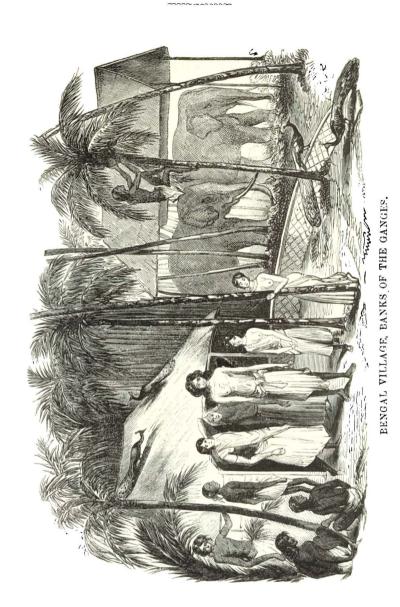
THE MISSIONARY HERALD.



ANNUAL SERVICES

OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1855.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19th. 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. B. Evans, of Scarborough, will preside.

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 22ND.

ANNUAL SERMONS.

The following are the arrangements, so far as they have been completed, for April 22nd.

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

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PLAGES,	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Alfred Place, Kent Road	Rev. W. Young	*** *** ***	Rev. W. Young.
Alie Street, Little	Rev. W. B. Bowes	Rev. B. Millard	Rev. J. Price.
Alperton	.,,		
Batterses	Rev. W. Rosevear	Rev. I. M. Soule*	Rev. J. J. Owen.
Blackheath, Dacre Park Chapel	Rev. W. H. Bonner	*** *** ***	Rev. H. Dowson.
Blandford Street	Rev. H. Dowson		Rev. W.G. Lewis, sen
Bloomsbury	Rev, W. Landels	Rev. W. Brock*	Rev. F. Tucker, B.A.
Bloomsbury Mission Hall		*** *** *** ***	Rev. W. Brock.
Bow	Rev. W. P. Balfern	,,, ,,, ,,,	Rev. W. H. Bonner.
Brentford, New	Rev. T. Pottenger	.,, .,, ,,, ,,,	Bev, J./O. Butterworth
Brixton Hill	Rev. T. F. Newman		Rev. W. Jones.
Brompton	Bev. T. A. Wheeler		Rev. J. Bigwood.
Camberwell	Rev. C. Vince	Rev. W. Upton*	Rev. T. F. Newman
Do. Cottage Green			
Camden Road	Rev. G. Short, B.A.	111 119 411 914	Rev. G. Short, B.A
Camden Town, Hawley Road	Rev. E. White	,,,	Rev. E. White.
Chelsea, Paradise Chapel	Rev. M. W. Flanders	Rev. T. J. Cole*	Rev. F. Wills.
Church Street, Blackfriars	i .	1	Rev. E. Probert.
Collier's Rents, Boro'		*** *** ***	
Crayford	Rev. J. Cubitt	414 104 114 115	Rev. J. Cubitt.
Dalston, Queen's Road	i .	i	Rev. J. Acworth, LL.D
Deptford, Lower Road	Rev. J. Kingsford	Rev. R. R. Finch*	Rev. R. R. Finch.
Devonshire Square	1	(Rev. J. H. Hinton, M.A.
Drayton. West,	Rev. J. Barnett		Rev. J, Barnett.

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Rev. Dr. Wills		Rev. J. Webb.
Rev. J, Prichard	,	Rev. J. Prichard.
Rev. J. Russell	*** *** ***	Rev. W. Rosevear.
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Rev. J. C. Butterworth		Rev. Dr. Wills.
Rev. C.T. Keen, sen-		Rev. W. E. Foote.
Rev. W E. Foote.,,	*** *** *** ***	Rev.C. T. Keen, scn.
Rev. R. P. Macmaster.	*** *** *** ***	Rev. W. Walters.
Hon, and Rev. B. W. Noel, M.A.	,	Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel, M.A.
	.,,	Rev. C. Woollacott.
Rev. E. Harris	.,. , ,., ,,,	Rev. E. Harris.
Rev. R. H. Marten, B.A.		Rev. R. H. Marten, B. A.
Rev. F. Tucker, B.A.	,.,	Rev. W. B. Bowes.
Rev. C. M. Birrell		Rev.C.J.Middleditch
Rev. W. Jones		Rev. E. T. Gibson.
Rev. C. Wilson	,	Rev. C. Stovel.
Rev. N. Hayproft, M.A.	Rev. R. P. Macmaster	Rev. R. P. Macmaster.
Rev. E. Hull	*,, *** ***	Rev. E. Hull.
Rev. J. Price,	*** *** ***	Rev. D. Jennings.
	Y	Rev. A. M. Stalker.
Rev. J. J. Owen	Rev, J, Cox*	Rev. B. Evans,
Rev. W. A. Blake	Rev. E. T. Gibson*	Rev. E. Stallybrass.
		Rev. M.W.Flanders.
Rev. W. Payne		Rev. B. Millard.
Rev. E. Probert		Rev. I. New.
		Rev. J. W. Todd.
Rev.C.J, Middleditch	.,,	Rev. C. Wilson.
Rev. J. Webb		Rev. T. Pottenger.
Rev. S. Murch		Rev. S. Murch.
Rev.J.H.Hinton,M.A		Rev. N. Haycroft, M.A.
Rev. J. Gcorge		Rev. C. M. Birrell.
Rev. C. Woolla cott.		Rev. T. Atwood.
Rev. W.G. Lewis.sen		Rev. C. Vince.
Rev. J. Davis		Rev. J. Davis.
	Rev. J. Russell	Rev. J. Russell

