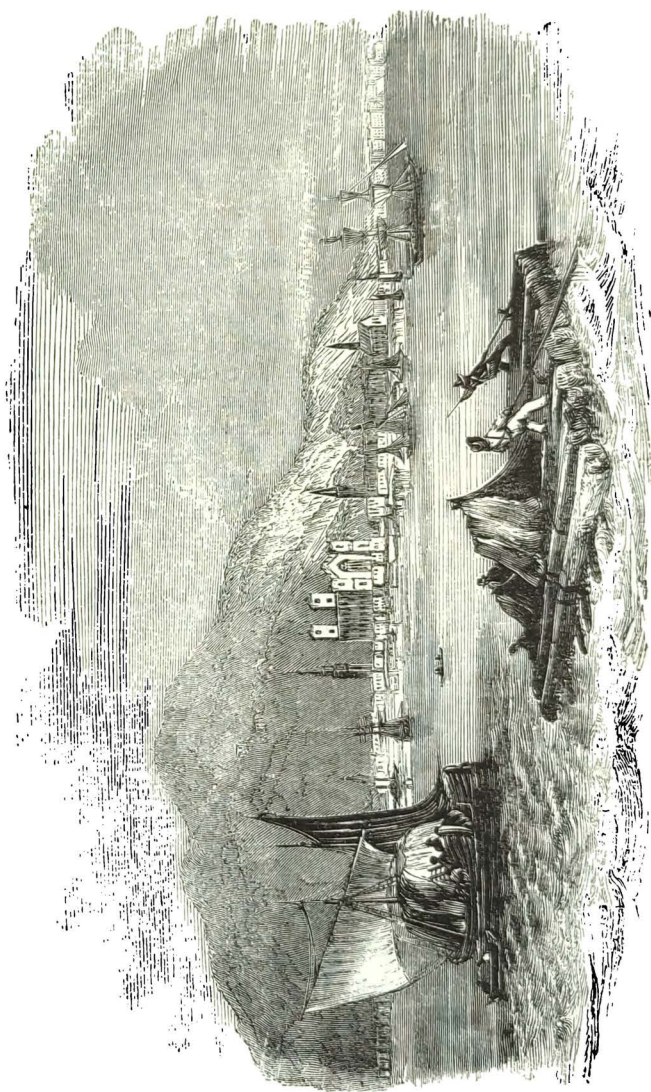


THE MISSIONARY HERALD.



MONTREAL, CANADA

THE MISSION FIELD.

WE suspend for another month the paper on the circulation of Early Bengali Tracts, a subject which, if resumed a month hence, will not lose its interest on that account. There is some intelligence which we wish to present to our readers which cannot well be classified under the usual heads, for which this is the most appropriate place.

It is not a little strange, but such is the fact, that there is a movement going on in India not unlike that which is now agitating all China. This intelligence comes from Mr. HSING of Benares, from whose communications we gather the following facts. He states that there appears to be some moving among the people, as at present in China, but not upon warlike principles. A native of very high standing and education in that neighbourhood has lately renounced idolatry. He goes about preaching the only true God. Crowds gather round him, when he fully explains to them the folly of worshipping dumb idols. He is so firm and fearless that he has written to, and almost commanded, many rajahs to give up their idolatry, and set the people a noble example. Should there be a movement among the higher class of people to embrace the gospel, the lower orders will soon follow. Many are looking with great interest on this remarkable man, and we sincerely trust it will tend to the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom.

Now it is not to the circumstance of one man taking this course, and that man one of the higher orders, that we attach so much importance. But it must be observed, that in no community do the upper classes take part in any popular movement in opposition to old customs and ideas, until the classes beneath

them have already discussed the question, and showed that they are favourable to the change. This man, who has crowds to listen to him, who is already a formidable power, would never have any encouragement to proceed except as he had the masses with him. In that lies the significance of the fact. But how come these masses to be favourable to such teaching? It can only be accounted for on the supposition that by evangelistic effort they have been prepared for it. And this is the more evident if the general complaint of the missionaries for so long a time of the almost universal *apathy* of the people be remembered, a complaint which has only ceased to be heard within these past few years.

But there are other signs of the same spirit. In glancing over the pages of the *Friend of India* we find a young native of rank, who had embraced Christianity, after a return from a tour in the Upper Provinces, refused admission into his father's house, when wishing to pay his filial respects after a long absence.

