ANNUAL SERVICES

OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1862.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH.

SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING.

A meeting for SPECIAL PRAVER, in connection with the Missions, will be held in the Library of the Mission House, in the morning, at eleven o'clock. The Rev. C. J. Middleditch, will preside.

BIBLE TRANSLATION SOCIETY.

We are requested to state that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the evening at Kingsgate Chapel, Holborn, at seven o'clock. Rev. F. W. Gotch, LL.D., is expected to take the Chair. The Revs. J. Sale, of Calcutta, H. Wilkinson late of Orissa, J. E. Giles, of Dublin, J. C. Marshman, Esq., and E. B. Underhill, Esq., are expected to address the meeting.

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 27 TH. ANNUAL SERMONS.

The following are the arrangements, so far as they have been completed.

The afternoon services marked thus* are intended for the young. Special services for the young are also arranged by the Young Men's Missionary Association, the particulars of which follow this list.

PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Alfred Place, Kent Road	Rev. W. Young	···· ··· ···	Rev. W. Young
Arthur Street, Grays-inn-road	Rev. S. H. Booth		Rev. J. Webb
Battersea	Rev. J. E. Giles	Rev. I. M. Soule*	Rev. C. Williams
Blackheath, Dacre Park			
Blandford Street	Rev. G. Wyard		Rev. P. Dickerson
Bloomsbury	Rev. G. Gould	Rev. W. Brock*	Rev. W. Brock
Bow	Rev. W. Jackson		Rev. W. P. Balfern
Brentford, Park Chapel	Rev. E. Hunt		Rev. E. Hunt
Brixton Hill	Rev. J. Aldis		Rev. J. Aldis
Brompton, Onslow Chapel	Rev. J.S. Wardlaw	Rev. J. Sale*	Rev. J. Sale
Camberwell	Rev. Dr. Vaughan		Rev. C. M. Birrell
Ditto, Cottage Green	Rev. J. Sears		Rev. I. Birt
Ditto, Mansion House	Rev. W. K. Rowe		Rev. W. H. Bonner
Camberwell New Road			Rev.W.K. Rycroft
Camden Road	Rev. C. Vince		Rev. H. E. Sturmer
Chelses, Paradise Chapel	Rev. F. H. White		Rev. F. H. White
Church Street, Blackfriars	Rev. C. P. Grosve-		Rev. T. Wilkinson
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PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Commercial St., Whitechapel	Rev. C. Stovel		Rv.C.P.Grosvenor
Crayford	Rev. H. Capern		Rev. H. Capern
Dalston, Queen's Road	Rev. S. S. Pugh		Rev. N. Haycroft
Devonshire Square	Rev. J. Mursell		Rev. J. H. Hinton
Drayton, West	Rev.W. F. Smythe		Rev.W.F. Smytho
Edmonton, Lower (Rev. J. Edwards's)	Rev. J. B. Pike		Rev. J. B. Pike
Eldon Street (Welsh)	Rev. M. Evans		Rev. M. Evans
Gravesend	Rev.T.F. Newman		Rev.T.F.Newman
Greenwich, Lewisham Road	Rev. F. Bosworth		Rev. J. P. Barnett
Do., Lecture Hall	Rev. H. Dowson		Rv.T.W.Medhurst
Hackney, Mare Street	Rev. T. Hands		Rev. W. G. Lewis, jun.
Do., St. Thomas's Hall	Rev. R. R. Finch		Rev. J. W. Munns
Hammersmith	Rev.H.E. Sturmer	Rev. Dr. Lee man*	ch- Rev. G. Gould
Hampstead, April 20th	Rev. J. D. Burns		Rev.W.Brock, jun.
Harlington	Rev. T. French		Rev. T. French
Harrow-on-the-Hill	Rev. T. Smith		Rev. T. Smith
Hawley Road	Rev. C. Williams.		Rev. E. White
Henrietta Street	Mr. Vines		Mr. Vines
Highgate	Rev. R. Green		Rev. R. Green
Islington, Cross Street	Rev. J. P. Chown		Rev. J. Mursell
John Street, Bedford Row	Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel		Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel
Kennington, Charles Street	Rev. T. Jones		Rev. T. Jones
Kensington, Hornton Street.	Rev. T. Wilkinson		Rev. S. S. Pugh
Kingsgate Street	Rev. J. Webb		Rev. S. H. Booth
Lee	Rev. J. P. Barnett		Rev. F. Bosworth
Lessness Heath	Rev. E. Davis		Rev. E. Davis
Maze Pond	Rev. A. Mursell		Rev. J. P. Chown
Metropolitan Tabernacle	Rev. C. H. Spur- geon		Rev. C. H. Spur- geon
New Park Street			
Norwood, Upper	Rev. W. Robinson		Rev. W. Robinson
Peckham, Hill Street	Rev.W.F.Burchell	Rev. T. J. Cole	* Rev. T. J. Cole
Poplar, Cotton Street	Rev. J. Walcot	••• ••• •••	Rev. W. A. Gillson
Providence Chapel, Hackney Road	Rev. J. Stock		Rev. H. Dowson
Regent Street, Lambeth	Rev.W. A. Gillson		Rev. J. Walcot
Regent's Park Chapel (March 30th)	Rev. W. Landels		Rev. W. Landels
Rotherhithe, Midway Place	Rev. T. W. Munns		Rev. R. R. Finch
Romford	Rev. E. Parker		Rev. E. Parker
Romney Street	Rev. J. S. Warren		Rev. W. Jackson