N.B. Collections will be made after these services.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH.

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 25TH.

ANNUAL MORNING SERMON.

The Committee announce with pleasure that the Rev. J. P. MURSELL, of Leicester, will preach the Annual Morning Sermon on behalf of the Society, at BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL. Service to commence at eleven o'clock.

ANNUAL EVENING SERMON.

On the same day, the Annual Evening Sermon on behalf of the Society will be preached at Surrey Chapel. The Committee have pleasure in announcing that the Rev. HUGH STOWELL BROWN, of Liverpool, will be the preacher on the occasion.

Service to commence at half-past six.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH.

PUBLIC MEETING AT EXETER HALL.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Society will be held as usual in Exeter

The Annual Fubic Meeting of the Society will be held as usual in Escale Hall, at which James Kershaw, Esq., M.P., has kindly consented to preside.

The Revs. T. A. Wheeler, of Norwich; C. Vince, of Birmingham; J. C. Harrison, of Kentish Town; W. Arthur, Secretary of Wesleyan, J. Buckley, of the General Baptist Missions, and Rev. W. Brock, have kindly consented to speak.

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.

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.

In the evening of the above day, the Annual Sermon to Young Men will be preached at the Weighhouse Chapel, by the Rev. Charles Stovel.

Service to commence at eight o'clock.

The Secretary will be happy to meet those corresponding Secretaries who may be in town, at the Mission House, on Monday afternoon, the 24th inst., at three o'clock, to confer with them on any measures which they may deem desirable to be taken in regard to their several districts.

MEETING OF THE BENGAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT SERAMPORE.

BY MR. UNDERHILL.

missionaries, native pastors and teach- early labours of the Serampore brethren. ers, and many members of the churches, From the pulpit in which they often commenced on the 4th of December; in spoke, Mr. Leslie now read the annual the evening of which day the delegates circular letter. The subject was "Chriswith other friends met in the Mission tian behaviour." As it was specially

This interesting gathering of the elegant building was the scene of the Chapel at Serampore. This neat but intended for the native Christians, Mr. Leslie had most felicitously thrown his | take courage! The prayer of faith and remarks into the form of a description the work of Christian love shall vet of a Christian man who was wont to exhibit the graces of the Spirit in his daily life, in all the various relations in which Providence had placed him whether as an individual, a parent, a master, or a servant. This perusal was in English; a second took place in Bengali on the Wednesday after.

At the assembly of the delegates next morning, in the mission chapel, it was found that nearly all the missionary brethren in Bengal had come, and with them a fair portion of native preachers and helpers. The meeting was opened by Mr. Denham, with singing and prayer, and Mr. Morgan of Howrah was then elected moderator. followed the reading of the letters from the associated churches, and the statistics of the year were given. The Bengali letters were deferred to the following day. Several changes had taken place. The Colingah and Intally native churches were found to have again separated. now formed and churches. The members of the church at Comillah had been dismissed from the Chittagong church to form a distinct community, under the care of Mr. Bion There was found to have been some slight increase on the entire returns, sufficient to give encouragement; but small enough to stimulate to more earnest efforts and importunate prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God. The general impression, however, was cheering. It is a fact full of hope for Bengal, that there should actually be in church fellowship some 1500 persons, chiefly drawn from the abyss of heathenism, and set as a light to dispel the dense darkness of the land. How would not Carey have rejoiced to have listened to the facts detailed that day on the spot consecrated by his toil. How should not the

have their reward.

