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## ANNUAL SERVICES

## OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1854.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20th.

## SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING.

A meeting for Special Prayer, in connexion with the Missions, will be held in the Library of the Mission House, in the morning at eleven o'clock. The Rev. Jonathan Watson of Edinburgh will preside.

### SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

In the evening of the above day, the Annual Sermon to Yöllitg Men will be preached at Poultry Chapel, by the Rev. Isaac New of Birmingham.

Service to commence at eight o'clock.

## LORD'S DAY, APRIL 28nd.

## ANNUAL SERMONS.

The following are the arrangements, so far as they have been completed, for April 23rd.

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

PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Alfred Place, Kent Road	Rev. W. Young		Rev. W. Young.
Alie Street, Little	Rev.C.J.Middleditch	Rev.R.H. Marten, B.A.*	Rev. E. Probert.
Alperton			Rev. E. Harris.
Battersea	Rev. Jas. Edwards	Rev. I. M. Soule	Rev. N. Haycroft, M.A.
Blackheath, Dacre Park Chapel	Rev. F. Wills		Rev. D. Jehnings.
Blandford Street	Rev. J. J. Brown		Rev. T. Winter.
Bloomsbury	Rev. W. Brock	Rev. W. Brock*	Rev. H. S. Brown.
Bow	Rev. D. Wassell		Rev. D. Wassell.
Brentford, New	Rev. T. Lomas	*** *** ***	Rev. T. Lomas.
Brompton	Rev. F. Trestrail	Rev. J. Bigwood *	Rev. J. Stent.
Camberwell	Rev. H. Dowson	Rev. J. Angus, D.D.*	Rev. C. M. Birrell.
Camden Town, Hawley Road	Rev. J. Taylor		Rev. E. White.
Chelsea, Paradise Chapel	Rev. J. Stent		Rev. T. J. Cole.
Church Street, Blackfriars	Rev. G. Cole		Rev. John Branch.
Collier's Rents, Boro'		Rev. D. Evans.	1
Crayford	Rev. J. H. Anderson	*** *** *** ***	Rev. J. H. Anderson.
Dalston, Queen's Road	Rev. N. Hayeroft, M.A.	*** *** *** ***	Rev. J. J. Brown.
Deptford, Lower Road	Rev. J. Kingsford	*** *** ***	Rev. B. Evans.
Devonshire Square	Rev.J.H.Hinton,m.A		Rev. J. Watson.
Drayton, West	Rev. J. W. Lance	*** *** *** ***	Rev. J. W. Lance.

PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Eagle Street	Rev. R.W. Overbury		Rev. F. Wills.
Eldon Street (Welsh)			Rev. D. Evans.
Gravesend	Rev. T. A. Wheeler		Rev. T. A. Wheeler.
Greenwich, Lewisham Road	Rev. J. Watson		Rev. J. Russell.
Hackney	Rev. I. New	Rev. D. Katterns*	Rev. A. McLaren.
Hammersmith	Rev. C. M. Birrell		Rev. W. Robinson.
Harlington	Rev. C. H. Harcourt	Rev. C. H. Harcourt	Rev. C. H. Harcourt.
Hendon			Rev. G. Warn.
Henrietta Street	Rev. R. Morris		Rev. C. A.M. Shepherd.
Highgate	Rev. T. Winter		Rev. J. Price.
Hoxton, Buttesland Street	Rev. D. Evans	··· ··· ···	Rev. J. Webb.
Islington, Cross Street	Rev. D. Watson		Rev. W. Landels.
John Street, Bedford Row	Hon, and Rev. B. W. Noel, M.A.		Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel, M.A.
Kennington, Charles Street			Rev. T. Jones.
Kensal Green	Rev. J. F. Sparke		Rev. J. F. Sparke.
Keppel Street	Rev		Rev.
Lec	Rev.W.G Lewis,sen		Rev. T. Wilkinson.
Maze Pond	Rev. S. Manning		Rev. R. H. Marten, B.A.
New Park Street	Rev. J. Smith		Rev. J. Smith.
Norwood, Upper	Rev. E. Hull		Rev. E. Hull.
Poplar	Rev. E. Probert		Rev. D. Watson.
Prescot Street, Little	Rev. C. Stovel		Rev. C. Stovel.
Regent Street, Lambeth	Rev. H. S. Brown	Rev *	Rev. J. T. Wigner.
Romford	Rev. F. Overbury		Rev. F. Overbury.
Salters' Hall	Rev. J. Hobson	Rev. T. J. Cole*	Rev. S. Manning.
Shacklewell	Rev. W. Robinson	Mr. F. Baron*	Rev. S. Cox.
Shouldham Street, Paddington	Rev. W. A. Blake	Rev. W. G. Lewis, jun.*	Rev.R.W. Overbury.
Spencer Place	Rev. D. Jennings		Rev. H. Dowson.
Stepney College Chapel	Rev. J. T. Wigner		Rev. T. Peters.
Stratford	Rev. J. Price		Rev.J.C.Middleditch
Tottenham	Rev. W. Landels		Rev. R. Morris.
Do., 2nd church	Rev. S. Cox		Rev. J. Drew.
Vernon Chapel	Rev. B. Evans	Rev. O. Clarke*	Rev. Jas. Edwards.
Walworth, Lion Street		Rev. J. Curwen*	Rev. G. Cole.
Walworth, Horsley Street		i e	Rev. D. Rees.
Wild Street, Little			Rev. C. Woollacott.
Westbourne Grove			Rev.W.G.Lewis,sen.
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N.B. Collections will be made after these services.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Society will be held in the Library at the Mission House. Chair to be taken at ten o'clock.