PLACES.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
St. Luke's, James Street	Mr. J. Templeton		Rev. J. H. Cooke
Salter's Hall	Rev. I Birt		Rev. J. E. Giles
Shacklewell	Rev. E, Probert		Rev. E. Probert
Shepherd's Bush, Oaklands	Rev. W. Isaac		Rv. Dr. Leechman
Shouldham Street	Rv.T.W.Medhurst		Rev. J. Stock
Spencer Place	Rev. J. H. Cooke		Rev. A. Mursell
Stratford Grove	Rev. N. Haycroft		Rev. J. S. Wardlaw
Tottenham	Rev. Dr. Gotch	Rev. R. Wallace *	Rev. J. J. Brown
Tottenham Court Rd., Welsh	Rev. L. Jones		Rev. L. Jones
Trinity Street	Rev. W.K. Rycroft	···· ···	Rev. W. K. Rowe
Twickenham	Rev. R. Bayne		Rev. R. Bayne
Uxbridge	Rev. T. E. Fuller		Rev. T. E. Fuller
Vernon Chapel	Rev. S. Pearce		Rev. E. Edwards
Waltham Abbey	Rev. S. Murch	Rev. S. Murch *	Rev. S. Murch
Walworth, Arthur Street	Rev. S. Cowdy		Rev. S. Cowdy
Do., Lion Street	Rev. J. J. Brown	Rev. T. Hands *	Rev. C. Vince
Westbourne Grove	Rev.W. G. Lewis,		Rev. D. Katterns
	jun.		
Wild Street, Little	Rev. C.Woollacott		Rev.C.Woollacott
Woolwich, Queen Street	Rev. E. Edwards		Rev. J. Teall
Do., Parson's Hill	Rev. J. Watts		Rev. J. Watts

JUVENILE MISSIONARY SERVICES, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 27TH.

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PLACE OF MEETING.

Arthur Street, Walworth
Battersea
Bloomsbury
Brixton, Salem Chapel
Brompton, Onslow Chapel
Camden Road
Commercial Street, Whitechapel
Cottage Green
Cotton Street, Poplar
Cross Street, Islington
Devonshire Square
Denmark Place
Hackney, Mare Street
Hackney, St. Thomas's Hall
Hammersmith
Highgate
High Road, Lee
Kingsgate Street, Holborn
Lewisham Dev 1
Lewisham Road
Lion Street, Walworth

SPEAKER OR PREACHER.

Rev. S. Cowdy. Rev. I. M. Soule. Rev. W. Brock. E. Corderoy, Esq. Rev. J. Sale. Rev. F. Tucker. Mr. Heath. Rev. T. Carlisle and Mr. Howard. Mr. Heath. Mr. Head. Mr. F. Brown. Mr. C. Reed. Mr. Ogden. Rev. Dr. Leechman. Mr. Webb. . Mr. Balfime and Mr. Rabbeth. Mr. Allen and Mr. Cryer. Rev. J. P. Barnett. Rev. T. Hands.