At one o'clock the delegates again met together, but this time in the College. This noble building has been put into thorough repair, and all departments of tuition brought into working order by the anxious care of the two excellent tutors. Messrs. Denham and Trafford. The generosity of Mr. Marshman has been conspicuously displayed in the means he has placed at their command to effect this important end. Here the brethren discussed various matters connected with the welfare of the baptist churches of Bengal; it was found that nearly every church had transmitted some amount of money to the funds of the association. During the year a useful work on medicine had been prepared by Dr. Bachiler of the Balasore baptist mission, and printed at the cost of the association. Its periodicals had been of much service. The Oriental Baptist was found to have a sufficient circulation to cover its cost, while the Repanishad, a Bengali magazine for native Christians, requires a large increase-The bearing of the new marriage law on the native Christian community received a prolonged consideration. was doubted by some whether applied to native Christians at all. Others complained of the cost of time and money imposed upon the native Christians if they observed it. It was suggested by others whether it would not be best to return to the old plan, by which the missionaries married as they deemed right, and that without any form of law. On the other hand it was argued that a bad law was better than no law at all; that the former uncertainty as to the validity of the marriages among native Christians was now removed, while the inconveniences church at home give thanks to God and alleged might easily be remedied by the

appointment of more registrars, which it was understood the government was ready to do, and the reduction of the fees, which after all are not equal to the heavy assessment made upon them by their heathen priests. In the end it was fully agreed that the observance of the present law should be urged upon the native Christians; that it was a great advance upon their former practice: that it went far to place the marriage of natives on higher ground, to render the marriage bond more sacred, and to discourage early marriages, a fruitful source of domestic suffering and misery in the land. It determines more clearly the laws of inheritance, and tends to separate the native Christians from the abominations and practices of their heathen connections. gives to them equal rights with English citizens, and defines their position in the eve of the law. The matter was finally referred to a Committee to prepare a paper of replies to the questions which had raised the discussion.

The brethren met again in the evening in the mission chapel, to listen to the association sermon; the preacher was Mr. Trafford; his text, "This honour have all his saints." It was an excellent discourse; the service of God was the theme, honourable for its difficulties, its Leader, its character, and its final success. To this the Lord's people were graciously called, and abundant is the encouragement to prosecute it at every peril and at any cost.

On Wednesday morning we proceeded to the Christian village of Jannugger, about a mile from Scrampore. sixty Christian families are here located on ground belonging to Mr. Marshman, and here in the homely, thatched, but very neat chapel, a good congregation of native brethren and sisters was assembled to hear a sermon from one of their members, Jonah South. He chose for his text, Gal. v. 1. Though unin- Every one confossed that he had lost all

telligible to me, yet his manner was forcible, and he evidently gained the earnest attention of his auditory. By the native brethren it was reported as a good sermon. "There were not." said one of them, "any new suggestions: but what was said was impressive." We all could join, with these our brethren in Christ, in the sweet sentiments of Krishna's hymn.

"O thou, my soul, forget no more The Friend who all thy misery bore; Let every idol be forgot, But, O my soul, forget him not."

Nor could I fail to recognize the plaintive melody, which I remembered to have heard from the lips of Mr. Eustace Carey in the first missionary speech I ever listened to. The mode of native singing is in unison. Its chief defect is loudness of voice, by which the soft minor tones of their sacred melodies are rendered harsh, and sometimes ungrateful to the ear.

Presently after the close of the service the brethren again assembled to hear the Circular Letter in Bengali, and also the letters in Bengali of the associated These were read by Mr. churches. Juhn Robinson of Serampore. sequently some business was transacted in which the native brethren took a lively part. The entire series of meetings was closed by another Conference at the College, when the arrangements for next year were made, and the paper on the marriage law prepared by the Committee was read and approved.

To me not the least interesting event of this refreshing season was the opportunity afforded by Mr. Denham, on Thursday morning, of holding a lengthened conversation with eight brahmins, young men, all of whom had in former years been pupils in the college. One of them is now a pundit. As they all understood and spoke English well, our communications were easy and unrestrained. fully convinced of the truth of Christianity. Then why not confess the name of Christ? It would cause them persecution, reproach, and the loss of all things. But did they not know that by being ashamed of Christ, they ran the risk of losing their souls? Yes: but they trusted that God, who seeth the heart, would receive the homage of the heart they rendered him; for outward baptism, or confession, was not so essential as the state of the heart. But are not Christ's words explicit? True, but they feared the sufferings that open adhesion to Christ entail. Perhaps before long they would make it, but they were not yet quite ready. With very serious attention they listened to me while I represented to them the

confidence in idolatry, and that he was | danger they ran of losing their souls by their hesitation and delay. They assented to all I said and went away. While we pray for them, it is permitted us to hope the best on their behalf. One. but a short time ago, was known to have disputed with the brahmins of Nudder on behalf of the gospel. And another. a year or two since, was found in the midst of a crowd at the festival of Juggernath, denouncing the fraud and avarice of the brahmins, and affirming that the gospel of Christ alone contained the true way of salvation.

> I left Serampore that day with a glad and grateful heart. I had seen the dawn of that brighter day when the light of life shall shine over these dark regions of the shadow of death.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

INDIA.

