#### THE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY OF GRANDE LIGNE.

For three years past the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society have aided the important work among the French settlers of Lower Canada with a grant of  $\pounds 150$ . As the annual report of this mission did not reach us in time for our annual services, we here give some particulars of the labours of the past year.

It is now twenty-five years since some six Canadian converts, including the two missionaries, united together as a church of Christ, and with the purpose of attempting to spread the gospel among their countrymen. There was darkness everywhere, and the priests were united in their efforts to repress the growth of divine truth, and to rouse the angry passions of their followers against the innovators. By degrees the Word of God spread from house to house, and from parish to parish. About five hundred families have been delivered from the yoke of popery; about one thousand persons have made a profession of faith in Christ; and nearly one hundred and fifty have gone to their eternal home. Many others are scattered over portions of Canada and the United States, and hundreds of young persons have been taught in the schools of the mission.

Owing to the decrease of funds during the recent years of difficulty and trial, the number of labourers has decreased. Only eighteen persons have been engaged this last year on the funds of the mission; but they have been materially assisted by several of the pupils of the two Institutes. These are situated at Grand Ligne and Longueuil, and contain seventy pupils. Fifteen stations are occupied bythemissionaries, but their labours are extended to the parishes surrounding those where they reside. More than thirty persons have been baptized in the year, and at nearly all the stations there is a considerable number of inquirers and candidates for baptism.

The following incidents will convey an idea of the results of the work, and of the difficulties it has to encounter. One of the converts at St. Marie is the mother of a family, both intelligent and amiable, whose attention was first called to the Gospel about twelve years ago, when its truths produced a deep impression upon her heart. "We then had hoped to see her follow on in the way of truth joyfully : but alas! the honour of the world, and the unbelief so natural to the heart of man, regained their dominion, and she again repelled all light and avoided all intercourse with Protestants. She seemed to have but one aim, and that was, to become again firmly grounded in her faith in the superstitions of Rome, in order to pursue with less fear the world's enjoyments. Her husband, however, began to love the truth : but this only aroused all the opposition of her

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heart. She drove out of her house the missionary who would occasionally visit him, and, on one occasion, she struck him several times with a stick. She trembled, for fear of passing for a Protestant. However, in the midst of her opposition to the truth, she was unhappy; the sting of conscience was felt in her heart, and she could not but hear at times its reproachful The Lord was following her to subdue the enmity of her heart voice. Gradually, by sickness that brought her to the border of the grave, and by appeals to her conscience, she was made willing to listen to her Saviour's She began reading with renewed attention, that Word which voice. changes the lost sinner into a disciple of Jesus ; and her opposition, love of the world, and deep-seated errors, yielded to the living power of the Word. Despoiled of earthly joys, she felt the misery of her condition, and cast herself into the arms of her Saviour ; and now, at the feet of Jesus. she enjoys peace and happiness and the favor of her God. Both husband and wife are of one heart and one mind to serve the Lord."

In the Romish church of St. Pic, protracted meetings have been held in order to hold up Protestantism to ridicule and abhorrence. One of the holy fathers said there were eighty-two religions among protestants, each with its separate god and distinct faith. The net proceeds of the traffic in beads, rosaries, images and souls in purgatory, was very considerable. One man asked the proof from Scripture for the dogmas preached. He was dismissed abruptly, to his own great disgust and the surprise of the crowd who witnessed the holy father's reluctance to touch the Bible.

Of the superstitions prevalent among the people the following is an instance :—" A report was spread abroad, that one of our Protestants had had a conflict in a certain unfrequented place with a *loup garou*." This was so firmly believed by some, that one poor Romanist, having to pass that way, was so frightened out of his wits, that, not knowing what else to do to get out of the reach of the hobgoblin, he armed himself with a stake, and got off his sleigh astride of his horse. Being asked by one of the Protestants what he would have done had the *loup-garou* got on to his sleigh and taken the reins, the poor fellow turned quite pale at the thought."