JUVENILE MISSIONARY SERVICES-continued.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Maze Pond
Metropolitan Tabernacle
Midway Place, Deptford
New Park Street
Regent Street, Lambeth
Tottenham
Trinity Street, Borough
Vernon Square
Westbourne Grove
Woolwich, Queen Street

PREACHER OR SPEAKER.

Mr. T. Carter, Mr. F. Baron, Mr. Coleman, Rev. G. Pritchard. Mr. R. Palmer and Mr. Bayne, Rev. R. Wallace. Mr. Price and Mr. S. Watson, Mr. Templeton, Rev. W. G. Lewis, jun. Mr. Dennis,

NOTE. —A selection of appropriate Hymns and Tunes for the above Services will be found in the "Juvenile Herald" for April, which may be obtained of Messre. J. Heaton and Son, 21, Warwick Lane, at 3s. per 100.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH.

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 $\pounds 10$ 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 $\pounds 50$ or upwards, are entitled to attend.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH.

PUBLIC MEETING AT EXETER HALL.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Society will be held in Exeter Hall, at which E. Baines, Esq., M.P., has kindly consented to preside.

The Revs. Dr. Vaughan and E. White, of London; the Rev. Arthur Mursell, of Manchester; and W. H. Watson, Esq., of London, are expected 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.

ANNUAL EVENING SERMON.

On the same day, the Annual Evening Sermon on behalf of the Society will be preached at the Metropolitan Tabernacle. The Committee have pleasure in announcing that the Rev. S. G. Green, B.A., Resident Tutor of Rawdon College, Yorkshire, will be the preacher on the occasion. Service to commence at half-past six.

YOUNG MEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday evening, May 5th, the Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, at half-past six o'clock. J. C. Marshman, Esq. is expected to preside. The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, Rev. A. Mursell, of Manchester, Rev. J. Sale, of Calcutta, and Rev. J. Teall, of Woolwich, are expected to take part in the proceedings.

THE MISSIONARY IN NANKIN.

THE state of China is a most afflictive one. Although the Imperial authority has been re-established in Pekin, and the treaty obligations with European powers fulfiled, the government seems quite unable to administer the affairs of the empire, or to restrain the outbreaks of rebellion in the provinces. China, in fact, appears to be the prey of anarchy and confusion, which spread unchecked in all parts of it. The condition'of the provinces now held by the rebels is, if possible, worse. The ravages of war have not been healed. Depopulated cities remain untenanted; and the rebel chief seems unable either to restrain the excesses of the wild hordes which plunder and destroy in his name, or to frame a settled government in those places which own his sway.

Under these circumstances missionary labours are carried on with great difficulty, and often with much peril. Ningpo, where there were flourishing Christian churches, has fallen a prey to the rebels, and been destroyed. Shanghai is now threatened, and if saved the horrors of a siege and capture, it can only be by the interference of European arms. The pages of the *Herald*, but a few weeks ago, contained the distressing account of the murder of two missionaries in Shantung. The whole empire seems to have fallen into utter confusion, and yet the gospel, the only substitute for the effete religions of the land, which alone can reconstruct the decayed social fabric, can scarcely find a secure abiding place. The hope we were disposed to cherish of the sincere professions of the rebel chieftain appears to be a vain one; for ambition and success have mastered his better knowledge, and he presents to his subjects a caricature of that blessed Gospel he professes to obey.

Notwithstanding the danger to which the attempt might expose him, Mr. Kloekers has again ventured to visit Nankin, to establish, if possible, the pure preaching of the truth in the very centre of the rebel power. His diary is now before us, and we propose to condense for our readers' information its most important facts.