Now it appears that this young man's father had himself set at nought the restrictions which the Hindoo religion places upon corporeal indulgences, for he eats flesh and drinks wine in company with Christians; and yet he has chosen to disinherit his son for doing the same things. The young man asserts that his father set his feet in that path, to walk in which is now considered sufficient to sever the most sacred and natural ties. He appeals to the public through the press, and the *Citizen* at Calcutta publishes his letter, and appends sundry remarks thereon. It is not, then, merely to the fact that a young man has so acted that we refer,

but rather to his appealing to the public through the press. This is significant, for it indicates a great change in public opinion on such questions. A quarter of a century ago such an appeal would have been in vain. At that time, indeed, there would have been found no such a tribunal to which an appeal could be addressed.

On this incident the editor of the *Citizen* makes the following observations:—"How unjust is that spirit of domination which would limit the advance of the intellects of its children to that point to which it had itself proceeded! The tide of knowledge, however, refuses to obey the command, 'Thus far shalt thou go and no farther,' uttered by any voice than that of its Divine Creator. It is utterly impossible for Hindoo fathers to separate, by the prism of paternal authority, the rays of intellectual and spiritual knowledge, which together compose the bright beam of truth now illumining the west, and beginning to glimmer through the darkness of Indian superstition and ignorance. The harsh treatment by which the father, in this instance, expresses his resentment against his son (or we would fain hope, rather hopes to force him to change his course of conduct), will but exalt the young man into the rank of a martyr for conscience's sake, and tend to bring to his side many wavering converts."

Facts like these are not to be regarded as isolated merely; they are symptomatic. They indicate a deep under current of feeling among all classes, particularly the lower; for such influences do not reach the higher until the masses beneath them are moved thereby.

Nor are the observations of the editor which we have quoted less significant. It is impossible, in his judgment, for parental authority to stay the progress of the light which is now beginning to glimmer through the darkness of Indian superstition. It will decide many wavering converts who may be placed in somewhat similar circumstances. The existence of such persons is plainly admitted, and admitted as well known facts are. Hence they are not a few; it is not one here and there which would justify such language. But whence came they? What are the causes which have brought them to this state of mind? Is it too much to say these are some of the fruits of missionary toil?

Clearly, then, society is being leavened in Bengal. Though the man who heads this crusade against idolatry, as described by Mr. HEINIG, be not a Christian convert, would he have had the power he now wields if Christian missionaries had not, years ago, sown, broad cast, the seeds of truth over the public mind? Honoured brethren who have entered into rest, we are reaping the fruits of your self-denial and toil! May we be faithful to the trust you bequeathed us. Catching your spirit, and following your example, we would fain press on. And in proposing to enlarge and consolidate the mission you left to our care when you went up higher, we are treading in your footsteps. Brethren at home, pastors, deacons, churches, do not all things speak to us, and in the voice of encouragement, to extend yet more widely these efforts, and that the recently proposed project is in harmony with the utterance?

INDIA.

SERAMPORE.

The following brief extracts from Mr. DENHAM's letter of September 2, will be read with interest, not only because the work is going on at Barrackpore, but chiefly on account of the baptism of two sons of missionaries :—

I am grateful to be able to add, that in the midst of our trials, God has not left us without a blessing. Several, we may say for India many, have been baptized this year.

At Barrackpore, a work of inquiry and revival has been going on among the descend-

ants of the Portuguese and Hindoos, connected with the various regiments stationed there. Since I wrote, a son of brother Lawrence of Monghir has been baptized by brother Leslie; he was educated by me, and left last year for employment in Calcutta. A son of brother Williamson of Birbhoom, who is with us now, will most probably have professed his love to the Saviour before this letter reaches you. May our children arise in the place of their fathers! May God, even our own God, bless them and make them more useful and successful than we have been!

DACCA.

Most of our readers may have seen in the papers a notice of the death of the Rev. W. ROBINSON of Dacca, the society's senior missionary in Bengal. We have received the following particulars respecting him, in a letter from Mr. BIRD dated September 16th, and which cannot be read without mingled feelings of pleasure and regret :—

Probably you may have heard before this letter reaches you of the heavy loss our family and mission here have sustained. Our dear father and brother Robinson has entered into his rest, and finished his course. The oldest missionary in Bengal has for ever ended his toils and labours and rejoices now in eternal happiness. Long has been his pilgrimage here on earth, only four months short of seventy years, and long he struggled in this vale of tears, and not less than forty-seven years he spent in the mission field in Bengal. We have lost a kind and affectionate father, a champion of our denomination, a much experienced and valiant soldier of our Lord, and a beloved brother in the work here. He expired on the 2nd of September, at half-past nine o'clock, P.M., literally falling asleep in Jesus. I was with him night and day, and had much blessing at his death-bed. Though his last days were very trying for body and mind, he yet never uttered a doubt as to his safety. Most energetically he several times said, when asked, "My hope is alone in Jesus." I cannot tell all the particulars of his last days, but it is still impressed on our minds with what a sweet and emphatic tone he repeated the hymn,

"While on the verge of life," and, "Afflicted saints." His end was peace, and peace with a peculiar brightness shone on his face after he expired.

