of our dear friends, but the Institution, for the interests of which they had long lived and laboured. In this conversation I gleaned some few facts, in relation to the results of its operations, with which you will be highly gratified.

It appears that, from the commencement of the Institution, up to the time of our beloved brother Tinson's death, seventeen students had left its walls. Now it will be remembered that, in the beginning, it was an entirely new and untried experiment ; that it had to be made under many circumstances of great disadvantage, and with such materials as could be obtained, most of the candidates admitted being married men, and many of them being almost destitute of the first elements of education. And yet, notwithstanding all these disadvantages, I ascertained that out of the seventeen who had received the educational benefits of the establishment, six are, at this moment, occupying respectable positions, some of them of extensive usefulness, as pastors of churches; that four are engaged in the combined work of schoolmasters and assistant preachers; that two others are occupied as schoolmasters; and one as the pastor of a small native church, although not fully recognized; while two have died, and other two have returned to secular callings. Thus it will be seen that, except in the case of the two removed by death, only two have been lost out of the whole number received, although the highest objects of the Institution have not been realized in all. In the close of this conversation, I received a distinct pledge from each native brother present of an annual collection for the College, most of them specifying the month in which they would make it, so that I might know when to look

These matters having been disposed of, our | and spent the rest of the day with us. brethren severally gave expression to the deep feeling of their hearts on the occasion which had convened them ; and their addresses, evidently the spontaneous and unpremeditated utterances of their real sentiments, were of the most gratifying description. I only wish all the friends of a native ministry in this island could have listened to them. They were sometimes, indeed, interrupted and broken, but it was by the sobs and tears of gratitude and affection, in reviewing the benefits they had received from him who now rests from his labours, and of whom they spoke as a father, as well as in acknowledging the uniform kindness they had experienced under the domestic superintendence of those of whom they were taking a last farewell. I may add, that of all which has transpired since I reached this land, nothing has afforded me more encouragement than the affectionate words of welcome and united assurances of sympathising and prayerful co-operation on the part of these dear native brethren, to myself and family on this occasion. I feel persuaded they will prove to be amongst the most zealous friends and supporters of the Institution.

The students joined us at the dinner-table, a present of seven pounds sterling.

A six o'clock in the evening, pastors, students Mrs. and Miss Tinson, and every member of our own family, met again in the library, where we spent an hour in unitedly commending our friends about to leave us, to the kind care and protection of our heavenly Father. Most fervent and affectionate were the petitions put up on their behalf, and we trust that, in answer to them, they will very shortly after you are in receipt of this be welcomed by the warm and Christian greetings of those who love the Saviour in their native land, and who know how to honour those who have long borne the burden and heat of The evening was closed by a the day. general conversation on the religious and educational interests of the island, when I did my best in preaching to them from words which, although not sacred, are nevertheless, I hope, pregnant with cheering truth in relation to this lovely land :--

> " Wait a little longer, There's a good time coming, boys, Wait a little longer."

Before our brethren separated, they gave our friends a practical proof of their love, in

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island seem brightening; and our brother, Mr. Cowen, is cheered by the tokens of the Divine blessing on his labours. He says, under date of April 5. 1852 :---

I have great pleasure to inform you of the prosperous state of our work since the commencement of the dry season. Several highly interesting meetings have been held at each of our stations, when, I trust, good has been done and progress made. On last sabbath we held one of these extra meetings, which commenced the previous evening. At each station we have been holding these monthly gatherings, when our friends came from all the surrounding places, and spent two days together, having six preaching services when the weather permits. On the past Saturday evening we had our little chapel crowded, and so on the following sabbath all the day. At the close of our second service I had the pleasure of immersing two interesting be-lievers, who, drawn by the Saviour's love, came to us, treading in his way and in the footsteps of the flock. The water being scarce at this sensor of the year, we had to trust, will not be without much good to the

The prospects of our Mission in this go to a considerable distance in search of it and seem brightening ; and our broafter clambering up hill and down dale for nearly two miles, we at length found ourselves buried in the deep-shaded woods, on the banks of a branch of the Ortoire River. A large number of people ranged themselves on the banks, and listened most attentively to an exposition of baptist sentiments, as formed by the word of God. The woods resounded with the shout of praise we raised to our Prophet, Priest, and King, as we sang the beautiful hymn-

" Through floods and flames, if Jesus leads, I'll follow where he goes : Hinder me not, shall be my cry. Though earth and hell oppose. To Him we will give glory; To Him we will give glory; To Him we will give glory ; His law we will obey.