For several years it has been a matter of regret that so little was doing, in the way of direct effort, to evangelise the heathen population of Calcutta. Our own brethren were so occupied with translations, press affairs, and kindred objects, as to leave little or no time for this important work. Mr. Pearce's arrival in Calcutta rendered it absolutely necessary to take into consideration our whole mission arrangements in that city. Accordingly the brethren were convened together, and we learn from Mr. Underhill's letter of Dcc. 13th the result of their deliberations. A plan of future proceedings was laid hefore them, in which they generally concurred, especially in that part of it which required immediate action. The outlines of it will be seen from the following extracts.

"l. That Mr. Pearce should resume the charge of the churches in the south, at present divided between Messrs. Wenger and Lewis, whose occupations forbid that attention these native communities require. That for the convenience of reaching these

instructed in the proposed girls' school will be drawn from them, it was desirable that Mr. Pearce should reside on the southern side of Calcutta. The district of Allipore, containing some 50,000 people, is wholly without a missionary, and opened a fine field for further missionary exertion in Calcuttn itself.

"2. That Mr. Lewis should continue at Intally, and work a definite district around with the assistance of one or more native preachers, take charge of the Christian Institution on the mission premises and containing about 100 boys; that this school should be remodelled on the basis of a Bengali education, with school fees, and the support, by the society, of an English master; and that Mr. Lewis should be released from his present duties in the press, excepting such as had a direct bearing on translations of the scriptures, and other oriental works.

"3 That Mr. Wenger he released from his present charge of the south churches, which he can but very inadequately attend to, on account of the distance from Calcutta, and the attention required by his translation work, a district be marked out around his residence at Colingah to be worked in conjunction with the native preachers.

"4. That on the arrival of another missionary in Calcutta, say Mr. Sampson, a district be assigned to him on the northern churches, and as the girls who should be side of the city, with the assistance of the station at Dum Dum, which is only four or tive miles from Calcutta.

"That the brethren Fink and Aratoon be put in charge of small districts, which their health and age may not prevent them from superintending, assisted also by native preachers.

"6. That the two native preachers, now supported by the native missionary society be located in districts contiguous to those of our own society, which they are quite willing to do, and that the two native churches be requested to unite their efforts with those of our missionary brethren of Intally and Colingah. The whole of these districts to be worked on

the city mission plan.

"I have thus endeavoured to make the most of the materials on the spot without incurring any considerable increase of expense. In adopting the city mission plan, of house visitation in assigned districts, in addition to the ordinary street preaching, I have acted from the painful impression produced on my mind by the very little direct effort now making in Calcutta by missionaries of any denomination to reach the adult heathen population, two or three at the utmost of the European missionaries giving themselves wholly or chiefly to this department; and both their labours and those of the native brethren, who are more numerously employed in this work, are desultory, or, if systematic, are confined to the small preaching houses on the road side. Among the hundreds of thousands of heathen in Calcutta, or constantly resorting hither, there are but few who can often or with any frequency hear the word. There is as yet no systematic effort made to bring home the gospel to the individual householders of this great community. Schools and the pastorate of native churches, occupy the chief attention of nearly all the missionaries, although some in addition make annual excursions into the country for preaching to the natives and the distribution of the word of God."

SERAMPORE. - Mr. Robinson, son of our late venerable brother, who for so many years prior to his decease, preached the gospel in Dacca, in a letter to Mr. Gurney, mentions the following interesting facts in relation to the military station at Barrackpore, on the opposite bank of the Hooghley.

"You may have heard, that we had, a few months since, much encouragement at Barrackpore. A little more than two years ago, there were three or four serious and well-disposed people there in connection with two of the regiments then stationed there. Two females, and one aged native Christian, and his wife, who had been previously baptized by our brethren in other stations, or

native preachers, he also taking charge of the their arrival, were visited, and meetings for prayer and exhortation were held in their houses.

" In a short time a spirit of religious inquiry was excited amongst others who attended the meetings; and we had the pleasure of hearing first one, and then another, earnestly asking what they must do to be saved. In the months of April, June, and September, 1852, I baptized seven from Barrackpore, together with two of the young people connected with the College. In the following year I had the pleasure of baptizing ten more. Thus by the blessing of God, where two years before we had no one, we have now twenty communicants. Six of them shortly after removed to Benares, all the rest we expect will be removed very shortly.

"Our people at Barrackpore do not understand English, the services among them are in Hindoostani. I am happy to say that there is among them a spirit of love and amity, and an anxious desire to promote one

another's growth in grace."

Benares,-We were glad to learn by a letter dated Jan. 20, that Mr. Gregson had arrived in safety at his future sphere of labour.

