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SCENE SHORTLY PRECEDING THE DEATH OF THE REV. G. D. BOARDMAN,
MISSIONARY TO BURMAH.

BURMAN MISSION.

CLOSING SCENE OF THE LIFE OF THE REV. G. D. BOARDMAN.

THE late Rev. G. D. Boardman was one of the noble Christian band sent out by our beloved American brethren to the Burman empire. His labours were eminently successful among the Karens, a numerous tribe, inhabiting a mountainous district in the south of Burmah, of whose remarkable traditions, &c., some account was given in our Quarterly Papers for October, 1834, and April, 1835. In the spirit of devoted piety Mr. Boardman resembled David Brainerd, and, like that eminent servant of Christ, was removed to a better world in early life, having but just completed his thirtieth year at the period of his death, February 11th, 1831.

A highly interesting memoir of this excellent man issued some years ago from the American press, a judicious abridgment of which has been published by the Religious Tract Society. It is a most valuable piece of missionary biography; and the account given by his widow of the close of his earthly labours, equals, if it does not surpass, in the qualities fitted to touch and improve the heart, any thing of the kind we have ever met with. That narrative is, however, too long for insertion in our pages, and abridgment would injure it; we give in its room, therefore, the letter of Mr. Mason, a brother missionary, present on the mournful occasion, written the following day. It was addressed to the Rev. Dr. Bolles, of Boston, senior secretary to the American Baptist Missionary Society.

Dear Sir,—Having an opportunity to send to Maulmein immediately, I sit down to communicate the melancholy intelligence that brother Boardman is no more. He died yesterday, about noon, ten or twelve miles from this place, on his return from the Karen jungle, and was buried here, on the mission premises, this morning, at seven o'clock.

You are perhaps aware, that when he left Tavoy last April, he promised the Karens that, if possible, he would return, and pay them another visit at their villages. Soon after his return here, in December, the baptized Karens were in to see him, with many others applying for baptism; requesting him to make them his promised visit, and stating that there were many families in the village who wished for baptism, but were unable to come to Tavoy.

At my arrival last month, I found that twenty-two Karens had been baptized, and brother Boardman preparing to go into the jungle to examine others for this ordinance. He told me the Karens were building him a *zayat* near the foot of the mountain, which he crossed two years ago, and were coming in to carry him out there. When he met me on the wharf I clearly saw the characters of death in his countenance. He was unable to walk to me, yet, unwilling to show me any thing but the kindest attention, he had himself brought in a chair to the jetty, to welcome me on my landing. Though I looked upon him as a dying man, yet, as I saw his heart was set on visiting his Karens, and as the phy-

sician not only approved but even encouraged the journey, I did not advise against his going. Indeed, I felt unwilling to deprive him of the privilege of exhibiting so fine an illustration of the "ruling passion strong in death." Accordingly, we proposed to start on the 31st of last month, the Karens having come in two days previous.

It was not contemplated, at first, that Mrs. Boardman should accompany us; but, on the morning of our departure, she felt unwilling to be absent from him, without any one to perform those kind offices which his situation required, and which no one can perform like a wife; we, therefore, all started together in the afternoon, leaving the mission premises under the guard of a couple of sepoys, with which the military commander here readily furnished us. Brother Boardman was carried on a cot-bed all the way, except when the path round a precipitous hill was too narrow for two to walk abreast, and arrived at the place of our destination on the evening of the third day, without any particular exhaustion. During our stay, however, he so evidently lost strength, that Mrs. Boardman, on one occasion, advised him to return. He replied, with more than common animation, "The cause of God is of more importance than my health, and if I return now our whole object will be defeated. I want to see the work of the Lord go on."

Last Wednesday morning, however, it became so apparent that he could not live long,

that we deemed it expedient to return without delay; and, on condition we completed the examination of the females and of the old men that day, and baptized in the evening, he consented to return on the day following. Accordingly, a little before sunset he was carried out in his bed to the water side, where, lifting his languid head to gaze on the gratifying scene, I had the pleasure of baptizing, in his presence, thirty-four individuals, who gave satisfactory evidence to all, that they had passed from death unto life. After this, he seemed to feel that his work was done. He had said, in the course of the day, that if he could live to see this ingathering, he could, in special mercy, say, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

On Thursday morning we started on our return. When we arrived at the first house, its inmates refused us admittance: with some difficulty we got him into a covered corner of the verandah, in a very exhausted state. Through the assiduous attention, however, of Mrs. Boardman, he appeared to revive; and he did not seem materially different on the succeeding morning from what he had been for several days.