The following narrative is given by M. L. Pasche of St. Réni :--- " Among those who have been baptized are two brothers, men of intelligence and good character, fathers of large families. Twenty-five years ago a copy of the New Testament was given to one of them by an English family, which was much read, and with great benefit. Being a person of an independent mind, he soon was convinced of the immense difference which exists between the teachings of the Word of God and the priests ; but, as yet, he could not think of leaving the Church of Rome. However, as he continued reading the Scriptures, he felt more and more the need of something better and purer than the teaching of the priest ; but as yet, he knew not that the living streams of the water of life, which alone could satisfy his soul, flowed outside of the walls of Babylon. Aspiring after something better, without seeking it in Jesus, he remained for several years in a state of anxiety and doubt, an unhappy man. In this state, he was found by one of our colporteurs, who opened up before his eyes the plan of salvation, which his mind eagerly grasped ; but his wife, whom he tenderly loved,

<sup>\*</sup> A wolf, possessed with the Devil. The poor people were led to believe, that Catholics who changed their religion would be changed into loup-garous.

and all his children, manifested an opposition to the Gospel which he had not the courage to breast, and which lasted until the day of her death. During this period, our brother relapsed into a state of religious apathy, which exceedingly grieved the hearts of his Christian friends; but the Word of God touched anew his soul, and finally triumphed over the opposition of his heart and his family, and led him and all his children, with the exception of the eldest, into the way of salvation."

In addition to the agencies already mentioned, the Grande Ligne mission supports one colporteur, while several young men have also aided in efforts of evangelization. The missionaries thus conclude their report :

"In the midst of trials and difficulties, there has been progress. Our educational establishments have been blessed to the conversion of souls, and proved a blessing to many. Our primary schools have been kept up and sustained with alacrity by the parents of the children themselves. The Word of God has proved a blessing to a goodly number; prodigal sons have returned; the wavering have been established; new families have forsaken Rome, to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus, and, we have reason to hope, that from forty to fifty persons have been converted to the Lord; a large portion of whom have made public profession of faith in baptism, while others seem to be turning their faces Zionward. Surely we have every reason to renew our courage and devotion in a cause which the Saviour continues to bless, and thus fulfil the great commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. God has acknowledged and crowned our labors with His benediction, and blessed be His holy name. It is ours to pray and to toil: it is His to give the reward; and as the work is His, IT SHALL BE GIVEN."

#### THE NATIVE PASTORS OF JAMAICA.

During the past year three brethren have accomplished their term of study at the Calabar Institution, and have entered on pastoral labours in the island. About one half the churches are now supplied with ministers trained in the Institution, and in due time we may anticipate that the work of the ministry will almost entirely devolve on these who are thus fitted for its exercise. While the Deputation were in the island an arrangement was made for the President to spend a portion of the college vacation among those brethren who had gone out from it. His presence would give them encouragement, while he could give words of counsel both to ministers and churches of great practical value. A portion of the last vacation was thus spent by our esteemed friend the Rev. D. J. East, and we are sure that our readers will peruse with gratification the following extracts from a letter in which he details some particulars of his visits :---

At the close of the session, I took a journey, accompanied by my dear wife, to leeward, visiting Waldensia, Montego Bay, Mount Carey, and Lucea, at all which places I had the pleasure of conducting public services for our Enropean brethren at these stations, and was pleasingly impressed with the good work going on at each of them. But one principal object I had in this journey was to visit the church at Shortwood. Brother Hewett went up with me.

On return from leeward we took up our abode for a few weeks at Bethany, through the kindness of our beloved brother Clark, of Brown's Town. This 4 made a centre for other visits. Among them I had the gratification of attending the ordination of Mr. Webb, at Stewart Town. His settlement there has been to me a source of peculiar satisfaction. The church, yon remember, was under my temporary oversight. And at one time, from some cause or other, there was a strong prejudice against having a native pastor. However, the church invited Mr. Webb to spend a probationary period with them. He was there for nine months; and during this time he had so won upon the affections of the people, that they gave him a most cordial invitation to become their pastor with the most perfect unanimity. This was so much beyond my expectations, that it took me by the most agreeable surprise. Our young brother is working hard, cheered by evident tokens of the Divine presence and blessing.