" I stayed in Calcutta three or four weeks visiting different schools, and endeavouring to make myself acquainted with the different missionary operations of the city and the neighbourhood. During that time I was also introduced to most of the missionaries labouring there. I also staid over the meetings of the Bengal Association of Baptist Churches, and afterwards started for Benares, where I arrived in less than four days. I found Mr. Heinig anxiously waiting my arrival.

"I am thankful to say I enjoy a very good state of health, and, so far as I can judge from present appearances, the climate is likely to suit me. I am now giving myself to the language. I arrived on the 17th Dec. and on the 19th commenced receiving lessons in Oordoo, and ever since my moonshee has come twice a day. Paying my respects to the missionaries and other parties in the city, seeing after my new abode, and getting a little furniture into it, have somewhat interrupted my studies. I have now, however, got into my own house, and hope to be free from interruption.'

Mr. Martin, under date of Jan. 14, writes as follows from Barisal:-

"We remained in Calcutta from the 2nd Nov. until the 11th Dec. As Mr. Sale and Mr. Page were expected at the association to be held at Serampore, we were advised to remain that we might have their assistance

and company home to our respective stations. The friends in Calcutta and Serampore were

very kind to us.

"After next week I shall accompany Mr. Page to all the stations and villages where he preaches. He thinks this will be the best means I can adopt for acquiring the language. I have been with him already to several of the bazars in this neighbourhood where he preached. I hope the time is not far distant when I shall be able to engage in these exercises myself. I work hard at the language every day."

Mr. Anderson writes from Calcutta, Dec. 14, not having then started for Jessore. But his feelings in reference to his future work will be understood by the extracts from his letter which we subjoin :-

"We have been busy in making our preparations for our residence at Jessore, whither we hope to proceed, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Sale, next week. I am very glad to be associated with such an amiable and good man.

"I bave engaged the services of a pundit, who is rendering me important aid in the study of Bengali. I hope to be able to speak the language in a few months. looking forward with pleasing anticipation to the time when, if God will, I shall write to you respecting my labours, for I rejoice in prospect of my missionary work. I must, however, first gain a knowledge of the language, and to this I propose to devote all my energies,

WEST INDIES.

BAHAMAS.—We regret to learn that Mr. Capern's health is far from good, and that Mrs. Capern has been unable to leave the house for many months. Their medical adviser recommends an almost immediate return to Europe. This Mr. Capern is unwilling to do, as it would leave the mission in his district wholly without superintendence; and the more especially at this juncture, when the divine blessing seems descending copiously on his labours and those of the native pastors and teachers. Would that it were in our power to send him immediate assistance. In reply to an inquiry as to a colleague, Mr. Capern says:

"Were I strong and able to work as in former years, I should say, Let me continue to do my best with the native helpers it may please God to give me. I should say this if

all our stations on one island, as is the case at Jamaica, two or more missionaries might labour here without their plans coming into collision, because the churches would be distinct and independent, nor would the people be so scattered, nor would there be such difficulties and dangers in reaching them. Now all the churches in the colony look to Nassau as 'the mother of all.' question would arise, Who is to beat about the seas that intervene? Europeans of any denomination dislike out-island labour, and desire therefore to be at Nassau."

HAYTI.-JACMEL.-Mr. Webley's recent communications have been most interesting and encouraging, and the one most recently received not less so than its predecessors.

"With respect to our present state and prospects we have every reason for encouragement, and for renewed confidence in our divine Master. Twelve new born souls have been added to the church during the past year, which is all the more cheering as we had no baptisms to report last year. We have also a considerable number of hopeful inquirers, and of the conversion of several we entertain no doubt. I trust we shall have a large accession to the church during the coming year. Such is the prospect before us, such is the hope we indulge.

"The numbers in the schools keep up, and are likely to be increased after the vacation, as one of the female schools in the town has just been closed, and there is a hope of having some of the children. One of the most pleasing features of these schools is the happy religious influence exerted over both teachers and scholars. Two of the latter have been baptized during the past year, whilst both our masters have this year given their hearts to God, and are now amongst the number of those who will shortly put on the Lord Jesus. They have a talent for preaching, and are only waiting to join the church to make use of it. All our teachers are taught of God. Oh, when shall we say the same of the dear children?"

AFRICA.

Cameroons,-We regret to learn from Mr. Saker's letter of Nov. 11th, that he was suffering from severe illness at the time of writing, and urged the committee to permit him to leave his post at any time he might think necessary without first sending home such a request, and waiting for a reply-for more than three months must elapse before he could get it-a delay which, in such a climate, might be fatal. It is almost need-I thought it probable that I should continue less to add that the committee most readily for any length of time at this station. Were left the matter wholly to Mr. Saker's discretion, since they knew that it is a far and people are sinking fast. At present, the harder task to such a man to leave his work position is scarcely tenable. The power of than to continue at it. We are glad however to be able to add that a subsequent letter brought more favourable tidings of Mr. Saker's health. The following extracts from his communications will put our readers in possession of the state of affairs at Bimbia and Cameroons up to Nov. 28th. Those relating to the former will be read with painful interest, while those relating to the latter cannot fail to awaken gratitude and joy.

