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ment in his health, which had enabled him to engage more frequently in his missionary labours than ever before. At the date of this letter (Nov. 16.) he was returning from a visit of a few weeks to Calcutta and Serampore, where he had left all well. He called at Cutwa on his way home, where, he says, "my expectations were fully realized in the steady progress of the Mission there."

BURMAH.

From the Auxiliary Missionary Herald for August, we copy the following article respecting the Infant Mission in this empire, belonging to our American Baptist brethren.

"We noticed in our number for March, the departure of the Rev. G. Boardman, American missionary, to join his brethren in the Burmah country. We are now happy to state, that he has arrived in safety, and taken up his residence at Maullaming, a military station, distant from Amherst town about twelve miles, which promises to be an eligible station for his permanent abode.

By the last intelligence from Dr. Price, at Ava, we learn, that his school for the children of the Burmese nobility prospers beyond his expectations. His scholars, he remarks, learn very fast, and the king is much pleased, although he has been repeatedly made to know that the Bible is the chief school-book. One of the youths is very desirous of possessing a copy of Rees's Cyclopædia, and has commissioned Dr. Price to expend Rs. 800 for that object. In conducting this seminary, the labours of our brother are rather heavy, especially as his health is far from being good. He is under the necessity of copying for every additional pupil, some part at least of an English and Burman dictionary, which he has compiled. To save himself this severe tax upon his time and strength, as well as provide the Burmans with an important work, he is desirous of getting it printed, which we hope he will soon be able to accomplish.

Dr. Judson and Mr. Wade are at present pursuing their labours at Amherst town; but as the retention of this station by the British still remains a matter of doubt, their final settlement there is uncertain. The

subjoined extract of a letter from Dr. J. on the death of his only daughter, six months after that of Mrs. J. will doubtless prove interesting to our readers.

Another tie that bound me to earth is severed, and my darling Maria lies by the side of my beloved Ann. They were separated from one another, six months precisely. The mother's eyes were closed on the 24th of October, and the child's on the 24th of April following.

Brother Boardman is settling himself at Maullaming for the present. We are doubtful whether Amherst will become the seat of government, and a place of sufficient work, to be an eligible mission station. One native woman, wife of a French trader from Rangoon, has lately been baptized, and we have a few hopeful enquirers.

But my heart is in the grave. O that I could transfer it thence to heaven. The top of the little enclosure which contains the wreck of all I hold most dear on earth, and the Hope tree, under which they rest in hope, are visible from the window of my room. How can I sit composed and happy, and prosecute my usual studies, and my missionary work?

"Beyond the hills, beyond the seas,
Oh for the pinions of a dove,
Oh for the morning's wing, to flee
Away, and be with them we love."

The Hope tree stands at the head of the graves;—but it looks towards heaven, and lifts up its branches amid the storms of this tempestuous region, not drooping over the sleeping, mouldering tenants of the tomb. I would fain be like the Hope tree, and look towards heaven; but Faith is weak, and her eye frequently bedimmed by the tears of grief, and distempered by conscious sin."

KINGSTON.

The following account of the daily school at Kingston, under the care of Mr. Knibb, contained in a letter from himself to the Secretary, cannot fail to interest the friends of the rising generation. It is dated Kingston, Jan. 12, 1828:—

"During the whole of the past year, the average attendance of the children has been equal to what an English school would have presented, which is to me a peculiarly pleasing incident. When I first came here, my mind was continually fretted with the care-

lessness of the parents in sending their children, and though much of this yet remains, still there is a manifest improvement, which indicates an increased desire on their parts that the children should improve under the advantages they enjoy.

Seventy-three boys and 50 girls have been admitted into the school during the year, and 30 boys and 39 girls have left during the same time: 35 to their trades, were able to read their Bibles and to write; many of the others were excluded for non-attendance. One little girl died rather suddenly, glorying in a crucified Jesus. The clear increase during the past year is 47. Number at present receiving instruction, 324; received since the commencement, 613.

I have found it a very useful plan to set apart one afternoon in the week, for the express purpose of Scriptural interrogation and religious instruction. The children seem to feel much pleasure in the exercise, and their answers often delight and cheer my mind, when wearied with the excessive fatigue of the schools. We generally conclude with singing and a short prayer.

The public examination was on the 20th of December: a respectable company of ladies and gentlemen were present, with many of the parents of the pupils, who expressed themselves highly gratified with the improvement and order of the children.

About half-past ten, 260 children were present, and commenced the pleasing service by singing—

Come children, hail the Prince of Peace,
Obey the Saviour's call;
Come, seek his face, and taste his grace,
And crown Him Lord of all, &c.

The school was then opened in the usual manner, by reading the Scriptures: the elder children read a portion of the word of God, and were questioned as usual. Some very little boys then read the Testament, which seemed much to interest the company.

After the whole system of reading, writing, and arithmetic had been shewn, the children exhibited their specimens of writing and cyphering, and the girls of needle-work; which were highly approved of by many of the ladies and gentlemen present. Some of these I hope soon to be able to send you.

The children then stood up, and sung by themselves—

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise:

which to me, and I have been informed to many besides, had a very pleasing effect.

The rewards were distributed by a cler-

gyman and two other gentlemen, after which the children partook of their annual feast of cakes and fruit, and the interesting service was closed.

Much, very much, did I wish that the kind and benevolent friends of youth in England could have witnessed the scene, as I feel persuaded it would lead them to renewed exertions, in endeavouring to extend the blessings of scriptural instruction, and to feel an intense desire that the time may soon come (so devoutly wished for by every one who loves his fellow-creatures), when every child in the world shall be able to read that word which alone can make him wise unto salvation. Hasten it, O Lord, in thine own time.

You will please to acknowledge the receipt of the fancy articles from Laverton, and return our best thanks to the kind donors.

The congregation at Port Royal has increased so as to render an enlargement of the place necessary. I have commenced, and hope soon to give you an account of the opening. In your report of this station, you mention 150 removed from Kingston church; 100 was the utmost."

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEATH OF ABDOOL MUSSEEH.

On the 4th of March, in the last year, the Church Missionary Society sustained a considerable loss by the death of Abdool Musseeh, a Christian native, who had been for several years employed at Agra and other places, in the work of the ministry, and, there is reason to hope, had been the instrument of usefulness to several of his countrymen. He is said to have been the only native to whom it was ever known that the labours of the amiable and pious Henry Martyn were rendered effectual; and his peaceable and consistent deportment through life, as well as the supports he experienced in death, amply attested that he was indeed *a brand plucked out of the burning*. He had latterly taken up his residence at Lucknow, where his relatives resided, and where he breathed his last. We