On the 23rd September, Mr. Kloekers obtained a passage on board an English man-of-war proceeding to Nankin. The vessel came to anchor on the 26th, opposite the creek which runs to the west of the city. Everything looked dismal enough, nothing but dilapidated houses could be seen, while the once frequented river bore but few junks on its bosom. The next day Mr. Kloekers ventured to walk alone to the palace of the Kan Wang, both to see him and Mr. Roberts, who is an inmate of this chief. The eight miles was one scene of ruin and destruction. Broken bricks among the wild grass marked the sites of destroyed habitations. The fields were waste. One rather populous village was passed on the shores of the creek, which looked as if life and trade were reviving; and as he approached the city two or three other villages were seen rising up from amidst the desolation around them. He adds, that when he visited Pekin, he found that Imperial city and the surrounding country in a similarly wrecked condition, in both instances the effect of the warfare which had raged about both these populous cities.

Showing his pass at the gates, he entered the city, passing along streets in partial ruin, but filled with people busy in carrying bulrushes for firing and hricks for building. On reaching the palace, Mr. Kloekers went first to the rooms of Mr. Roberts. The good old man gave him a hearty welcome, and rejoiced greatly on learning that Mr. Kloekers intended to stay. Alone he has hitherto striven to give a right direction to the mind of the rebel chief, and has cheerfully sustained the lonesomeness and hardships of the peculiar position he occupies.

Mr. Kloekers was soon introduced to the Kan Wang, who after a short conversation gave him permission to reside in Nankin, and at the same time made the request that he would educate his eldest son. Two rooms in the palace were at once set apart for Mr. Kloekers' use, with promises of help and protection. The condition was attached that Mr. Kloekers should do nothing injurious to the rebel cause. The Kan Wang even expressed his opinion that the false doctrines now taught by the chief, and to which Mr. Kloekers made objection, would in the end be corrected and laid aside. That night was spent by the missionary in the palace, the distance to the man-of-war being too great to return.

On the 29th, Mr. Kloekers took possession of his rooms. The following day was busily occupied, at the Kan Wang's request, in preparing for him some suggestions on the best course to pursue for the welfare of the country, with especial reference to foreign intervention. It is, we believe, the opinion of Mr. Kloekers that every effort should be made to terminate the present strife, by an amicable division of the country into two empires, the Emperor at Pekin and the rebel chief at Nankin, retaining such provinces as are now under their respective rule.

For the first few days, an access of fever prevented Mr. Kloekers from visiting the city, but on the 4th October he proceeded to seek a suitable locality for a chapel. He found the city in some places pretty well peopled, in others it was entirely destroyed. Whole streets were in the same condition as they were at the sacking of the city, when fire and plunder had wrought their worst. This and the next day were spent in vain searching for a suitable place for a house of prayer.

On the Lord's Day, the 6th, Mr. Kloekers united with Mr. Roberts and his two Chinese attendants, Christians from Canton, in the observance of the Supper of the Lord.

On the 8th, Mr. Kloekers visited the Teen Wang's palace, the dwelling of the rebel chieftain. Here he was permitted to converse and preach the Gospel to a large audience in the hall. The women of the palace, meanwhile, went in and out fetching water. All the work of the palace is done by women. The day following, in a conversation with the Kan Wang, the missionary was earnestly besought to pray for him. He said with tears, shutting his eyes, and lifting up his folded hands, "I can only now and then pray to the Heavenly Father for guidance and help in seeking the good of this people; but you are daily engaged in praying for mankind at large: do not forget to pray for us, and your God will reward you." It would seem that the Kan Wang is deeply impressed with the want of skill and knowledge which the rebel chiefs exhibit to perfect the revolution they have so successfully begun.

It was not till the 15th that the son of the Kan Wang presented himself for instruction. He, however, soon wearied of it, and after a few lessons it was given up. On the 26th, by means of his teacher, Mr. Kloekers at length engaged a house for a temporary chapel, and on the day following preached in it. It is the first building opened in Nankin for Christian worship. The first congregation consisted chiefly of women, who were very quiet and attentive. Daily, to the 6th November, Mr. Kloekers continued to preach in the chapel to increasing numbers. Thus, on the 5th, he says, "to-day perhaps 300 persons have heard the leading doctrines of the Gospel." To these labours he added advice to the sick, who came in considerable numbers for his counsel and help.