The evening of the following day we followed his remains to the cold and silent tomb; nearly all the European residents and many natives accompanied us. I spoke a few words at the grave of my dear father, but with difficulty, and ended with prayer.

He has left a widow and five children unprovided for, who are still here. The deceased said a few days before his death to me, "My dear brother, write to Mr. Thomas I am dying, but that he shall take care of my wife and poor children, I have often spent of my own substance for the work of the Lord, I hope the brethren will not leave my poor wife and children in distress." Mrs. Robinson with her four children will proceed after a month to Serampore, and have them educated there. Miss Robinson, my wife's sister, will, according to her and her father's wish in his latter days, stay with us, and I will try to gather a few children, whom she can teach.

My urgent request now is, as you may well expect, for another fellow-labourer at Dacca. The work here cannot be carried on by one, unless he allows himself to be soon ruined in health, and at all events the work suffers under only one.

Scattering the seed.

It was on the 25th of August, that I returned from a most interesting and encouraging journey to the east of Mymensing, as far as Durgapur at the foot of the Garrow Hills. All over the country where we travelled thousands and tens of thousands of Hindoos and Musalmans are not only ready but anxious to hear the gospel. They

never saw nor heard a missionary before, and I cannot describe to you the feelings with which I was almost overpowered when daily addressing them. There were crowds from three to six and eight hundred, attentive and mostly respectable people. In some places we left people who seemed to be near the kingdom of God, and I promised the people in many places to come again in October bringing more books.

Help required.

I am alone, with all the English and Bengali work, and the accounts of the mission, chapel, and church in my hands; to get away then, especially now, is an utter impossibility. So the sooner you send a brother the better. I will gladly relinquish all my labours in English, and devote myself entirely to the natives. Our chapel is at present so well attended that should I shut the chapel for a month or two, I know many English friends will take offence and probably withdraw some of their contributions to our mission. You will say, send the native brethren, that of course I must do, but I assure you that it is very desirable and needful that a European who knows the language should accompany them in a country like East Bengal. I want to go myself, as I came to Bengal for this purpose, and I feel uneasy in mind, if my Bengali work is interrupted by English preaching to Europeans.

And that you may be sure that my last

journey was not a very pleasant one according to the flesh, I will only add, that we had to pass through dense jungles, stagnant water, marshy wastes, and a wild river near the hills, which brought down trees and roots in numbers. And this all in the rains. Any one, who knows what it is to travel in the rains and near the hills in Bengal, will certainly agree, that it was a great mercy that I with a wife and child came through so safely.

A missionary's joy.

One evening when I took a drive with my dear father, he felt excessively weak and faint, but when I narrated to him several things of my last journey, he revived for a few moments and expressing his joy said, "This news I will carry to Paradise." It was especially of the reception of the gospel in a place called Durgapur, at the foot of the Garrow Hills. There I visited the house of a Maharajah, a Brahmin. His family received me kindly, and some four hundred Brahmins, all his priests and writers, heard with exceeding great attention for three days. Many came three miles to get to our boat, in the midst of the rain and waded patiently up to their knees in the river, till they got a gospel. It was there I had daily, morning, noon, and evening, from three hundred to five hundred respectable people of all ranks, and such things, my dear brother, make a missionary's heart glad and warm, and make him long to visit such inviting fields again.

CHITTAGONG.

From Chittagong we have received interesting communications from Mr. JOHANNES. The subjoined extracts will show encouraging progress in that district, especially at the interesting station of Comilla. Our readers will notice the difficulties which often arise in India, from the social customs of the people, and how hard it is to apply scriptural rules to such cases:—

You will join with me in thanking God that we are yet preserved in the land of the living and enabled to preach unto the heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ, and we continue to experience success in our work. Last sabbath, the 27th of March, I had the happiness of immersing in the name of the triune Jehovah four persons. Two of them the offspring of our two first native converts from Chundjāw, in Chittagong, and two East Indians. Both their fathers were educated in the mission school at this place,

I have now four more candidates and inquirers here.