Another visit was to the station of Mr. Johnson, at Clarksonville. There I had the pleasure of spending a Lord's day. The chapel was crowded in the morning and numerously attended in the afternoon. You will remember the building, high up on the side of a lofty hill, near the base of which is the Queen's-road. I had not seen it for two or three years, during which it had been completely finished. And a beautiful house of prayer it is, erected at the cost of the congregation worshipping in it, and under the immediate superintendence of their pastor, who did a good deal of the work with his own hands. The Sunday schools were large, one of the sons and two of the pastor's daughters, taking a principal share in the labour of teaching.

The Sunday school at Bloomsbury could not have made a better appropriation of their funds than they have by their recent vote to the Sunday school at Clarksonville, while our brother is not a little cheered by this expression of sympathy with him in his work. The morning service was concluded with a missionary collection; the afternoon was of a social character for familiar talk with the people about best interests of themselves and their children. Their beloved pastor is being abundantly blessed of God in His service. May his life be yet spared for many years to follow up the labours which now for more than fifteen he has had grace to prosecute ! He is, I believe, the oldest of the ministers sent forth from our Institution.

Another day was given to the congregation at Gibraltar, of which Mr. Webb has charge in connection with Stewart Town. My ride from Bethany of about 12 miles was through a wild and desolate tract of mountain land. Everywhere the country betokened neglect of cultivation, except where the people were redecuing it on either rented or freehold patches planted with provisions. It was quite sickening to pass through so much low stunted bush, which told you the property had at no very distant period been thrown up, or that the owner was too poor or too indolent to keep it clean. Riding along with the good man who was acting as my guide, and pointing to the thrown-up estates, I quoted the words of Solomon, "Say ye not the former times were better than these: ye do not argue wisely concerning this;" and I asked him what he thought of them Which times were the best, those in which these estates were all at work, and he and others were earning money upon them ? when he promptly confirmed the sentiment of Solomon, shewing me that they could make a good deal more by growing their own products, on their own settlements, than ever they had been able toget out of the estates when they were most flourishing. Another confirmation to the position of your Book, that whatever the results of emancipation may have been to the large proprietors it has been a mine of wealth to the peasantry. On reaching Gibraltar, a goodly congregation was already gathered. We had a stirring meeting on topics of social interest, such as might be talked on the week day, but could not so suitably be spoken of at Sabbath religious services. The heartiness with which our people enter into such subjects, and the zest with which they make their responses, and occasionally fill up a hiatus which the speaker may purposely leave, are very pleasing, sometimes amusing. Go into questions of labour, of land, of coffee and pimento, and sugar and gum, and you are sure to have ears erect. And get their sympathies in these, and they will tolerate much plainness of speech on other matters not so palatable. The congregation here is growing fast. A few months ago the roof of the chapel was re-shingled now the enlargement of the chapel itself is needed. The day-school is well attended, and is self-supporting.

One other day I had the pleasure of giving to our good brother Bennett. A short time before I had been to his new station at Grateful Hill. There I found the united congregations of Dry Harborr and Content, meeting under a spacious booth, which they well filled. But they sadly require a chapel. A commencement has been made. A week or two after my visit, the people turned out and burnt a large lime-kiln, which will supply them with a sufficiency of lime for the object on £100 being raised to add it to. The land has been already given by an extensive proprietor in England, and the church is likely to bestir itself to complete the effort. The other station visited you well recollect—Salem. The congregation was not large, but the spirit was good, and the service promised to be useful.

Preparation for the annual meeting of the Union occupied almost every spare moment left from travelling engagements, so that you will see that my holidays were well nigh as busy as the weeks of the college session. But work is life.

For the still more thorough training of the native brethren, the committee of Calabar have arranged that the last year of the course should be spent with a settled pastor, with whom the neophyte may learn how to govern a church, and obtain practical insight into the work of the ministry.

#### MISSION TOUR BETWEEN DELHI AND ROHTUCK.

#### BY THE REV. D. P. BROADWAY.

(Concluded from our April Number.)