The unexpected death of the husband of the lady in whose charge Mr. Kloekers left his infant child at Shanghai, suddenly interrupted his efforts, and obliged him to leave Nankin to make other arrangements. He purposes, however, speedily to return.

So far the experiment to preach the Gospel among the rebels has been a successful one. If it does not receive the approbation of the leading chiefs, they do not hinder it. If they give the missionary no facilities for his work, they throw no obstacle in his path. At present life seems safe in the capital, within the immediate range of the personal authority of the leaders; beyond that it is doubtful whether missionary labour can be carried on. The missionary has to endure many discomforts, and to be satisfied with the poorest fare; and it would be impossible for a missionary with a family to undertake the work. The peculiar circumstances of Mr. Kloekers seem to justify his heroic attempt, and his abilities gain him great influence with those whom he meets. While, therefore, we tremble for him, we commend him to the care of the Master whom he scrves, assured that He will uphold and preserve His servant in this act of consecration to His service.

A JOURNEY TO NAGAR IN BEERBHOOM.

BY THE REV. R. J. ELLIS.

I MUST tell you of a little tour I took lately to the remains of the city of Nagar—the old residence of the Mahomedan kings of this part of Bengal. Taking advantage of the presence of our dear brother Boleram from Dum Dum, I started on a Friday morning about a fortnight ago.

On the way we saw a few Hindoos of very low caste, who were in charge of a number of bullocks bearing bags of rice to a distant market. They were bivouacked by the side of the road, and though they seemed very poor, we were not prepared to find them so ignorant. We spoke to them in the very lowest colloquial we could command, and asked them if they knew who made them. Pointing to the sun, they said, "God." The sun, we said, is not God —God has no form and cannot be seen. They could not understand this, and we endeavoured to illustrate it by a reference to their own minds, which had no form, but which they could perceive and feel. We then endeavoured to make them understand that they were sinners, and that by faith in Christ alone could they be saved—but though we used the very simplest illustrations that could be found, it completely baffled us to make them comprehend our meaning.

At Nagar a few persons visited our tent to converse with us about the gospel, the people joyfully received our books, and marked attention was paid to all our addresses. . . . A good distance from the village we heard the shouts of a number of young people, and perceived one young man running abreast of them all and calling out almost breathless, "Saheb, Saheb !" He had heard that we had books to dispose of gratis, and earnestly begged that he might have one. We gave him a gospel, and opening it up at the parable of the pharisee and the publican, made him read. We then explained the parable—illustrating it by the parallel case of the brahmin and the shoodra —and having urged them to pray in all humility to God in the name of Christ, we came away.

At the fourth village we found an intelligent young man who had taken a book from us the previous day, and to another, a companion of his, we then gave another book. At this place many brahmins listened to us with deep and earnest attention, and on our rising to come away, these two young men, with another, said they would accompany us as far as a river which we had to ford on our way back to Nagar. At the river we desired them to return, but after we had gone fully a quarter of a mile, we heard them calling after us. They had run after us to say that we had given them books, and for that they thanked us, but who should teach them their meaning? Should they wish further to read about our religion, where should they procure more books? And should they judge our religion true, they must leave their homes and their all, and to what then should they betake themselves for a livelihood? To all these questions we gave satisfactory answers, and these interesting young men took their departure.

The next morning — the last of our short sojourn there—a young man came to our tent in company with one of the Banerjeas, whose relations have made themselves famous in the world of literature in our eastern metropolis. This young had received from us the tract, 'Miracles of the Lord Jesus,' and the gospel by Mark, and had now come to ask for a copy of the Acts of the Apostles, which he had seen'in some one's hands. We told him he could have no more books from us unless he paid for them. He said he was but a scholar in the 'Grant in Aid' School, a poor boy, and could not give pice for books, as he had none to give. Finding he could not move us, he bethought him of an argument which he thought we could not resist—'How shall I know,' he said, 'which religion is true, unless I read your shastras?' 'Well, read what you have got first.' 'Have I not read them?' he said ; 'I have read your tract, and am reading the gospel. Will you kindly exchange the tract for another gospel, or the Acts of the Apostles?' We examined him, and found he had indeed read the tract, upon which we willingly gave him another gospel, not having with us more copies of the Acts. 'Now,' said he, 'I shall want more by and bye.' 'Well, come to our house in Sewry. We shall examine you on the books you have got, and if you know them fully, we shall give you others.' Banerjea took a book from us, and was by our side every time we went into the bazaar.