Continued progress.

At Kalikapoor, in Comilla, our work is happily and gradually progressing. We have four inquirers and candidates, living in our village, and with our converts. Two I hope to baptize soon, the other two, although very anxious to join the church, I am unwilling to receive into church fellowship. This is a married couple so regarded by the brethren, but I believe they are living in sin. This man and woman, long before they heard the gospel, have been living together as man and wife. Her husband is living and has deserted her. Such marriages are common with the people when altogether deserted by the husband; but in what light I am to regard this connection I know not, but perhaps, dear brother, you will direct me better. Our brethren to whom I have been writing on the subject, have been perfectly silent. I told the couple, unless they separated I could not baptize them, but they think it is a very hard case. Besides these four there are not a few at Kalikapoor,

who are favourably disposed towards Christianity, and but for persecution and consequent destitution, would have at once joined our band. I hope well of them, and trust that He who has opened their eyes to see the errors of their ways, will by his grace and Spirit lead them to himself.

The spread of the gospel.

The work of preaching abroad in season, and out of season, is continued uninterruptedly. Hundreds are daily taught the truth as it is in Jesus. If commensurate success has not followed, it is owing to our want of faith and weak apprehension, which discerns nothing but what is visible to sight. The gospel is daily preached, the seed of the kingdom sown.

Hundreds hear of Christ and his great salvation. They come from distant parts of the country. We have seldom access to the same people; they retire to their distant villages, and are heard of no more. What the gospel has wrought in their hearts, what have been their particular convictions and impressions, we know not. As rank idolaters, they will not open their minds to us and say, "Thy people

shall be my people, thy God my God," or, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Yet truth, sharper than any two-edge sword, must prove forcible and abiding; they carry in their bosoms a fire which is inextinguishable. It will work and weaken idolatry in the soul; and thus the word of God is doing, under the agency of the blessed Spirit, its peculiar work of conversion. While no doubt there are not a few who are tired of contributing for the cause of God, complaining of missionary unsuccessfulness in general, God is invisibly carrying on his great work in the inmost recesses of sinners' hearts, and making his word the power of God unto the salvation of souls, and that in his own good time and pleasure will fulfil his grand and mysterious purposes in the salvation of a lost and guilty world.

If any thing has comforted my mind it is the welcome and happy news conveyed in your letter, of soon sending out more labourers to Bengal and Hindoostan. Our Comilla brethren seemed all exultation, for if there is a missionary located there, there is every likelihood of a large church being formed there.

CHITOURA.

Mr. SMITH has communicated to us some interesting facts relative to the work of God in the north-west provinces of India. It is pleasing to know that the labours of the lamented THOMPSON are manifesting themselves. Greatly would it rejoice the Committee if they were able speedily to re-occupy that important station. The date of the following letter is Sept. 19.

You will be glad to hear that the Gosaeen who accompanied me home from last Bhuteshwar mela has so far proved himself to be a sincere convert. He is walking worthy of his profession, and promises to be the most useful and talented of our native preachers. His ministrations to our own people are beginning to be very acceptable, and he is a most effective bazar speaker. May the Lord keep him humble, and fill him with the Holy Spirit, that he may be the means of turning many to righteousness. The families who left us last year on account of the marriage difficulties with which we have to contend have all returned in a much better state of mind, and more willing to suffer for their Christianity. Two more families have joined the nominal Christian community, occupying our village; and if we took all

who would come, there is no doubt our population would be doubled before the end of the year. Brethren Walayat, Ali, and Thakur Das have just returned from Pennaught, where they have preached the gospel to crowds with much apparent acceptance. We have partly engaged premises, and Walayat Ali with his family will soon we trust be permanently located there. The station of Digneer is regularly supplied by two native brethren every sabbath, and although the interest has somewhat subsided, there are some not far from the kingdom.

The gospel appears to be heard with unusual interest just now in several localities, and that has roused the hatred of the Pundits and Vairigis to a fearful pitch. A few days ago our native brethren had been to several villages, and were returning home, when a Gosaeen made a murderous attack on them with his hukka bottom, and afterwards ran and brought a sword, which he would doubtless have used if his family had not seized him and prevented him, fearing the consequences. Again, in the bazar, a few days since, I saw a man whose stand is in front of where we preach, with two small bells, ringing them close to each ear, for fear one word of the truth should enter. Another man, who ventured to the front, held his cloth before his mouth for fear of being polluted by coming too near us with his mouth open. Thus the people perish for

