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the wife of one of our members; a woman who was for years the plague, not merely of her husband, but of the whole neighbourhood. Her character was notorious for gossip, for scandal, and for sowing discord among her neighbours. But we trust, she is now a different character. For the last eight or nine months, complaints against her have ceased; and so much has she been humbled, that she has gone and asked pardon for offences committed years before. She has now become a comfort to her husband; and has given him, as well as us, convincing proof that the Lord has touched her heart. The other is the adopted daughter of one of the persons who was baptized last January. She came here some time ago, and was brought to a sense of her state as a sinner, by the preaching of our native brethren. In her conduct she gives us great pleasure. She is constant in her attendance at every meeting; and it is not among the least gratifying of the circumstances connected with her, not only that she has learned to read Hindoostanee herself since she came to Monghyr, but that the appearance of her children, and the devout posture in which they place themselves during the time of prayer at public worship, and her diligence in sending them to school, all tend to shew how operative have been the effects of Christianity on her own mind. I had the pleasure of baptizing them in the same place where I baptized the others; and every thing was conducted with the greatest decorum. Thus kind has the Lord been to us in this dark quarter of the globe. He has been pleased to make the beginning of this year to us an eventful period. Our heart's desire and prayer to him is, that he would continue his mercies, and save the poor deluded people, with whom we are surrounded. At this moment I hear the sound of the music which is played at the offerings presented to the Ganges; and I can see, from the house in which I am now sitting, crowds of people pouring in their flowers, as presents to the insensible stream.

“With regard to the schools, although we keep up the same number (eleven) yet we are greatly troubled with the indolence and carelessness of the teachers. We cannot get them to attend to their duty; and are, at this time, about to adopt decided measures with them, either to discharge them, or make each of them always have a certain number of children in his school. We know the teachers can get children to attend. And we have little doubt that they will do so, rather than be deprived of their wages. However, it is some consolation to reflect that schools are not the principal means of the conversion of souls. The preaching of the cross is what God has appointed, and I, therefore, feel the less anxiety about the fate

of schools. For my own part, I think that too great a cry is made about education in India, and I cannot help placing it alongside of what you have often heard in England, ‘first civilize, and then preach.’ No! I would say, let the preaching of the gospel be the grand object, and education will soon follow in its train. When people begin to feel the power of God (and this they can do without education, as the American Indians and the South Sea Islanders fully demonstrate) then will they see the benefit of education, and begin to seek it with diligence. Certainly it will be admitted by all, that the Apostles did not place so much dependance upon education, as we in this age are apt to do.

“The weather at this time is excessively hot. It is with the greatest difficulty I can write this letter, the perspiration runs so profusely off my hands. The thermometer stands now at 90 in the room where I am now sitting, and this although I have all the venetians shut to keep out the heat. My health is on the whole good, although I have been rather poorly this week.

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## JAMAICA.

OUR last Number mentioned, that several Moravian Missionaries had been removed from their useful labours on this island, into the world of spirits; some of whom had but just arrived at their post. Little did we then expect that tidings of a similar bereavement, in reference to our own Society, were just at hand. Such, however, is the painful fact. Mr. Phillips, of Anotta Bay, whose convalescence was announced in the same article, had been laid in the grave some weeks before it was prepared for the press, and only two days afterwards was followed thither by his amiable and affectionate partner! Of this very mournful dispensation, we extract the following particulars from letters just received. Mrs. Coultart writes as follows:

“Kingston, October 14th, 1826.

“Last evening, an express from Anotta Bay, brought the painful news of Mr. Phillips's death. He had suffered from ra-

peated attacks of fever; but after visiting Kingston for change of air, some weeks ago, the accounts we received were very pleasing, informing us, that they were all in tolerable health, having benefited greatly by the visit. When the servant left yesterday morning, Mrs. Phillips and the babe were both in bed, ill of a fever; the former quite ignorant of her dearest friend's departure, having been removed to another house. Mr. Coultart is gone to the scene of affliction, intending to bring hither the bereaved, if able to bear the journey.

"Anotta Bay and Mount Charles, both of which could be supplied by one individual residing at the latter, because the most healthy, now call loudly for immediate attention. Yet, dear Sir, my heart almost misgives me, while making this earnest request, when I think of the numbers already fallen. At present the ravages making by death are alarming. In each house, on our right and left, is one sick; and almost opposite, a good man, member of the church, supposed to be past recovery."

*Extract of a Letter from Mr. Wm. Knibb, to a friend in Bristol, dated October 16th.*

"Thus far had I written, my dear friend, when circumstances of a truly distressing nature have engaged all our attention, and have shed a deep gloom over our prospects as a Mission. You may have heard that it is woefully sickly here at the present time, and it has pleased the Divine Being to weaken our strength, and to translate to the realms of bliss our dear brother Phillips, who had just formed an interesting Mission at Anotta Bay. The scene was truly distressing, and so rapid was the deadly fever, that time was not given to send for medical aid, ere he was a lifeless corpse. Mrs. Phillips was at the same time deranged with fever, and but small hopes are entertained of her recovery, if she be yet alive, and the dear little infant also lies on the verge of eternity. This afflicting and mysterious dispensation of Providence has bereaved us of a valuable Missionary. Oh! that God may be pleased to sanctify it, and raise up others to fill the places of those who are called to their final rest. He fell asleep in Jesus on the 11th October, at one in the morning. Brother Coultart went over as soon as we were informed of the event, but he was too late to attend the funeral. He was interred the same day without any kind

friend to bedew his lonely grave, or to say a word over it. A hole, dug in the sandy beach, contains his earthly remains; but Jesus can watch over it even there, and raise it at the resurrection of the just.—Yesterday, the 15th, I preached at Mr. Tinson's chapel, and he improved the event in the afternoon, at Mr. Coultart's, from Rev. xxi. 4—10. to about 2,500 persons. It was an affecting period. O! that it may appear to have been useful to the souls of the poor benighted negroes."

"P. S. Since I finished, Mr. Coultart has just written to say, that Mrs. Phillips died two days after her husband, and the child is at the point of death. O! it is afflictive: the day before they were taken ill, Mrs. P. said to Mr. P. that she hoped they might die together. This God in mercy answered."

*In a Letter to the Secretary, after stating the particulars of this distressing event, Mr. K. adds,*

"Truly, we have need to work while it is day, for the night of death seems always at hand. I do hope that God will put it in the heart of some to venture their all for Christ. It is a glorious work; really I bless God for bringing me here, though I feel that I may be on the verge of eternity. There are many stations here which cry earnestly for help, where the people are daily perishing for the lack of the knowledge of Jesus. Mount Charles is as healthy as England, and a Missionary there might be extensively useful. I have been there several times, and would go much oftener, did my strength permit. It is a station, which of all others, I would choose; a school might be established, and much good done, under the divine blessing, to the guilty population around."

We trust the spirit that animates this brief extract will be felt at home as well as at the post of danger. Men who go to Jamaica with secular objects in view, are hurried off the stage with even greater rapidity than Missionaries are—but others immediately press forward to occupy the places they leave vacant. Shall it be otherwise in the case of Christian Missions?

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