I have opened a class for enquirers, which two persons for the present have promised regularly to attend. These are the relatives of Boleram (the native preacher of Dum Dum), who, with a zeal every way worthy of his profession ever since he professed Christianity, now many years ago, has exerted himself for the salvation of his family. This leads me to mention some circumstances which have occurred with us lately. The brother of Boleram and his mother, together with certain others of the family, expressed a desire to become Christians, and broke caste by eating the Christian's rice. Boleram had come up to be present, lest any force should be used to constrain them again to declare for Hinduism, and well was it that he had come. No sooner did they manifest their desire (a long cherished one, I understand), than hundreds collected about the shop of the brother. They called upon him to renounce his new faith, and adjured his brother (Boleram), to desist from enticing him to become a Christian. To these crowds, Boleram, who is possessed of an excellent voice, and a surprising force of logic to back it, preached the gospel, and showing that he could make no one a Christian against his will, called upon his brother to renounce the Christian faith if he would, and to disbelieve it if he could. The brother day after day stood firm, and the more intelligent part of the multitude perceiving the force of what they saw and heard, acknowledged it vain to persist in their attempts to coerce the young converts, whereupon the crowds dispersed. The mother was carried off stealthily to a place 12 kosh (24 miles) from this, but has since been sent back on representations being made to her friends, that by detaining one who had eaten the Christian's rice, they were forfeiting their own caste.

At Sewry, the following interesting circumstance has recently taken place. Some of the most intelligent Mussulman population resolved to bold a debate among themselves, upon the Christian religion as opposed to that of Mohammed. Accordingly sides were chosen and an umpire. The debate lasted for three days, and at last the side representing Christianity, having heaped proof upon proof, and argument upon argument, for the Christian faith, had become so vehement in their assertion of its truth as opposed to Mohamedanism, that the others taking fright at the result of their own proposal cried out: "You are heretics! You are Christians! We will have you excommunicated!"— "Oh no," said they, "we are not Christians; we have only maintained our side." The weight of evidence was pronounced to be on the Christian side of the debate; but of course, when asked to act consistently with such a decision, there was a subterfuge at hand. "The Christian dispensation," they say, "has been abrogated, and now all must become Mohammedans."

This occurrence shows that the Mahommedans are thinking about Christ, and whatever may be the ulterior result of this conference, for the present the Mussulmans are much more attentive than formerly to our addresses in the bazaar.

A VISIT TO THE BHUTESHWAR MELA, NEAR AGRA.

BY THE REV. THOS. EVANS.

In order to be able to visit as far as possible the villages between Agra and Bhuteshwar, we started early for the Mela, making easy marches from one

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village to another, preaching Christ and selling gospels and tracts as we proceeded on our way.

Mr. Gregson and myself left Agra early on the 5th November, for Chitoura. On the way we were delighted to see the fields filled with corn ready for the sickle. A bright prospect for the poor ryots, after several months of pinching want during the late famine. In a field by the way-side, we found an ear of corn worthy of note.

Our attention was drawn to it by its unusual size, and I was tempted to cut it from its stem, and carry it into Chitoura for closer inspection. It was such an extraordinary bunch of corn on one stalk, that we resolved to reckon the grains, and weigh them too. We did so, and the result was,—

Number of grains		8,000
Weight of grains (cleaned)].	•	10 oz.

The corn is what the natives call Jewair—very common in the North-West, though such an ear is doubtless rare,—yet what a proof it gives of what India might yield to the husbandman with proper cultivation.

Chitoura seemed to me much improved in appearance since I last saw the place. The mission houses and chapel, which before were in a dilapidated state (being wasted during the Mutiny), having been repaired, now assume a new and cheerful aspect, and the old station of Nistarpoor is once more occupied by those who love and serve the Lord.

After taking breakfast with brother Williams (who, by the bye, though a bachelor, is a master housekeeper), we visited General Wheler's Orphanage, and were delighted to see nearly a hundred poor children, rescued from death during the late famine, so clean and apparently happy.