want of knowledge, when that knowledge is within their reach. I am daily becoming more convinced that the gospel is doing wonders, and that we have but to persevere, and in due time we shall reap, if we faint not. The gospel cannot be faithfully preached in vain, and, by the help of God, in future it shall be the one object of my life to preach Christ in season and out of season. I have lately learned from a native who has been to Delhi, that the labours of our lamented brother Thompson are beginning to produce fruit; that several natives are ready to come out and receive baptism, and that there is every prospect of any missionary you may send there reaping a plentiful harvest. Surely the time to favour India is not far distant. There is a matter of importance which I am anxious to bring before the Committee, and that is the building of a new chapel at Chitoura. The matter has received the attention of the auxiliary committee in Agra, as well as that of our missionary brethren in the neighbourhood, and all are unanimous in their opinion as to the necessity of the measure; indeed the auxiliary committee authorized me to draw up an appeal for circulation both in England and India. I, however, have delayed until I receive your opinion. Our present chapel is filled to overflowing on sabbath mornings, and some remain in the verandahs. How many of the heathen have shown a disposition to attend and frequently do attend; but their having to sit in such close proximity to each other and the Christians keeps many away. Besides, in this hot climate, a crowded place is unhealthy and suffocating, and to remain inside such a place during a service is an act of self-denial which few will be found willing to perform. Many times I come from preaching in the hot

season, with my clothes drenched with perspiration. Again, we want the present building for a reading room and library, which will prove a great blessing to the village, and an inestimable privilege to our young people who are growing up with some taste for reading. I am no advocate for masses of Christian masonry, only when required for congregations actually gathered. The spiritual building is of much more importance than the most beautiful ecclesiastical fabric; still a convenient place in which to worship God is of some moment; and when it can be obtained ought not to be neglected. I therefore feel that if I made no effort to obtain such a building for our continually increasing community at Chitoura, I should be guilty of a neglect of duty. Now for the accomplishment of this object, £500 will be necessary, £200 of which I will raise in India, if the remaining £300 can be got in England. You must not forget that we have no Europeans here; the chapel will be solely for natives, and consequently will be a mission chapel in the strict sense of the term. Brother Phillips will lend his aid, and I think a good deal may be got from my friends and friends to the mission, and perhaps the Committee may see their way clear to make a grant from their funds. At any rate let me have your advice. I shall not stir in the matter until I hear from you.

Brother Phillips has been here most of a month, and we have been engaged in improving the Hindi New Testament, which is not adapted to the north-west. He will soon be on his way to England, a step which I believe to be most prudent and desirable, for he is evidently in such a state of health as renders him unfit for India and its burning climate.

CUTWA.

Our readers will remember that owing to the death of Mr. W. CAREY, Mr. SUPER who had been labouring for some time at Bishtopore, had, in accordance with the advice of the brethren in Calcutta, removed to Cutwa. In a letter dated August 24th, he gives some account of his new station, in which there are some facts of peculiar interest.

You will be glad to hear something as to the station where we are now. We arrived here July 2nd; it was on Saturday. The house in which we live is rather large, the garden which surrounds us is full of the

most beautiful trees and flowers which, I think, can be seen in India. The Christian congregation is small; I cannot yet sufficiently speak of the spiritual state of its members, for the time of my residence here is too short. I have had some exercises of a peculiar nature, but on the other side I am glad to perceive that almost all the members of this congregation are able to read, a fact which not every where can be found. The people on the whole have a good knowledge of the bible.

An old disciple.

There is still one man who was baptized by Mr. Chamberlain, and I trust, he is a good man. I oftentimes hear with great pleasure his speeches in the bazar. His eyes are dim, but his tongue is always ready to speak to

the people of his country, and to proclaim to them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he has so much originality in his addresses he has ever had the attention of his hearers, as often as I have heard him. I have commenced a small school with the children of our Christians. I wish the number were much larger. Petumber is the schoolmaster, and I think that he is an able man for this part. I use him however also as a preacher to the natives. I have besides these two men (the name of the first is Kanto) two other native preachers, Decumber who suits well for his work, and Orenchand, whom I do not know as well as the former ones, as he was almost all the time absent from here.

Preaching.