"I begin with Bimbia which I have just left. I can say nothing of my long and anxious solicitude, hopes, and disappointments at this place. I cannot fail to record my high appreciation of Mr. Fuller's devoted toil, and the willingness and zeal with which he has carried out my every wish. The faithful labours of his excellent wife merit our high regard. Through years of privation and toil they have won my high approval and

strongest affection.

"But Bimbia is falling! The faithful labours of devoted men have failed to check the destructive influence of their superstition and witchcraft. The devoted Merrick was cheered before his death by the submission of two dark heathen hearts to the Redeemer's rule; so that in death his heart rejoiced, and bright visions of the future cheered his evening hour. For twelve months subsequently no further indication of the work of the Holy Spirit could be discovered. During the next year some cheering tokens met our eyes; and after months of anxious watchfulness and prayer, three lowly believers were baptized. At that time, too, a goodly number met weekly to seek instruction. But how few of all these have endured! And now, in visiting this land of sorrow, two submissive spirits seek admission to the church. One has long been standing on the banks, the other, though more recently taught of God, is still approved.

"Of the first two, one has been called to a higher home; the other still trends an upright path. Of the next three, one seems fast hastening to death; but all are steadfast, One other hopeful inquirer too there was, who has recently exchanged worlds. the two standing now approved, and those received, we can number eight hopefully

converted to God.

"This is the brightest side. During the nine years the gospel has been preached here, the miseries of internal discords and wars have fearfully increased. The dread evils of witchcraft too, have told alarming tales among the population, until I ask, where are the natives of Bimbia? Priests

the few converts is in the jaws of death. do not know that I dare advise the faithful few to remain in the land for six months. Not that I apprehend a violent death, but the means of existence fail. The land is not cultivated. Fishermen are sacrificed to propitiate something, or to appease the wrath of weeping relatives, who accuse them of witchcraft. One or two frequently escape to other lands to avoid a cruel death. Yams, corn, and fish, all fail. Then an endless war with natives who supply plantains cuts off the last means of supply. Hunger pines in every corner. If the labour of one tends to supply his own family, his field, cance, and house, are invaded, until he is as bare as his neighbour. Such is Isubu!"

In consequence of this disastrous state of affairs, Mr. Saker has removed Mr. and Mrs. Fuller to Cameroons; and, as the buildings at Bimbia are fast failing, the press and type have been also removed, so that this department of labour will be carried on under Mr. Saker's own eye, and he will be saved the toil and hazard of frequent journeys to Bimbia on account of printing. His future visits will be wholly evangelistic. As a present supply, he has placed there a single young man, who will be better able to contend with the deficiency of the land. He adds:-

"Travel now in thought up to Cameroons. At present we notice nothing of the past, except to say, how devotedly Johnson has laboured, night and day; a constant friend, a faithful steward, an upright man, in whom I ever confide. Richly does he deserve the affection and confidence he receives.

" Here then, you see substantial buildings gradually springing up; a mission home for years to come; a fixed base for future operations; a house which, when finished, that can accommodate a family, and all the visitors it may have to receive. With it a school-room, a printing-office, a safe-store, an artificer's shop, a chapel, and all the lesser buildings for servants and printers attached to the mission; together with a commodious teachers' home. I hope the day is not distant when to this will be added all the buildings essential to a boarding school, and a training establishment."

After describing, in a very graphic manner, how each person is engaged during the day, some at press, some repairing the boat, and others, a group of active, labouring young men, from eighteen to twenty-eight years of age, of approved piety and full of zeal, usefully employed, and waiting until the sabbath to go hither and thither, scattering the good seed of the kingdom, he finishes the picture thus:—

"We change the scene. It is evening. I am sick, but writing to you. Fuller and Johnson both are near. They are examining candidates for baptism. This final examination is on Fuller's account, that he may know the value to be attached to profession. and he gladdened to trace the leadings of the Holy Spirit. And now they come in, with a list of eight approved. Their names are read. I know them all, and on sabbath they are to be baptized by Johnson, Fuller to preach. Then a second list of names is noticed, all hopeful ones, but they are to wait yet longer. Then comes the solitary case of discipline during these first years of church life. This is painful, because it is the first, but one wherein the temper only has failed. To-night, after three months of separation, the breach is healed. Now comes a talk of the future. The missionary is failing. He feels his growing weakness. Johnson is shown how he must be the pastor; that he must begin the work now; buckle on the armour more firmly, and stand, if the teacher falls."