The boys were being taught to read and write by a Moulvie, who has recently been baptized in Agra, and who seems to be an intelligent man, and a sincere christian. The girls were engaged in sewing, under the superintendence of a christian woman. The old weaving shop has been converted into a residence for the children, a wall having been put up to partition off the apartment of the girls from that of the boys.

It was truly an interesting sight to see these poor orphans flocking round and clinging to their kind benefactor with a child-like confidence and affection, and the good veteran general treating his juvenile band with father-like tenderness and care,—his greatest anxiety of all being to implant in their tender hearts, if possible, the fear and love of God. Need we say that we wish him a hearty God-speed ?

Nov. 6th.—We left early for Futiabad, a large village nine miles from Chitourah, where we made a stay for three days, preaching in the mornings in the smaller villages around, and in the afternoon in the Futiabad bazaar.

The people generally heard the gospel with attention, and we sold several gospels and tracts. We were now accompanied by Mr. Williams, of Chitourah, and I was glad to find our brother able to express himself so well in Hindee after a residence of two years in the country.

(To be continued,)

CALOUTTA.—Under the protection of a kind Providence, our dear friends, the Revs. J. C. Page, G. Rouse, and their wives, arrived safely in Calcutta on the 8th February. The voyage was a tedious one, being prolonged by adverse winds, and on one occasion by a severe storm. Mr. Rouse preached at Howrah on the following day for Mr. Morgan, who has again been called to suffer from a relapse of his old complaint.

BARISAL.—The Christians, during the past year, have been quite free from the assaults of their Zemindars, from which in former years they have suffered so much. A few of them have exhibited a disposition to retaliate on their persecutors. There seems to be almost a law in the character of the Hindu, that, when not oppressed, he must necessarily be an oppressor. The recoption of Christianity will doubtless correct the manifestation of this spirit. Mr. Martin informs us that Mr. Reed has begun to speak a little in the bazars and markets, as the result of his diligent application to the study of Bengali.

BENARES.—The law case, of which some account was given in a previous *Herald*, has undergone another phase. Mr. Heinig informs us that the parties appealed from the decision of the magistrate to the judge. At the hearing of the cause, the appellants exhibited the greatest anxiety to give up the case as against Mr. Heinig. To this the judge at length assented, and the appellants were adjudged to pay all the costs of the appeal.

DELHI.—Mr. Evans reports that he has obtained sufficient contributions to support nine students in the proposed Theological Institution. He has also received $\pounds 60$ towards the erection of the necessary buildings. From the Purana Killah native church there have been so many defections as to reduce the number of members to twenty. Mr. Evans has baptized two soldiers of H.M.'s 32nd Regiment, and has three more applicants. He was about to visit Lahore to baptize four candidates.

MEERUT.—Mr. Parsons arrived in Meerut on the 5th Dec., to commence his missionary labours in that important town and district. A spirit of inquiry prevails widely in the villages to the north of Meerut, near the Ganges.

¹ CHINA, CHEFOO.—Since the repulse of the rebels, Mr. Hall has been able to enter actively on missionary labour. He has opened his little chapel, called "Chen-shen-tang," in which he daily sits to talk with passers-by. He has posted through the villages, on the temple-gates, &c., portions of "Come to Jesus," with an invitation to visit the chapel. He is also engaged in translating portions of Scriptures, tracts and hymns for, posting about the city. He has preached to good numbers of people in the villages, and a few people attend the daily morning prayer in his house with his domestics. The native convert is studying hard for useful service among his countrymen.

MORLAIX.—Mr. Monod has returned to Morlaix, preaching on his way at several towns. At a town some leagues from Morlaix he met with a few Protestants without the means of grace, whom he has promised to visit occasionally. Three lectures on the Reformation have been given by Mr. Planta, an Evangelist from L'Orient, well calculated to attract the attention of the inhabitants.