On hearing of his death, the excellent Dr. Judson expressed himself as follows:—

One of the brightest luminaries of Burmah is extinguished—dear brother Boardman is gone to his eternal rest. He fell gloriously, at the head of his troops, in the arms of victory; thirty-eight wild Karens having been brought into the camp of King Jesus since the beginning of the year, besides the thirty-two that were brought in during the two preceding years. Disabled by wounds, he was obliged, through the whole of his last

still it was evident that the close of his earthly existence was rapidly approaching, and we concluded, with his approbation, to take him in a boat down a stream that was near, and which passes within three or four miles of Tavoy. He was carried out of the house, or rather from the house, by the Karens, who put him on board the boat, and Mrs. Boardman and myself followed; but, on turning to see if he wanted any thing, we found his countenance fixed in death, and it was difficult to determine whether he breathed or not. Thus did this indefatigable missionary die, as every missionary would wish to die, about his Master's business, and surrounded by those in whose conversion from heathenism he had been instrumental.

Alas! my brother, I have lost a friend of whom I had just seen enough to love. But what is my loss compared with that of his widowed companion! You, who know something of the affection existing between them, may form some faint conception of her feelings. He was respected, as well as loved, by all who knew him; and his funeral, this morning, was attended by all the European gentlemen and officers of the station.

expedition, to be carried on a litter; but his presence was a host, and the Holy Spirit accompanied his dying whispers with almighty influence. Such a death, next to that of martyrdom, must be glorious in the eyes of heaven. Well may we rest assured that a triumphal crown awaits him on the great day, and "Well done, good and faithful Boardman, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

C A L C U T T A.

NATIVE FEMALE EDUCATION AND THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE last arrivals from Calcutta included the following letters; the first of which, from our dear friends Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, is published at their request, for the information of our kind female friends, in various parts of the kingdom, who furnished a variety of useful and ornamental work for the Native Female Schools. The second conveys an earnest application for a successor to our late brother Penney, in superintending the Benevolent Institution. As a suitable introduction to this letter we have inserted a paragraph, describing this valuable seminary, from the pen of the late Mr. Boardman.

SALE OF ARTICLES FOR NATIVE FEMALE SCHOOLS.

Calcutta, Dec. 16, 1839.

My dear Friend,—You recollect, when we came out in the *Plantagenet*, how bountifully we were supplied, by our benevolent female friends, with useful and fancy articles, to be sold in Calcutta, or elsewhere, in aid of our funds for Native Female Education. Having given a

small quantity to Mrs. Parsons, to be sold at Monghyr, in aid of her projected female boarding-school there; and to Mrs. Phillips, to be disposed of for the benefit of any female school she might establish at the station which Mr. P. and herself may occupy, we had still a liberal supply remaining, to be sold in Calcutta.

Various circumstances prevented our having

a sale in this city till last week, when we were permitted, by the Committee of Management of the Town Hall, to occupy that building for the purpose. The latter is a noble structure, containing the largest room, I believe, in India. Our female friends, of the London Missionary Society, had a few articles to dispose of for their schools, and proposed to take advantage of the sale for this purpose, to which we most gladly assented. The ladies had previously exerted themselves in a tedious, but necessary process, that of pricing every article; and the whole having been sent, on the Wednesday morning, to the Town Hall, were tastefully arranged, during the day, on twenty-one tables, occupying both sides and both ends of the Hall, so as to be ready for sale on the Thursday. The labour of attending at the tables was most kindly shared by Mrs. Wilson, and several other ladies of the Established Church; and by Mrs. La Croix and others, belonging to the Independents, as well as by many of our own denomination. The sale commenced on Thursday, at half-past nine, and by eleven was crowded by purchasers. It closed for the day at four; but, by the advice of our friends, was continued the next day till two, when it finally

closed. We estimate that, besides about 200 rupees obtained by our Independent friends, we shall realise as proceeds rather more than 2100 rupees, (210*l.*,) besides having articles left for another supplementary sale, as recommended by our friends, in February next.

We propose to write more fully, with regard to the disposal of their kind presents, to the generous contributors at every place; but as those letters, to save expense, must be sent by sea, while the present will be forwarded by the overland mail, and will reach much earlier, we shall be greatly obliged to you to insert this notice in the *HERALD*, accompanied with the sincere gratitude of our hearts to every contributor. We entreat their prayers, that the funds raised by their benevolent exertions may be wisely expended, and issue in the most extensive benefits. The immediate departure of the mail obliges us to close, remaining,

Dear Sir,

Your obliged and affectionate friends,

W. H. PEARCE.

M. H. PEARCE.

INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION,
BY THE LATE REV. G. D. BOARDMAN.