If we are well and if the rains do not prevent it, we go daily to the bazar and have generally a good attention. There is little dis-

putation. Now and then respectable men up to the monthiff come to me in our house on a rainy evening and in a most pleasing manner converse with me about religion. Such opportunities I particularly use to speak warmly and affectionately to them, and our daily prayer to the Lord is, that he may awake some hearts and give to them courage enough to come out from Hinduism and to become firm believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Among the lower classes drunkenness is a great hindrance as to the spread of the gospel. There are many who cannot resist the temptation of the miserable shops, where spirituous drinks are sold. The objections which the people make are about the same as they are found through all Bengal—I should think, throughout all India. There is nothing new. There are many large melas not very far from Cutwa; all of them are in the cold season. I cherish the hope, that this will give me opportunity enough to preach the gospel to many.

MONGHIR.

From Mr. LAWRENCE we learn that the work is steadily advancing in Monghir and the surrounding district, and that when he wrote the mission families were in the enjoyment of tolerable health, except Mrs. LAWRENCE who is far from well. The notice of the decease of one of the oldest members of the church is interesting as exhibiting a steady and growing piety through a life of thorough but humble usefulness.

Since I wrote last we have come on much in our usual course. Our native brethren have made two excursions into the neighbouring villages, and each time they were engaged in preaching to the villagers with much encouragement during several weeks. On the 25th inst., I hope to begin another journey by water, in company with two native brethren. We purpose visiting the villages on the

Gunduk and Balàn streams. But as the rains have been very partial in this district, and the cultivators are much behind with their lands, we do not anticipate meeting with large congregations, as on some former occasions. On the 30th May died one of our eldest members, Bibi Sophy, as she was familiarly called. She was for some years, when in health, a very active and useful member, and exerted a very beneficial influence over the native Christian females; in the latter part of her life she was much afflicted, but she was enabled to bear her afflictions in a Christian spirit. Towards the last her patience and resignation were great. Her end was truly peaceful. She died firmly resting upon Christ, and longing to enter her Father's house above. To her we are indebted for the native Christian chapel, which was formerly her dwelling house. There are in the church several aged and infirm widows, whose days cannot be many on the earth; I hope they are meeting for the church of the First-born above.

BENARES.

Although much discouraged for want of funds the schools under the superintendence of Mr. HEINIG appear to be in a prosperous condition. Under date of September 28, he says:—

I have much pleasure to inform you and the committee, that under God's blessing our mission and schools are going on prosper-

ously; our work is abundant, so much so that two or three more could be well employed; our girls' school is also increasing, twenty-eight girls are in regular attendance, while thirty-four are on the books; twelve of them have entreated Mrs. Heinig to teach them English, they learn hymns by heart, and sewing, and attend regularly Hindustani worship on sabbath mornings. There is not the least doubt that

this school would increase to fifty or even more girls, as we are surrounded by a large population; and as the females in this country are generally so neglected in regard to education; we feel greatly encouraged that we have succeeded in obtaining so many in so short a time. Mrs. Heinj would feel thankful if some ladies in England would interest themselves in behalf of this school, and if you, dear sir, would use your influence with the ladies of the Female Educational Society, I think something might be obtained as a permanent assistance for this very important school. We are now going on with the donation that Mr. Russell kindly left us for this especial purpose; for having wit-

nessed the degradation of the females in the east, he saw the great importance of their being educated; not only to try to rescue their souls from destruction, but also that they may be raised to their proper standard in society.

The Nichee Bagh and the Sudder bazar schools are likewise going on very satisfactorily as I mentioned in my last letter, and the preaching in the city is very encouraging; we are often amazed at the people with their favourable reception of the blessed truths of the gospel, often asserting, that all we say is true, and that they think the day is not far distant when idolatry will entirely be overthrown.

WEST INDIES.

BAHAMAS.

The negro population of the West Indies do not forget the day of their manumission from slavery. We are glad to see that the members of the churches still keep up devout observances in God's house on the anniversary, and that the festivities incident to the occasion passed off without any occurrence to mar the enjoyment. Mr. LITTLEWOOD writes as follows, August 23rd:—

Our August festivities passed off with the accustomed hilarity, but with greater order, and less drunkenness than usually. Not an unfavourable report of any member has reached me at present. A few vessels were in the harbour waiting for cargoes of salt, and a merchant attempted to set his people to work but could not succeed. "August" day, as it is termed, obtains unrivalled celebrity. Early morn witnessed the humble worshippers assembled within the walls of Zion. Their songs of thanksgiving were never more heartily united in, their prayers for the enslaved, and the entire abolition of the curse were warmly responded to. The result of previous preparations for festive enjoyments soon began to appear; bright flags floated in the air, youths appeared blither, the aged more agile, and the feminine step more elastic, the smile of inward pleasure played on every countenance, and indicated a joy which seemed to struggle for liberty of expression. Early in the afternoon the children collected in the chapel, and never appeared in their best attire to greater advantage. If parents were not oppressed with hearts swollen with pride, the teachers, friends, and children evidently were; above