February 6th.—We got up as early as possible this morning, and had worship. On rising from our knees we were surprised to find that six or seven of the villagers had unfastened the lower ties of the tent, crept in quietly, and actually united with us. When we came out, we found the people assembled in groups about the tent, and the Zamindar waiting with a large pot of milk and another of sugar cane juice. I was not inclined for anything of the kind, having had some coffee, however in order to please the donor, I was obliged to take a cup of the milk, and my brethren and servants soon finished the whole. I gave them an address, and urged them to try and retain and improve what we had told them, that it would be a savour of life unto life to them should they do so.

As soon as our tent was struck and everything carted, we went on to Syadpore, and stopped at a Gosain's Muth (the residence of a devotee). The people were working at the sugar mills, and seemed reluctant to leave them. I told the Zamindar, who had come to enquire whether I required his services, that I wished to speak to the people on religion, if he would call them together for a short time. He began to shout "Come brethren, come to the Sahib, we have not the pleasure of having such a visitor every day," and soon the enclosure round the Muth, which was not very small, was filled with men, women and children. The Gosain behaved exceedingly well, he provided a large quantity of tobacco, and the Zamindar had hookahs (Indian pipes) brought; they said that as long as the people had something to smoke, they would keep together, and so it was. When they were all seated, and order restored, we commenced operations, and continued reading and speaking to them till midday. The Gosain questioned us sometimes on those sentences which he thought obscure. It was a good morning's work. The message of love was delivered to a large number of people, without anything occurring to mar its effects, for which we were thankful to God.

We now directed our steps to Gopalpore. On reaching it we quietly pitched our tent in a little garden, and after taking some food and a little rest, we walked into the village. Subha Chund was known here, and as we went along the people cried out "O, here is Subha Chund, and he has a Sahib with him," Several men ran up and asked him where we were going to, and who I was. He told them that we had come to them, that I was their friend, and had brought good tidings for them, to come on to the choupar, and ere we reached it, we had a crowd of people following us. Subha Chund, who is ever foremost in the good work, jumped upon an elevation or breastwork of the platform of the choupar, opened his New Testament, and with a loud voice read and expounded the 1st John, 1st chapter; he was relieved by Sewburn Tiwari. who spoke on the love of God manifested in our blessed Lord. After these two brethren had exhausted themselves, I gave them a full statement of Christianity. Some very happy remarks were made by several people on the free offer of salvation, which seemed to grieve the uprahit of the place sorely, and he began to cut up the subject, but a very old man, some relation of the Zamindar, went up to him and said, "Friend, hold your argument : no one here can say that the Sahib and his men have said anything inconsistent or unreasonable. We need salvation, and there must be a way of obtaining it. and perhaps the way these people have just pointed out to us, might be the right one : let us therefore be fair and ponder over it." He then turned round and said the night was far advanced, consequently the assembly ought to break up. We took his advice.

February 7th.—We made for the village of Rona. This is our dear and indefatigable brother Subha Chund's birthplace, and he is also one of its proprietors. We remained here nearly three days. Some of Subha Chund's relations appeared hostile to us. One of his uncles, who is the leading man in the village, came up to me, and in an angry tone said I had ruined his nephew, and rendered him useless to his family, and walked away before I could make a reply. By and by another old man of the family came, and said I had taken away one child from them, and wished to know whether I had come with the intention of taking away more. I told him that there was no compulsion in the matter, that it was altogether one of choice, that whatever my intention might be, it could not affect any one unless, like Subha Chund, they were called by the Lord to be his disciples ; and those who would come to me under such circumstances, I would certainly take, and admit them into the flock of Christ. The person who came to me first prohibited the people from supplying me with provender for my cattle, and when I applied to him for some he became abusive, and threatcned to use his tomahawk on us.

February 9th.—We had clouds and occasional showers of small rain again to-day, still we went through the village preaching in different places.

In the afternoon I visited Subha Chund's wife. She was glad to see me, and said "I am yours—you are my father." And then pointing to her husband, who was standing behind me, said, "Look at him, you have done him good by showing him the way of life, but see that you never forsake him; he is a sufferer and will always need your assistance." She is a believer in the Lord, but has not yet been admitted into the church.