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.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH.

#### ANNUAL MORNING SERMON.

The Committee announce with pleasure that the Rev. Edward Steane, D.D. of Camberwell, will preach the Annual Morning Sermon on behalf of the Society, at BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL. Service to commence at eleven o'clock.

#### EVENING.

#### DESIGNATION OF MISSIONARIES.

Instead of the usual evening sermon, the Committee have arranged for a Special service at Surrey Chapel, to commend to the divine blessing the following brethren about to enter on missionary service in India, as the first-fruits of the proposed enlargement of the Society's mission in that important field:— The Rev. John Gregson, late of Beverley; Mr. J. H. Anderson; and Mr.

The following ministers have kindly consented to take part in this service:-The Reys. William Brock; Hugh Stowell Brown; John Howard Hinton, M.A.; THOMAS WINTER.

Service to commence at half-past six.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH.

#### PUBLIC MEETING AT EXETER HALL.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Society will be held as usual in Exeter Hall, at which S. M. Peto, Esq., M.P., one of the Treasurers of the Society, has kindly consented to preside.

Chair to be taken at eleven o'clock.

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

## AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

#### GENERAL VIEW 1853-4.

brethren has been naturally awakened Asia, for so many centuries fixed and to the changes and revolutions which unimpressible, like a colossal emblem of are going on in the old world. They almost stagnant life, is the theatre of are regarded by them as the harbingers revolution. Europe is again threatened

The attention of our transatlantic of yet greater changes in time to come.

with convulsion. These movements only faintly indicate the heavings up of the sea of human opinion, which is more restless and agitated than ever. No one can tell in what they may result, and the directors of the Union look with deep anxiety on their missions, and from their records in relation to this subject we present our readers with the following abbreviated survey.

#### BURMAH.

Here the greatest force is concentrated, and we see the missions entering upon a new era, opened by the sudden enlargement of their field of operations.

"The conquest of Southern Burmah is indeed incomplete—the peace lately proclaimed was but a hollow truce, and the calamities of war are renewed for a season. But enough is gained to give the missions access to a numerous population hitherto unapproachable. anticipation of this result, the whole body of missionaries have been convened to review their labours, to compare their experience, and to devise measures at once for extending their lines of occupation, and for acting with increased efficiency and unity of plan. Resources accumulated within the narrow limits of Tenasserim and Arracan are now available for the populous interior of the country. It was felt that the set time had come for an advance movement. But while competent and faithful translators had opened the Scriptures to both the Burmans and Karens with a clearness that leaves little to be expected from present revision; while the press had multiplied copies, ready for the widest distribution which should appear practicable and expedient; and while a hopeful body of native pastors and evangelists was raised up; it was made manifest that the most imperative want—that of men qualified to lead the advance-could be but imperfectly supplied. It was neces-

sary to spare from the older stations as many missionaries, and to disperse them as widely as the nature of the case would admit, trusting in Him who is able to save by many or by few, to make the feeblest labours effectual and to raise up the needed succours from the American churches."