CLARENCE.—Mr. Diboll writes, Nov. 27, and, after stating that the African expedition to explore the Niger and Chadda had arrived on the 8th without the loss of a man, with only a few cases of sickness, none of a serious character, and that they had penetrated 200 miles farther into the interior than any others had gone, adds:—

"Mr. Saker left us shortly after the arrival of the last mail for Cameroons and Bimbia, and returned last Saturday safe and well. He kindly took one of my services yesterday, thereby affording me an opportunity of making a journey, my first, up into the mountain. I found it hard work to climb some of the muddy steeps. In about two hours we arrived at the first town, where I saw, in their own wretched abodes, the people after whose salvation the Lord haid taught me to sigh for so many years. Here we held a service, after which we went about a mile and half higher up, and held another service, and returned. The people seemed pleased with our visit, and would fain have had me stay all night.

"I do not know which is the greater, their filthiness, indolence, or ignorance. Certainly they are not to be equalled any where. The desire of my heart is that I may be useful to them.

"God is mercifully working with his word in the hearts of the people. We baptized six persons on the morning of the 12th in the

mountain stream, in the presence of a vast number of persons. The number of persons baptized since we have been here is twentynine, six restored, and three cases of discipline. Of the twenty-nine baptized, fifteen have been raised up in the schools. Through God's abundant goodness, we are in good health."

FRANCE.

It will perhaps be in the recollection of our readers, that some months ago a prosecution was instituted against the parties whom Mr. Jenkins had employed to carry on his itinerating school, and that they were condemned in the local court of St. Brienne. The sentence was appealed from, and carried to the Court of Cassation, and there in effect quashed; but the sentence of a previous court was left in force, and the whole was sent back to the court at Rennes for final settlement. The subjoined extract from Mr. Jenkins's letter, dated Morlaix, Feb. 9th, will show in what position the affair now stands.

"As to the general state of the work here and its prospects, they are interesting, and continue hopeful and encouraging. Those who have joined us in the Lord are zealous and faithful, and the people still manifest favourable dispositions towards the gospel, though they have been tried by the strong, priestly opposition of last year, the prose-cution of the teachers, the cessation of their tenching, and a diminution of preaching among them. All this was very trying, but I have reason to believe it will be made a blessing. I visited the country lately, when the earth was covered with snow, and I am happy to say things are in a healthy, promising state, well-disposed for more extensive labour and greater progress.

"The principal object of my present letter is to give you information of the present state of our persecuted itinerary school. You are aware that the teachers did not move from their district; they kept their ground, but ceased giving lessons, as they were prosecuted by the authorities for their teaching, until we should see clearly what we could do, and what best to do. You know the Court of Cassation annulled the sentence of the tribunal of St. Brienne, but left in force the sentence of the tribunal of Guicamp, and named the court of Ronnes to judge finally the affair. Now it appeared to me the best thing we could do was not to make our defence before this court except by a counsellor, and that because the expense of our witnesses, &c., would amount to about £25, and that after all, especially at Rennes, our success appeared doubtful, while the point to be gained there is of minor importance. I case will be tried on the 19th instant. In consulted men of legal authority on this point, and especially M. Delaborde, counsellor at the Court of Cassation, and I found they approved of our not going to Rennes. Consequently I engaged the services of a well-recommended counsellor to represent and defend our friends before that court. On the 29th ult. the affair was to be tried at Rennes. Our avocat, who had not all the papers required for the defence, asked a delay. The judge would not grant it, he was inexorable. But the government solicitor granted it, on the ground that the summons to the accused had not been delivered, so as to allow them the required time of notice. So they have been summoned anew, and the to maintain religious liberty."

due time I will let you know the result.

" Being well-founded in the opinion that there is no law against private lessons in houses, according to good legal advice, in which M. Delaborde concurs, I have instructed the teachers to re-commence their itinerary teaching. I did so when in the country, the latter end of last month. They expected many would take lessons again. From the accounts of the French Evangelical Society, it appears this mode of teaching is adopted by some of their agents, in cases of opposition and shutting their schools, and that with very satisfactory results.
"It is said government is better disposed

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

been numerous. Mr. Carey has visited Saffron Walden, Loughton, and Luton with Mr. Makepeace, and Wokingham and Newbury with Mr. Hands. Mr. Makepeace has been the deputation to Ramsgate, Margate, and places adjacent, and attended the annual meeting at Leamington. The Revs. J. Russell and W. G. Lewis, jun., and the Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel have taken the Scottish journey. Mr. Trestrail attended a meeting at Hammersmith, Mr. Leechman, Mr. Millard, and Mr. Haycroft taking the various towns in the West Wilts and East Somerset auxiliary.