The showers became more frequent and heavier towards evening, consequently we were obliged to keep to the tent. Several people came for books, with whom we conversed on religion, so that after all we had a very busy pleasant evening. When it became dark, Lajiya Ram, one of Subha Chund's cousins, and some others, came in, and we spent several hours in reading explaining, singing hymns, and praying. These men are believers in the Lord, but, like Nicodemus of old, were afraid to visit us too often publicly, lest the people might expel them from their community, before they were properly prepared for such a change, therefore they came at night. I find Mr. John Christian's hymns are highly prized by the villagers, and by the blessing of God likely to do much good among them.

February 10th.—About 12 o'clock we started for Moorkhari, and reached it about four in the evening. Sewburn Tiwari attended to the tent and other

necessary matters, and Subha Chund and I went at once into the village. [ addressed the people for a length of time, and then Subha Chund stood up, but he was interrupted much by a Brahmin, who called out every now and then, "This man has become bhrusht and ashudh (polluted and unclean) himself, and is now going about the country trying to make others so too, in order to keep him company-he has found a new father," and so forth. Subha Chund begged him to let him conclude his discourse, and then to say whatever he Jiked, but all to no purpose, he would not be quiet. I was therefore obliged to attack him. I asked him who and what he was? He said, he was a Brahmin Padri like myself. "Very well," said I, "then you ought to know something about God. Who do you think he is, and what relation does he bear to you ?" He replied, that God was a great spiritual being, and that he and I, in fact all living creatures on the face of the earth, were parts of him. "Do you think horses and dogs," I asked, "are also parts of him ?" "Certainly," he replied. "Can you tell me," I asked again, "according to your own argument, what relation those animals bear to you ?" He said he could not answer that question, and was silent. The people laughed heartily at him, and one man stood up and said, "Maharaj, you should clear up that point for the sake of those assembled here, otherwise they might consider your views, and the doctrines you inculcate, to be erroneous." This was more than he could bear it seemed to offend his dignity much, and he left the place, telling the people to go and be bhrusht also if they liked, that it would be nothing to him. They laughed at him the more for that, saying, "Very well, very well, Maharaj, we will go and be bhrusht." The Jats appear to have very little respect for Brahmins. Subha Chund then stood up again and concluded his discourse.

February 11th.—We moved on to Kusraindi. The people came together as usual in the choupar. Several of the number, especially the chiefs, greeted Subha Chund with loud salams, and were extremely kind and respectful to him. They said he was a good man though he had become an Ungraze (Englishman), that he took great interest in their future welfare, and frequently visited them, and spoke to them about God, and the way of salvation. Subha Chund did not seem to like the praise they lavished on him, it was too much for his humble mind, and he did his utmost to change the subject, by asking them whether there was any sickness in the place, how their crops were getting on, and so forth. We read tracts to them and spoke alternately about the "one thing needful," we trust with good effect, for more than two hours without interruption. Fresh milk was set before us as usual, which we were obliged to take to please them.

In the evening about 8 o'clock, our little tent was crammed with people. We had a long conversation with them on the fall and restoration of man. The leading Brahmin of the place seemed very uneasy the whole time. He sat shaking his head, and making it appear as though he was acquainted with all we had to say. At last turning to the people he insinuated that Isa (Jesus) was also the name of Mahadeo, that Isa, Ram, and Khrishna, were different incarnations of the same being, and that religion under different forms was the same everywhere. Sewburn Tiwari took him up and rendered his argument ridiculous, and then told the people that he had been a Brahmin himself, and was acquainted with all their trickeries, that it was true they were a clever reasoning class, nevertheless they were indolent to extreme, and liked to live upon the earnings of their countrymen, whom they had taken care to put into classes beneath themselves, through which, and the prejudices they assiduously inculcate, they maintained their position, and that if they would only take the trouble to look into affairs, they would find that in every instance, the Brahmins had taken care to make the most handsome provisions for themselves, and then added that such was not the case with the Christian Padris. They, he said, were disinterested respecting worldly matters, and sought the eternal welfare of their fellow-creatures, and entreated them not to lose sight of what they had heard from us. The poor man sat grinning all the time the Tiwari was exposing the class, evidently sorry for having spoken at all. The night being far advanced, I broke up the meeting, had worship, and retired.