We are sorry to learn that this most important and interesting mission has suffered much from the prevalence of sickness among the brethren. With one exception, they have been in the field for years—some for many years of severe and useful labour. Mr. Nisbet was arrested by sickness on the threshold of his work, and warned to retire; but before he could leave, Mrs. Nisbet was removed by sudden death. One brother, who had been home for the recovery of health, was about to return, and two others had been recently appointed to stations in Burmah.

"While, however, attention has been so fixed on plans for the future, the ordinary labours at stations already established have gone forward with general prosperity. The native churches have shown a high degree of stability, the native preachers of zeal; and the divine blessing has given effect to their efforts in co-operation with the missionaries. In Rangoon and Bassein particularly, there has been a large ingathering of converts. The present season is witnessing, it may be hoped, the beginning of those more extended efforts for the evangelization of Burmah indicated in the foregoing list of stations, of which we shall look to hear encouraging results during the year on which we have entered."

#### STAM.

This mission has experienced no outward change. Its work has advanced, not rapidly, as compared with some older and more favoured, but surely and hopefully. "A few converts,

a few promising inquirers, an interesting church, steadfast amidst the flood of heathenism—who shall despise the day of small things? Mr. Chandler is about returning, with the Rev. Robert Telford as a colleague for Mr. Ashmore in the Chinese department. The Siamese department needs an increase of labourers. When the whole kingdom is open to the Christian preacher, the men should not be wanting to go through the land with the message of salvation."

The vast fields for missionary operations which lie eastward of Hindostan and Burmah [have attracted the same deep attention in America as in Great Britain. The same sort of preparation for occupying them is going on among our American brethren, which is being made in this country. Hence, in a review of the mission field, they refer with interest and hope to

#### CHINA.

"China, now in the throes of a revolution in which the influence of a few imperfectly apprehended Christian ideas is strikingly manifest, is attracting to itself the gaze of the Christian world. The immediate effects of the insurrection as related to missions, should it even succeed, cannot be predicted. its most favourable aspects it offers the promise of an open and unobstructed way for the preaching of the gospel and the circulation of the scriptures. may issue less auspiciously. But of one thing we may be safely assured—a pure Christianity, whether favoured by the sovereign power or under its ban, will make no progress unless it is preached to the people. 'How shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?' The obligation to give the gospel to China does not rest upon our own denomination with such single and exclusive force as do the claims of Burmaher but, in common with others,

a few promising inquirers, an interesting church, steadfast amidst the flood of heathenism—who shall despise the a measure of success.

> "The Hongkong mission, by the temporary withdrawal of Dr. Dean, who lately returned to this country on account of impaired health, is left in the sole charge of Mr. Johnson. To Ningpo, a missionary of recent appointment the Rev. M. J. Knowlton, has just been designated, who, with Mr. Lord returning to his station, will strengthen a post that is in great need. At both stations there have been accessions to the native The character of some of churches. the converts promises much for the future. There is every encouragement to cultivate this immense field with a vigour and liberality beyond any precedent hitherto set.

#### ASSAM.

"This mission has sustained severe afflictions in the death of Mr. Dauble. who had won in an eminent degree the confidence and love of his associates during his brief service, and of a native preacher, concerning whose future usefulness the best hopes were entertained. Mrs. Cutter has returned to this country as an invalid. The enfeebled health of some of the brethren causes deep concern for the welfare of the mission. calls for succour. Though the fruits of labour bestowed do not immediately appear, yet the soil is breaking up, the good seed is sown, and the Lord of the harvest will not refuse the increase. The foreign Secretary, by authorization of the executive committee, has decided to visit Assam—a step much desired by the mission, and one that it is believed will prove for its permanent advantage."

The observations which follow do not present so much encouragement in regard to the stations to which they refer. They present much the same aspects, however, as we have often had

to contemplate in the history of our own mission from time to time. All such enterprises are subject to such changes. But it is delightful to see them rise again into life after a long season of depression, awakening new hopes and inspiring fresh zeal.