We have received the following communication from Bradford College which we insert with great pleasure, inasmuch as it shows the great esteem in which Mr. Mackay was held by his fellow students, and indicates the feelings of interest which they take, not only in him personally as a missionary, but in missionary operations. We trust that some among them may be directed, in the providence of God, to follow his example.

Horton College, Bradford.

The Rev. John Mackay, late a student of Horton College, being about to embark as a missionary for India, he and his fellow students met on Wednesday evening, Fcb. 21st, to bid each other farewell. After tea Mr. James Davis, the senior student who presided on the occasion, opened the proceedings of the evening by presenting to Mr. Mackay, in the name of the brethren, "Bagster's Comprehensive Bible," richly

The meetings during the past month have | bound in morocco, and bearing the following inscription :- " Presented to the Rev. John Mackay by his fellow students on his leaving Horton College to devote himself to the service of God amongst the heathen in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society, as an expression of their sincere attachment to him, and of their high estimation of his character, with the earnest prayer that the God whom he serves in the gospel of his Son may richly endue him with his Holy Spirit, and may render his labours greatly conducive to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth." Mackay, after thanking his fellow students for the testimonial of their regard with which they had honoured him,-a testimonial he valued the more as coming from those with whom he had lived on terms of fraternity for so long a period, then enumerated some of the reasons which had led him to become a missionary, and spoke of the strong claims of missions upon the Christian world.

Several of the brethren afterwards addressed the meeting, expressing their regret on the one hand at losing a brother so much esteemed, and their satisfaction on the other at his devoting himself to so high and holy an enterprise, and assuring him that he should ever have a place in their sympathies and prayers.

A public service was held in Myrtle Street Chapel, Liverpool, on the 28th Feb., to commend the brethren Evans, Sampson, and Mackay to the blessing of God as missionaries to the cast. The Rev. H. S. Brown presided, and after singing and reading of scripture the Rev. W. Dawson of Byrom Street offered prayer. The Secretary then described the field of labour to which address from Paul's words, "The Lord Jesus | pervade the assembly. be with thy spirit," and Dr. Maclay of New York commended them to God in March.

the brethren were going; Mr. Birrell gave prayer. The attendance was large, and a them a most encouraging and animated feeling of the deepest interest appeared to

The "William Carey" sailed on the 19th

Just as the Herald was prepared for press the mournful intelligence has been communicated to us of the death of the senior Treasurer of the Society, W. B. GURNEY, Esq., who was removed to his heavenly rest at daybreak, on Lord's day morning, March 25, after a short but severe and painful illness.

FOREIGN LETTERS RECEIVED.

AFRICA-BUCHANAN, Kingdon, J., Dec. 11. AMERICA-ROCHESTER, Freeman, Z., Jan. 19. ASIA-BARISAL, Underhill, E. B., Jan. 15. Benares, Gregson, J., Jan. 20. CALCUTTA, Thomas, J., Jan. 22. CHITTAGONG, Johannes, J., Jan. 29.

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Robinson, R., Jan. 29. FUTTERPORE, Edmonstone, G., Jan. 18. MATTACKOOLY, Carter, C., Jan. 29. Mongeir, Lawrence, J., Jan. 8. SERAMPORE, Denham, W. H., Jan. 12. One letter, no date, received March 12. Bahamas—Nassau, Capern, H., Jan. 20, Feb. 7 and 12. GRAND CAY, Littlewood, W., Feb. 7. INAGUA, Littlewood, W., Jnn. 8. BRITTANY-MORLAIX, Jenkins, J., Mar. 8. HAITI-JACMEL, Webley, W. H., Feb. 27.

BETHTEPHIL, Henderson, G. R., Feb. 9. Brown's Town, Clark, J., Feb. 19. CALABAR, East, D. J., Feb. 20.
FALMOUTH, Gay, R., Feb. 19.
FLETCHER'S GROVE, Hewett, E., Feb. 22. FOUR PATHS, Claydon, W., Feb. 15. KINGSTON, Clarke, J., Feb. 9; Graham, R., Feb. 20; Oughton, S., Feb. 10 and 27. MOUNT ANGUS, Smith, T., Feb. 15. PORT MARIA, Day, D., Jan. 25. SALTER'S HILL, Dendy, W., Jan. 11 and 30, Feb. 21. SPANISH TOWN, East, D. J., Feb. 8; HARVEY, C., Jan. 26, Feb. 26. STURGE TOWN, M'Laggan, W. L., Feb. 19. WALDENSIA, Gould, T., Feb. 23.
St. Domingo-Puerto Plata, one letter, no date, received March 22. JAMAICA-ANNOTTA BAY, Jones, S., Jan. 25. TRINIDAD, Law, J., Feb. 9.

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