### PROPOSED SCHOOL FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF HINDOO CHRISTIAN GENTLEMEN IN CALCUTTA.

The funds for this school are being raised in different parts of the country, but as the expenditure for the first few years must in greater part be met by the contributions of English christians, the attention of those friends who have not considered the subject is respectfully but earnestly solicited. It has sometimes been said, Why should not Hindoo christian gentlemen establish such a school for themselves if they wish for it? Simply because they are not in a position to do so. When a Hindoo gentleman becomes a Christian he generally has to give up all for Christ. A missionary of sixteen years' standing remarked recently, that he only knew one instance of a father allowing a son, who had become a Christian, a share of his property. One of the difficult questions our missionaries have to deal with, is, how to find employment for a native gentleman when he becomes a Christian, so that he may secure a livelihood. He has not been brought up to a profession, nor learned a trade; and owing to the custom of all the branches of a family residing together-the sons on their marriage bringing their wives home to their father's house,-a son, whatever his age, is at his father's mercy. Many, perhaps most, of the converts in this rank of life would not have the means of paying much for the education of their daughters. Still, the tide of opinion in India is setting in, even among the heathen, in favour of female education, so that if such a school could be established, there is no doubt but that in a few years it would be self-supporting. At first it must be an enterprise of christian benevolence.  $\pounds 300$  may seem a large annual expenditure, but exact calculations have been made, and it appears that this is the lowest estimate that can be made. Within the last few years house rent, and the price of provisions, &c., have doubled, in some cases more than doubled-a fact by the way which is now telling most painfully on our missionaries with their limited salaries. The unavoidable expenses of rent, servant's wages, teacher's salary, must, it will be remembered, be met, however few the number of pupils at the commence-ment. Those parents whose means were crippled by their profession of Christianity, would, of course, be unable to pay for more than quite a plain education, while the few who, by obtaining government employment, or in any other way, were in a position to give their daughters the higher branches of education and accomplishments would do so.

When the school is established and its reputation is known, the more advanced among the heathen gentlemen would, it is not doubted, seek to avail themselves of the advantages it offers for their daughters, notwithstanding it is a known christian school.

Several subscriptions and donations have been already received or promised. Mrs. Sale will (D.V.) leave for India the first week in August, and friends are respectfully requested to remit their collections by the 20th of July, to Rev. F. Trestrail, at the Mission House.

#### MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS.

NARAINGUNGE.—The great difficulty of obtaining a house in Dacca has induced Mr. Supper to settle at this large native town, about fourteen miles south of Dacca. It is very conveniently situated for itinerant labour, and is opposite to our small station of Munshigunge. On the way from Calcutta, Mr. Supper frequently preached in the villages on the banks of the rivers, and also to hundreds of pilgrinns on the way to worship Kali, at Calcutta, it being, in their estimation, a very favourable year in which to obtain her smile, seeing that an eclipse of the sun had been visible in Calcutta.

SEWRY.—Notwithstanding his growing infirmities, Mr. Williamson continues to preach in the bazaar and neighbouring villages. He speaks of the native converts as improving in character and conduct, as well as in worldly circumsatness. MONGHYR.—Mr. Edwards, writing after two months' residence, says that the station is one of great interest. His time is partly occupied with the schools and English preaching. He hopes to form the most promising of the lads into a Bible class.

GYA.—Mr. Greiff has spent the cold season in preaching tours, and when in Gya he visits the resorts of the pilgrims, who throng the city to perform funeral rites. Many among these listen with great attention to the Word. He mentions a man of some position, who privately assured him that in heart he was a Christian, and regarded Hinduism as foolishness and the trick of the Gurus. He has also other inquirers. He sustains three schools, with upwards of a hundred children receiving instruction.

BENARES.—The congregation at the chapel continues very good. Three or four soldiers profess to have received the truth in love. The native work in the city presents many interesting incidents. A fourth native preacher has been added to the band, so that now two native brethren are often preaching in the city, at stated places, without a European with them. The translation of the Scriptures has reached the Epistle to the Hebrews, and a volume of religious anecdotes in Hindi has been translated and published by Mr. Parsons, at the expense of Dr. Lazarus. A considerable excitement exists among the Pundits of the city at the anticipated baptism of one of their number.