#### THE TELOOGOO AND BASSA MISSIONS.

"The mission to the Teloogoos is reduced, by the return of Mr. Day in enfeebled health, to a single missionary and his wife. To expect that it should be able to make any sensible progress under such circumstances would be unreasonable. The divine energy is boundless, but works by means. Mr. Jewett has been preserved from discouragement, and continues his work with cheerfulness, leaving the future in the hands of God and of his brethren. The efforts made to reinforce the mission, we are sorry to say, have thus far failed of their object.

The mission to the Bassas, resuscitated, after long waiting, by two missionary families, presents itself with fresh interest to the view of all who are concerned for the welfare of Africa. The missionaries found, in the state of the church, the schools, and the mission property, visible proof of the fidelity of the native assistants in whose charge these had been so long left. They have suffered from sickness incident to the acolimating process, but have been sustained, and enabled to rejoice in the lot assigned them. They have already seen some triumphs of the gospel, and look with the patience of hope for multiplied conquests."

There is nothing very striking in the plied by years of prosperity, "review which is presented of the missions to Germany, Greece, and France." doth the Lord require of us?"

In France there is, at present, only one missionary. Mr. Oncken's presence in America, and his visit to the churches, is spoken of most kindly, and we gather that he has been well received. By that visit "it is hoped a stronger interest will be awakened in the mission with which he is identified, and that the Committee will be fully sustained in their effort to give it ample support."

The account of the missions to the Indians is but brief. From it we learn that steady progress is making among the Cherookee churches in numbers, character, and efficiency. The loss of two native preachers is lamented, but one has already been sent forth to occupy their place. The mission to the other tribes is not in so advanced a state. Still the churches endure; and their present fidelity and zeal are the seed of future increase of which individual conversions are the indication.

We could apply the closing remarks of the report whence we have drawn these particulars to our own mission, more particularly in regard to the field of India. May our readers most seriously ponder the solemn inquiry with which the following extract closes:—

"Such, in brief outline, is the state of our missions. In view of their small beginnings, they call for a grateful remembrance of the divine favour through which they have reached their present degree of expansion. But in consideration of the immensely widened field now made accessible, of the providential signs that beckon to us from the four corners of the earth, of the resources of our denomination multiplied by years of prosperity, it is impossible to suppress the question, What doth the Lord require of us?"

### A PASTORATE FOR NATIVE CHURCHES.

On former occasions we have made the readers of the Herald acquainted with our general views on this subject. Next to the dissemination of divine truth, and the nature of the agencies to be employed in effecting it, no question can be of greater importance—how best to secure the results of missionary labour, and to secure the ground which has been gained. Our American brethren are alive to this question, and striving to solve it, especially as it relates to their flourishing mission in Burmah. During the recent visit of the secretary of the American Baptist Union to this portion of their field, this subject among many others was deliberated upon, and we propose to give the result in the words of the report drawn up by the missionaries to whose hands its preparation was referred. They say:-

"We have reached a period in the history of our missions when this subject demands the most profound and prayer-This will appear most ful attention. evident when it is considered that at this present moment there are 117 churches connected with the Burmese and Karen Missions, with a membership of some 10,000 converts, with only eleven ordained pastors. New churches are rising, and under the blessing of God will continue to rise, until the whole land is filled. The question at once suggests itself, To whom must these numerous churches look for faithful pastors to go in and out before them?

"I. It must be admitted that, in the early stage of their profession, the immaturity of the converts, the presence of evil habits acquired in a state of heathenism or idolatry, the ignorance and imperfect apprehension of the gospel, must and do require the judicious treatment of missionaries. They demand from them incessant instruction, great their fidelity in the discharge of the high

But a long continued supervision your Committee believe would be attended with many serious evil results. would engender feebleness in the native churches and incapacitate them for that state of independence and self-sustentation designed by the great Head of the church. It would accustom the native converts to a style of ministry which can in vain be looked for from a native pastorate when circumstances shall compel its employment. It would have a reflex influence disastrous to missionaries themselves. Their exertions would become limited and confined to small bands of converts, while myriads are perishing around them, and so far as influence goes, they would set a most injurious example to the churches and to native assistants. It would teach them to be satisfied with what had already been gained, instead of impressing upon them by personal example, that they should never rest satisfied while the world around them remained in darkness of heathenism.

"II. It will appear evident that if the reasons adduced are valid against a long continued pastorship of missionaries, 'they are valid arguments for the employment of native pastors alone to superintend the converts gathered into the Christian fold. In no other way can the wants of the native converts be supplied and the gospel they have received be perpetuated.'