230 of the latter attended by the former marched in excellent order from the chapel to the mission yard, where long tables covered with white cloths contrasted beautifully with the soft green sward beneath and the surrounding ornamental flower trees. Liberty for play was no unsatisfactory announcement, and the frolicsome groups afforded abundant satisfaction to the large concourse of spectators. The ample preparations not only reflected great credit on those to whom the management was committed, but evidenced that taste and appetite had been consulted. About sixty teachers and friends spent the evening together in the Mission House. After the children had been dismissed, our excellent choir, led by a coloured young man, contributed much to the evening's enjoyment. I certainly wished that the friends of our mission had witnessed the pleasures of the day.

Prosperity.

I am glad to be able to state that the smiles of prosperity now rest upon our church; the sabbath school is also in a promising condition. Last sabbath we had the pleasure of baptizing twelve, and of receiving four others into the church, making an addition of above thirty since January. The baptismal scene was peculiarly solemn and impressive; many of the candidates were either scholars in the adult class, or teachers in the sabbath school. Mothers and fathers witnessed their children devoting themselves to the Lord. A sacred awe pervaded the vast congregation as our friends publicly attested their love for Christ. We have several candidates now waiting for the moving of the waters to whom we hope to administer the sacred rite in a few months. May the Lord enable all of them to hold fast their profession.

AFRICA.

We have been favoured with the following extract of a letter, from Mr. SAKER to Mr. HADDON, which will be read with the liveliest interest. The facts mentioned are most encouraging.

You will not be uninterested to learn that our chief work, evangelizing the heathen, is progressing. Our God causes his kingdom to prosper by means so disproportionate, as to be a source of surprise to many. The heathen mind is gradually awakening to the perception of truths which the heart knoweth not except by the Spirit. And when once the truth is felt, there is an eager acceptance of it manifested, and a cheerful surrender of all the heart holds dear.

Immersion.

We have just now added twelve converts by baptism to our number; on sabbath day last seven were baptized in our river here, and the sabbath previous at Clarence I immersed five in our mountain stream. These have long waited for the day, and others of whom we are well satisfied, wait only a little longer. There are three at Bimbia who will probably

be received the first sabbath I can spend there. My last visit to Clarence seems to be unusually productive in awakening the minds of sinners, especially the young. Many who heretofore have given us only sorrow, are now humbled and earnestly inquiring after truth. At this place we have much hope the word of the Lord will prevail. We are now becoming a body, a visible church. At our last ordinance we numbered not less than thirty believers. This number we could increase to fifty in a few days, but for an excess of caution. A church of thirty, scattered in a heathen town, and maintaining among themselves meetings for prayer, living in united attendance on the means of grace, and with united attachment to Christ, and obedience to his commands, cannot but be influential. It makes the gospel to be felt even where the preachers of the cross cannot have access. Many, many things are conspiring to give impressions of the importance of the gospel, and distant districts, seem only waiting for some to show them the right way. A deep feeling, a wide spread inquiry prevails, and is spreading still wider. Ethiopia will stretch her hands to God at no distant day, and we can but pray, hasten it, Lord, in thy good time.

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

During the past month Mr. TRES-TRAIL has visited Biggleswade, Bedford, Cotton End, Ampthill, and Roxton Park, accompanied at the last four places by Rev. Mr. PARKER, one of the London Mission Society's agents in Calcutta; the collections in these places being divided between the two institutions. Mr. UNDERHILL and Mr. PEARCE have advocated the society's claims at Manchester and Waltham Abbey; Mr. MACLAREN and Mr. T. SMITH at Salisbury (with Mr. PEARCE) and at Downton; Mr. CAREY at Ramsey; and Messrs. HANDS and VINCE at Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury, and places adjacent. Mr. WALTERS informs us that during his recent visit to Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire, the meetings were exceedingly good, and that the friends in these counties seem thoroughly alive to the present claims

of the society. At Ramsey, we are gratified to learn, the contributions will be *double* the amount of last year. The reports respecting all these meetings are highly encouraging.

We have great pleasure in stating that Mr. MARTIN, late of Bristol College, has been accepted for mission service in India, and Mr. JOHN ROBINSON, now in secular employment at Agra, but who has long desired to devote himself to the work of the Lord, and for which, in the judgment of the brethren who know him, he is eminently fitted, has been engaged to go to Dacca to occupy the post so long filled by his father, but now vacant by his lamented death. We are not without hope next month of having to report that two other brethren have been appointed to go forth to India. With

the state of funds prosperous, these brethren accepted, and others following, will, we are sure, encourage the friends of the Society to increased efforts in promoting its interests.