DELHI.—From a letter dated Calcutta, March 31, we learn that our missionary brother, the Rev. T. Evans, with his family, was to sail for Liverpool on the 1st April, in the ship "Cicero." During his absence, or till the arrival of the Rev. Jas. Smith, Mr. Etherington will unite with Mr. Broadway in superintending the affains of the mission. The city is visited daily by the missionaries and native preachers, and with much encouragement.

MEERUT.—The work here is carried on by a Eurasian and three native brethren. Two dwell in Meerut, and two in a village twenty miles off. Mr. Etherington has baptized two natives since his arrival, converts through the instrumentality of the native preachers. The villages to the north evince a strong desire for the gospel, some persons walking twenty miles or more to see the missionary. A large number of soldiers are also very attentive to the Word.

COLOMBO.—The church in "The Pettah" has kindly arranged to assist Mr. Pigott, by sending some of their number as deputations to the stations in the Jungle. The attendance at the new chapel at Matakooly continues good. Mr. Pigott has, however, visited most of the stations, and particularly examined the schools. He preaches twice at the Pettah chapel on Lord's Days.

#### HOME PROCEEDINGS.

We have not been made aware of the holding of many meetings during the past month. The Secretaries have been engaged at Cross-street, Islington, and Hackney, Rev. Geo. Pearce being also present at the former place. He has also finished his Northamptonshire tour, and has also formed one of a deputation to Cambridgeshire, with the Rev. D. Katterns, taking Markyate-street on his return. The Rev. J. Makepeace has been associated with him in part of these engagements.

It is with deep regret that we have to advise our friends of intelligence received from Calcutta by the last mail, of the return of the Rev. G. H. Rouse, who went out about two years ago. The medical gentlemen in that city who have been consulted, advise this step, as they are of opinion that the treatment necessary, could be more advantageously carried on in England than there. This is a most severe trial and disappointment to Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, as it is to the Committee, and will be to the friends of the Society who knew them. Mr. Rouse had joined Mr. Wenger, and was beginning to assist in the important work of translations, for which his attainments eminently qualified him; and just as he was entering on so congenial a work, he is obliged to leave. It has been a hard thing for him to do, but he submits to the divine will, and desires to acquiesce in it. He and Mrs. Rouse will have the sympathy and prayers of all our friends.

We have just heard of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Laughton at Checloo, where they were cordially received by Mr. Kloekers, who resides with them in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hall, and which happily has been retained for the use of our friends. Mr. Laughton at once directed his attention to the language, and was expecting to find a suitable instructor. Mr. and Mrs. McMcchan will sail, in all probability, the first week in July for the same field of labour.

The Rev. W. R. Rycroft sailed for Liverpool on the 24th for the missionary stations in the Bahamas.

#### DESIGNATION SERVICE OF A MISSIONARY TO CHINA.

A meeting, in connection with Mr. McMechan's departure to labour in China, was held on the 23rd inst., at King Street Chapel, Bristol. The Rev. W. P. McMasters commenced the service by reading the Scriptures and prayer ; after which the Rev. N. Haycroft gave a graphic and striking account of the social, political, and religious condition of China. The Rev. F. Trestrail, Secretary of the Society, proposed some questions, which elicited from Mr. McMechan a brief statement of the circumstances which led him to devote himself to Missionary work, and to choose China as a field of labour, and of the manifer in which he proposed to discharge the duties about to devolve upon him. He was then specially commended to God in prayer by the Rev. F. Bosworth; and Dr. Gotch offered some very striking cantions, counsels, and encouragements, founded on 2 Cor. ii., 14-17, and closed the service in prayer.

The spacious chapel was completely filled, and the service was one of unusual interest. We gather, from the large attendance, that the Missionary spirit is alive and active in the Bristol churches, and that the Society enjoys their confidence and sympathy. It was a most animated and encouraging meeting, and one which will be remembered for years to come.

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#### Received on account of the Baptist Missionary Society, from March 21st, 1863, to March 31st, 1863.

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