"The Committee have been led to inquire, Has the Lord Jesus Christ made no provision for these churches purchased by his own blood, in raising up a native ministry? We rejoice to say that he has done, as he has been wont to do at every stage of the church's history, down to the present time. There are now eleven ordained men who, by watchfulness, and pastoral supervision. duties entrusted to them, demonstrate

that the missionaries did not err in the lished and entailed, with its accumulaying on of hands, and setting them apart to the work unto which they were called by the Holy Ghost, though they may have done it with fear and trembling. In addition there are more than 120 native preachers connected with these churches, many of whom until recently have been inaccessible to the missionary in Burmah. These men (or most of them) have been raised up by God himself and endowed with gifts and qualifications for the ministry of the word. They have sat side by side with your missionaries in the zayat, they have stood with them in the field of active service; they have been entrusted with the gospel and have wended their weary way to the distant jungle and preached the crucified Saviour in the vales and on the mountain tops, relying alone upon Him who had called them; they have made the jungle vocal with the praises of God, so that the missionary following in their footsteps has found the wilderness budding and blossoming as the rose. These are tried men, they have met persecution and have not quailed, they have been reviled from day to day and have not fainted, they have been subjected to stripes and imprisonment, the naked sword has been suspended over them,-but all in vain. These men preach with power and acceptance and have been the pioneers in your missions, harbingers of the gospel of peace. Many of them even now are in charge of churches (which have been raised up through their instrumentality), feeding them and guiding them onward in the path of life, while others are raising up new ones, the converts around them waiting for the missionary to come and set in order the things that remain. Can we for a moment doubt, that God is raising up a pastorate for the native churches? Or shall we hesitate and permit a system not sanctioned by scripture to become estab-

lating evils, upon the rising churches of Burmah?

"The Committee would recommend the most serious attention of this convention and of every missionary to this subject, and that pastors be ordained for every church just so soon as suitable men qualified as the scriptures demand for this important office are raised up, not forgetting the injunction, 'Lay hands suddenly on no man.' For we know of no question connected with the case of native converts which calls more loudly for the exercise of sound judgment and judicious action than the ordination of native pastors. And we recommend, therefore, that the native churches be directed to look unto God by prayer and earnest supplications to raise up faithful men - not only pastors, but deacons, to take charge of them in the fear of God, and that the churches be instructed sacredly to sustain them by their prayers, and support them with a generous liberality. This recommendation has the high sanction of apostolical example. The attention of the apostles was at once directed to this subject by the Divine Spirit; -a subject so important that it was entered upon in the most solemn manner, with fasting and prayer; thus recognizing the ministry not only as of divine appointment, but that God had in raising up churches endowed them with suitable gifts, which were to be sought out and publicly set apart to the work, and then commended to God.

"In making this recommendation, we would by no means convey the idea that the missionary should cease to instruct and watch over the pastors and infant churches raised up under his ministry. No. In addition to all the trials and labours of the faithful missionary, he will have 'the care of all the churches 'still.

"When we have thus complied with

the injunction, 'And the things that | they would possess within themselves thou hast heard of me, among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also,' may we hope to see 'the native churches walking in the fear of God, and edified by their own brethren under the teaching of the Spirit of God, and the missionary unfurling the banner of salvation in the regions beyond.' Then, may we see these sheepfolds so regulated that, were every missionary withdrawn,

both the men and the ability to continue as the witnesses of Christ, until 'the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and they shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

It is thus seen that our American brethren are in full accord with us in this subject, and give the full weight of their experience and convictions to the truth of the views we hold.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

JESSORE. In the month of November two native preachers visited the town of Satgari, to be present at the Ras festival, one of the numberless feasts held in honour of the vile Krishnu. The assemblage of many thousands of people at these seasons affords a favourable opportunity for proclaiming the gospel. Crowds are brought together to witness the fireworks, and to hear filthy songs accompanied by discordant drums. From morning to night the word of life was preached, and scriptures and tracts were distributed. One day, four young Baboos, the sons and nephews of the Zemindar, sent for Ali Mahommed and Waris, the native preachers, in order to discuss the respective merits of Hinduism, Mahommedanism, and Christianity. They wished, they said, to ascertain the true religion. About three hundred Brahmins and Pundits and many respectable Mahommedans were present, who had been invited by the Baboos to their palace to listen to the discussion. The New Testament was already known to the Baboos, having received a copy of the Bengali version long before. Several passages were read, and at their request Ali interpreted them to their satisfaction. After several questions about Mahommedanism, Ali was asked his opinion of Hinduism, which he freely gave. the Baboos agreeing with him that the Shastres were full of contradictions and unworthy of belief. The discussion ended by a full acknowledgment that Christianity was the only true religion. On their retirement