When again returned to the little chapel, we received the newly-baptized into church fellowship; and about thirty of us, of various colours, and from widely distant countries, surrounded the table of our Lord, rejoicing alone in Him and his finished work. Brother Inniss closed the day's proceedings, which, I

inhabitants of that distant neighbourhood. | are tokens for good in the future. In a land our God may indeed bless and prosper our verts. entrance into that important district. These

On the coming sabbath I hope to be at like this, it is cheering to see any made Couva, where brother Proctor lives, when willing to follow their Lord ; and, I trust, several candidates for baptism will be im- the time will soon arrive when our Zion will mersed, and a church he formed. Oh that extend her borders and multiply her con-

# FRANCE.

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the account given by Mr. JENKINS, of his labours in the cause of Christ, and the prospect before him of a continuance. It is dated May 14, 1852.

Just a fortnight ago I visited the country for the purpose of preaching. Saturday, evening, 25th ult., I preached in a large farm-house, to a good number of persons, and on that occasion proclaimed the saving mercy of Christ from these words, "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice." There was a good attentive hearing. It was the first time for me to preach in this farm-house, but the family expressed a warm desire that I would visit them often for the purpose of explaining the gospel to them. At the close of the meeting many questions were put to me, especially by the son of the house, and another young man, respecting the confession, mass, baptism, &c., all evincing a spirit of inquiry and a conviction of error to a certain extent, but with a feeling which is suitable, friendly, and promising.

The sabbath I preached at Omnes's house to a good congregation. There was an interesting farmer present, who had walked from eight to ten miles to come to the meeting. Between three and four years ago he bought a Breton Testament, though unable to read. For some time he asked his neighbours to read it to him. But, though a man from 45 to 50 years of age, he has learned to read his Testament, by the aid of a few lessons which he received of a young man in the neigh-bourhood, and I was surprised to perceive how much he had read of the Divine volume, and how far he had laid hold of the meaning of the gospel. Our Breton colporteur, calling, a short time ago, at this man's house, found him reading his New Testament to a neighbour.

We have not yet met with any difficulties as to our meetings in the country, but we cannot flatter ourselves that we are safe, for the old law, in its worst and most extensive form, against religious meetings, has been put in

Our readers will peruse with interest | force by a decree. My intention is to go on as usual, regarding our meetings in the country just as our meetings in the town, as being established previous to this new law. In case our liberty will be attacked, we shall defend it as well as we can. I was grieved to learn, by reading the Christian Times you kindly sent me, that the meetings of the baptists in the department of the Aisne have been put a stop to by the civil authority. It is difficult to know what times are before us, but our trust is in the Lord.

I am glad to tell you that our itinerary school goes on very well-far better than we expected. It was truly gratifying to my feelings to meet our Breton teacher the other day by a little farm-house, giving a lesson to read to the farmer's daughter, and her progress was such that she could read pretty fair in our Breton Sunday School book. The teacher has now forty-four learners, which are thus :- five married persons, from the age of twenty-five to forty-nine years, six young persons, nincteen children from the age of ten to sixteen, and fourteen children from five to ten. Some more express a desire to be taught. I was told that a little boy, whose parents were not willing for him to learn reading, is so desirous of having lessons, that he goes to the house of a neighbour to meet the teacher, and that he makes rapid progress. The priest has ceased his open opposition. I was informed he even told a woman to continue to learn reading, and that he would give her books to read. In fact, the rather formidable opposition, coming from ecclesiastical and lay influence has apparently given way. The people in this district have acquired a certain independence of mind which is on the increase, and I am told that some of them are bold enough to ask reasons and argue with the priests. And certainly late events in France and Italy, the tenor of which is widely known, have not at all contributed to the veneration of the people for their spiritual rulers. We have reason to bless the Lord for what good we are enabled to do in these difficult times. The field of our labour is under culture to receive the good seed of the word of God. Let us take courage ; we shall reap in due time, if we faint not.

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