ARRIVAL OF REV. C. CARTER.

We are happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. CARTER arrived at Point de Galle, September 22nd, after a prosperous voyage. Mrs. CARTER, however, suffered a good deal for the first three weeks. The Wesleyan missionaries kindly invited them to spend a few days there before proceeding to Colombo; and Mr. CARTER preached their anniversary sermons. How pleasant this fraternal spirit among brethren of different parts of the Christian church, but who are engaged in the same great work in heathen lands.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING.

Mr. MAKEPEACE and family are now on their way home; and we regret to add that, through ill health, Mr. PHILLIPS of Muttra is obliged to vacate his post. These occurrences render all the more necessary an intenser spirit of prayer and enlarged liberality, that such exigencies may be speedily provided for.

NOTICE.

We have to apprise our young friends that the Christmas cards will be sent out at once, and in the course of a few days be in the hands of the pastors of the churches and secretaries of auxiliaries. Again would we urge them to activity, rejoicing for their own sakes that they can not only do good in this way, but in doing it will get good. The proceeds will be devoted as heretofore to the support of NATIVE PREACHERS—beloved brethren, whose labours are most useful to the young as well as to other classes. By active efforts now, the young people at home can do good to the young in heathen lands.

FOREIGN LETTERS RECEIVED.

AFRICA.....	BIMBIA	Fuller, J. J.....	September 24.
	CAMEROONS	Saker, A.....	Sept. 5, Oct. 5.
	CLARENCE.....	Saker, A.....	Aug. 23 and 25.
AMERICA	HORTON	Cramp, J. M.....	November 9.
ASIA	AGRA.....	Smith, J., and Jackson, J. ... }	July 10.
		Jackson, J.	Sept. 3, Oct. 6.
	BENARES	Heinig, H.	July 26, August 24, Sept. 12 and 28.
	CALCUTTA	Aratoon, C. C....	October 4.
		Lewis, C. B.....	September 5.
		Thomas, J. ...	August 5, Sept. 5 and 19 Oct. 3.
	CHITOURA	Smith, J.....	One letter, no date (received Sept. 26), Sept. 19.
	CHITTAGONG	Johannes, J.....	Sept. 5.

ASIA.....	COLOMBO	Allen, J.....	August 20, Oct. 10.
		Ferguson, A. M.....	September 12.
	CUTWA	Supper, F.	August 24.
	DACCA	Bion, R.	September 16.
	DINAGEPORE.....	Smylic, H.	Aug. 1. One letter, no date (recd Oct. 21), Sept. 16.
	INTALLY	Fink, J. C.....	September 17.
	KANDY	Davis, J.	August 5, October 11.
	MEERUT.....	Johnson, A. D.	October 4.
	MONGHIR.....	Lawrence, J.....	July 20.
		Parsons, J.....	May 25, Sept. 28.
	MUTTRA	Phillips, T.	June 5.
	POINT DE GALLE	Carter, C.....	October 26.
	POONAH ..	Cassidy, H. P....	September 27.
	SERAMPORE.....	Denbam, W. H.....	September 2.
	SEWRY	Williamson, J.....	August 20.
BAHAMAS.....	GRAND CAY	Littlewood, W.	August 23, October 17.
BRITANNY.....	MORLAIX	Jenkins, J.....	November 3.
HAITI	JACMEL	Webley, W. H.....	October 26.
JAMAICA	BROWN'S TOWN	Clark, J.	Sept. 24, Oct. 6 and 10.
	CALABAR	East, D. J.	Aug. 26, Sept. 6, Oct. 5 & 21.
	FOUR PATHS	Gould, T.....	September 6.
	KINGSTON	Oughton, S.....	October 11 and 25.
		Uter, U., & ors.	October 26.
		Holt, E.	October 26.
	MOUNT CAREY	Burchell, H. C.	October 6.
		Hewett, E.	September 24.
	MOUNT OLIVE	Watson, R.	September 20.
	PORT MARIA	Day, D.....	October 25.
	ST. ANN'S BAY.....	Millard, B.	October 4.
	SAVANNA-LA-MAR	Hutchins, M.....	October 10.
	SPANISH TOWN	Phillippo, J. M.	October 24.
ST. DOMINGO ...	PUERTO PLATA	Rycroft, W. K.	October 12.

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