from this interesting interview, one of the Baboos addressed to the native preachers the singular question, "Were the Zemindars to embrace Christianity, would it prove beneficial to the cause of truth?" Speaking generally of their itinerant labours, they say, "We seldom meet with any who seem to be hostile to Christianity. The people are getting enlightened, and hence their prejudices against Christianity are gradually vanishing away. All carping, cavilling, and reviling have almost ceased." There are five candidates awaiting the ordinance of baptism.

CEYLON, Colombo. - We learn with pleasure that Mr. Carter has already been able to address a native congregation in the Singhalese language, and that by a judicious method of study he has so far succeeded in the attainment of the native idioms, as to look forward at an early day to the consecration of all his time to the proclamation of divine truth among the people.

WEST INDIES, BAHAMAS. -- Our excellent missionary Mr. Capern has at length resumed his labours among his people at Not, however, without some dis-Nassau. couragement, arising from the miseonduct of the young man whom he had left to preach to the people during his absence from the colony. The place of the lamented Fowler has not yet been filled up, and at the time of writing, Mr. Capern had not been able to visit the churches rendered destitute by his decease. The accounts of the native brethren on the out islands are encouraging.

last year, and his people have contributed towards his support rather more than the Nearly all the churches are renouncing their prejudices against the native pastorate system; but yet do not feel altogether as they ought respecting the support of their pastors. To a large extent, however, this may arise from poverty, the hurricanes of November last having destroyed their corn, and almost entirely their ground provisions. Great distress prevails, and hundreds are at the point of starvation. Some assistance has been rendered by the government; but necessarily all classes feel the effects of such a visitation.

ST. DOMINGO, PUERTO PLATA. - Amid a people whom popery and infidelity hold in bondage, the work of the servant of Christ is necessarily slow. If liberty be inscribed on the banners of the people, yet do these adversaries oppose its exercise, and, by every means, endeavour to hinder the spread of that truth which alone can make them free. One of the priests denounces from the pulpit the ministrations of the missionary. Exhortations and threats are freely addressed to such as will receive tracts, or listen to the message of eternal life. The benefits of extreme unction are to be denied the recusant, while, for himself, the priest declares he would rather be with the saints in hell than with protestants in heaven. Nevertheless, bibles and tracts find their way into the homes of both the poor and the rich, and the visits of the missionary are received with The health of Mr. respect and interest. Rycroft has suffered much from the closeness of the room in which public worship is held. A chapel is greatly needed. The people have contributed upwards of £40 for the purpose; but Mr. Rycroft is constrained to appeal to the churches at home to help him in this important matter.

HAITI, JAOMEL.—We have been favoured be devoutly thankful.'1

has baptized forty-seven persons during the with the following extract from a private letter of Mr. Webley's, which will doubtless awaken scelings of gratitude to God with respect to this tried mission. He says, under date of February 10 :--

> "God seems to be especially blessing us just at this time in this, I may say, more than ever interesting mission; not, 'tis true, by immediate and large accessions to the church, but by the preparation of the soil for the sowing of the seed. Our congregations are much larger than ever; the tide of public opinion is fast changing in our favour, and a strong under current of good is heaving the sea of evil that has overflowed our townspeople. I do not say this from any warmth of the moment; the thing is a living palpable fact. My union with Miss Clark, the erection of our chapel, and our present intention to build a school room have unquestionably contributed considerably to our present success, at least so far as secondary agency could do so. True, we have only baptized five persons during the past year, but we shall soon, I doubt not, baptize others. I would fain hope that we shall gather a large harvest of souls this year, for many are pricked to the heart, and many more still are convinced of the truth. Our little church, too, is the only one in the island that enjoys perfect peace and brotherly love, the only one free from trouble, through the great mercy of God. We have never yet had to exclude a member, never even been compelled to reprimand one of them for un-Christian conduct, whilst a sweet spirit of love, and union, and desire to do good pervades, I think, every one of them. Our school, too, has so increased, that we shall now be compelled to refuse to take any more children, until we can get the school room built. When Miss Harris left we had only about, I believe, eighty children, and we have now a hundred and ten. It was, indeed, remarked a few days ago that no station in the island was in every respect in such a prosperous condition as this. We would We would indeed thank God, and God alone, and take When I remember that I have courage. had to preach for years to eight, ten, or twelve persons, and that now we sometimes have of a sabbath evening five or six hundred hearers, and frequently from two to three hundred, I ought to be, I cannot but