TRINIDAD, SAN FERNANDO.—The small but inconvenient rooms occupied as a chapel continue to be well attended. Mr. Gamble anxiously desires, however, to build a chapel, for which he will need assistance. He recently baptized four persons at Fourth Company settlement, and others are awaiting baptism in two of the remaining churches. At Montserrat the Spirit of God has been largely poured out, and the chapel is crowded with worshippers.

JAMAICA.—The annual meetings of the Jamaica Baptist Union were held, as anticipated, at Lucea, on the 12th Feb. Various public as well as meetings for business, were held, including a revival service and a missionary meeting. From the returns presented, it appears that the additions to the churches have been exceedingly large, the clear increase being 4,422, and this only in the churches belonging to the Union. The total number of members is given as 20,036, and in the Inquirers' classes there are 6,058 persons. The churches have, therefore, during 1861 gathered largely the fruits of the great movement of the previous year. There were present at the meetings sixteen pastors and thirty delegates.

KINGSTON .- Mr. and Mrs. Bouhon have reached Kingston on their way to

Port au Prince. They continued to suffer much from the effects of the fever acquired on their reaching Hayti. Mr. and Mrs. Webley had also reached Jamaica for a short sojourn, Mrs. Webley having been exceedingly ill.

AFRICA, CAMEROONS.—Mr. Saker had returned from his trip to the mountains. Much exposure and fatigue had in some measure tried his health. Mr. Smith was better for his visit to Victoria, and was contemplating a speedy visit to Wari, where it is intended to establish a station. The two teachers from Sierra Leone were about to return to their own country.

VICTORIA.—While staying here, Mr. Smith paid several visits to the islands in the Bay. Led by a goat, on one occasion, he reached the almost inaccessible village of the people, who listened with great attention to his story of the Cross. He found them in a very degraded condition, without clothes, or only a small rag on their persons. At first they were frightened at his coming, but soon came about him without hesitation.

AQUA TOWN.—This is Mr. Diholi's new station. He continues to visit the surrounding villages also. A chief very recently came and begged him to settle in his town, promising to give him ground to build upon. Such requests and promises, he says, are often made; but means are not at hand to allow the missionaries to take advantage of them.

HOME PROCEEDINGS.

Since our last, the Revs. F. Trestrail and J. Sale have completed their visit to the Churches in Scotland, closing the month with services in Cheltenham. Mr. Underhill has visited Newbury, Loughton, Chatham, and Hammersmith. At the first two of these places, the Rev. W. K. Rycroft was also present, in addition to which he has held missionary services at Peterchurch, Bishop Stortford, Tottenham, Chesham, High Wycombe, Dover, and Eyethorne. The Rev. T. Gould has kindly undertaken meetings at Saffron Walden, Leighton, Kingston, Hemel Hempstead, and Biggleswade. We are also greatly indebted to the Rev. S. Green for visiting Bedford; the Rev. C. J. Middleditch, Gamlingay; and the Rev. T. Hands, Harlow. The Bev. J. Makepeace, of Luton, has accomplished a missionary tour for the Society in Wiltshire, and also attended meetings in Hertfordshire.

The meetings have been, we believe, generally well attended; the contributions, on the whole, somewhat exceeding last year. Some of our friends have found much difficulty in making arrangements, which would probably be obviated were preparations commenced earlier.

On the early pages of the *Herald* will be found the arrangements for the approaching Annual Meetings. Owing to the opening of the Exhibition on the 1st May, the Committee have been obliged to arrange for the Annual Meeting at Exeter Hall on the day previous. This has compelled them to dispense, for this year, with the Annual Morning Sermon. Let us hope that the attendance of our friends will be all the more numerous at the Evening Sermon.

The appeal for missionaries in our January number has been followed by several offers of service, and an intimation from the Colleges that several students are preparing for the Lord's work in foreign lands. The Committee have already accepted the services of Mr. H. R. Pigott, of Dublin, for Ceylon, and of Mr. R. F. Laughton, of Clipstone. Mr. Laughton will continue his studies for some months longer with the Rev. T. T. Gough. We are happy to learn that so many of our young men look upon the missionary field as their destined sphere of labour.

We record with regret the resignation of R. Cartwright, Esq., of his place on the Committee, through long continued ill-health. His wise and efficient services will be greatly missed.

CONTRIBUTIONS,

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