## HOME PROCEEDINGS.

pleted their journey in the first week of there is reason to believe that there is the present month.

The deputation to Scotland com- and profitable meetings were held, and Many pleasant a deepening interest in the work of

missions among the heathen in the the services of the Rev. Joseph Diboll churches of our denomination in that part of the country. Mr. Pearce, in conjunction with Mr. Underhill has visited Hitchin, where a most cordial Mr. Underhill spirit was manifested. has also attended meetings at Thrapston and in its vicinity. Mr. Trestrail and Mr. Hands, with the assistance of the local brethren, have been engaged in holding meetings in connection with the North Wilts and East Somerset Auxiliary. The meetings have been of a very gratifying character.

Besides the more extensive deputations, the following places have had missionary meetings, Harlow, Bishops Stortford, High Wycombe, and Luton, attended by Mr. E. Carey on behalf of the Society; Mr. Pearce also uniting in that at Luton. Mr. Gregson has visited Colchester, Saffron Walden, and Woolwich; and Mr. Landels, Leamington; Mr. Leechman, and Mr. Trestrail, Watford; and Dr. Wills, Leighton Buzzard. The smaller places in the neighbourhood have enjoyed the services of Mr. Cowdy.

It is with pleasure we record our impression that the presence of the Lord our Saviour has been enjoyed in these intimate to the secretaries of county varied services, and that its hallowed influence was surely felt.

of Holt, in Norfolk, for the mission in Western Africa. He will sail to the assistance of our worthy brother, Mr. Saker, as early as arrangements can be made.

Our readers will observe a somewhat important change in the order of the Annual Services. The brethren accepted for the mission in India will be designated to their solemn work, instead of the usual sermon, at Surrey chapel. A more fitting opportunity could not be found to inaugurate the plan for augmenting our missionary band in India. The service will have, we doubt not, the holy sympathies, and our young brethren the fervent prayers, of the Lord's people. They will go forth to their toil with the consent and approbation of the Society. And it is our hope that others will be stimulated by their example to devote themselves in the like manner to the service of the Lord.

### NOTICE.

The secretaries of the Society beg to and district auxiliaries, that they hope to have a meeting with them in London We record with feelings of satisfac- during the ensuing anniversary services tion that the Committee have accepted of which due notice will be given.

#### FOREIGN LETTERS RECEIVED.

Aprica-Graham's Town, Hay, A., December 20; Nelson, T., Dec. 20.
ASIA—CALCUTTA, Thomas, J., Feb. 18. Colombo, Carter, C., Jan. 23. JESSORE, Parry, J., Jan. 3. BAHAMAS-NASSAU, Capern, H., Jan. 5 and 12. GRAND TURK-Littlewood, W., Jan. 25. Brittany-Morlalx, Jenkins, J., March 1, 10 and 20. HAITI-JACMEL, Webley, W. H., Feb. 8 & 11. JAMAICA, Phillippo, J. M., & others, Feb .-; Belle Castle, Harris, H. B., Feb. 10.

BROWN'S TOWN—Clark, J., Feb. 23.
CALABAR—East, D. J., Feb. 20.
FOUR PATHS, Gould, T., Feb. —.
KINGSTON, Oughton, S., Feb. 10 and 26;
Curtis, W., and others, Feb. 26. St. Ann's Bay, Millard, B., Feb. 2, 6 and 24.

SALTER'S HILL, Dendy, W., Feb. 15. ST. Domingo-Puerto Plata, Rycroft, W. K., Jan. 2 and 20. TRINIDAD-PORT OF SPAIN, Law, J., Feb.

Mount Hopeful, Inniss, A., Feb. 21.

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