The following interesting account of the Benevolent Institution, extracted from a letter of the late Rev. G. D. Boardman, when a resident in Calcutta, will, we doubt not, be highly gratifying to all our readers; more especially to those who take a lively interest in the education of the young amongst the heathen:—

The establishment of schools presents a very interesting feature in the prospects of India. I regret my want of information on this subject: I have not been in the place a sufficient length of time to collect the facts; you will be gratified, however, with the few I have collected.

Mr. and Mrs. Penney, of the Baptist Society, superintend a most interesting school, called the Benevolent Institution. The school is conducted principally on the plan of Lancaster. The two departments (of boys and girls) consist of about 200 children and youth, of various nations and colours. They embrace Portuguese, country-born children, Hindoos, Mussulmans, Chinese, Malays, Africans, &c. &c. The pupils learn to read, write, spell, and cipher. Some study geography, astronomy, history, &c., and are daily taught from the Scriptures: the consequence is, that many of them are hopefully

converted to Christ, and several of them are now successfully employed in preaching the Gospel. Some pious members of this school have united in an association, called "The Calcutta Juvenile Society." They meet once a week, for the promotion of personal piety and the acquisition of Christian knowledge. Their avowed object is to propagate the Gospel among their neighbours, especially among the Portuguese and the Bengalese; and I am informed their efforts have been blessed to the conversion of more than one soul. They have a library, furnished by the munificence of friends, and enjoy much public patronage. Oh, how delightful it is to see these young men, thirty or forty in number, piously engaged in such a cause,—young men who, but for missionary efforts, would now, in all probability, be "wondering after the beast," or bowing down to idols.

APPLICATION FOR A SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

To the Rev. JOHN DYER.

Calcutta, Dec. 16, 1839.

Dear Brother,—The death of our dear brother Penney was severely felt in the numerous departments of missionary labour in which he was so long actively engaged; but no where, excepting in his own family, was that loss so deeply felt as in the Benevolent Institution, over which he had long presided. In the other departments his place has been filled up by others, but in this no suitable successor can be found. We have done our utmost in trying to provide one, but in vain; and our only hope now is, that we may obtain one in England.

The difficulty arises from the necessity of having a teacher possessed of a truly decided Christian spirit, combined with all the other qualifications requisite for an instructor of the young. Here, perhaps, more than in other stations at home, he must know how to stoop to the meanest capacity, and adapt himself to an endless diversity of dispositions, and tempers, and habits, so as to secure for those who are deplorably ignorant a good, plain, useful education. He must be calm, yet firm. If he were not mild and cheerful, all would soon dislike and avoid him; and if he did not exercise absolute command, they would soon disregard and despise him. Schools in opposition are rising up all around, well supported by Catholics, with the view of drawing away all the children from the Protestant schools; so that it is necessary that the teacher should be possessed of general information, and aptness to teach, and of active and persevering habits. If he were not so, the Institution would soon be forsaken. But the principal qualification has yet to be mentioned,—and without that all others would be of no

avail,—and that is, true and ardent piety. Anxious to glorify God in the salvation of man, he must feel his delight in embracing all favourable opportunities of directing and warning the children to “flee from the wrath to come,” to the only refuge of the guilty. It would also be very desirable if he belonged to our own denomination,* since the Institution must be provided for by our exertions; and he would thus be able more fully to unite with us in missionary labour during his hours of leisure.

We need say nothing to you of the importance of such an Institution, but may only remind you that it originated with the venerable Carey and his associates; who, while they laboured for the conversion of idolaters, found the Roman Catholic population sunk in almost equal degradation, superstition, and misery, and therefore established this school for their temporal and everlasting benefit. It was the first institution of the kind, and has always been well supported by the public. Brother Penney was very happy and useful in it for twenty years. In his time the boys were nearly 200, and the girls 100.

We need not suggest the propriety of an inquiry being instituted, and answer sent, as soon as possible, as the school is suffering much from the want of a suitable person to take charge of it.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours very affectionately,

W. YATES.

W. H. PEARCE.

R. BAYNE.

* It has been lately legally transferred to Messrs. Yates, W. H. Pearce, and Bayne, as managers; and brother Wenger regularly attends as visitor.

M O N G H Y R.

LETTER OF MR. G. B. PARSONS, RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS
BROTHER.

SHORTLY after the arrival of our dear friends at Calcutta by the *Plantagenet*, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, accompanied by Sujatali, proceeded up the river to Monghyr, conformably with the original intention as to their location. Some amendment in the health of Mr. Leslie had led him to give up the intention of returning, for the present, at least, to England; but, as his remaining at his station was still very precarious, and as Mr. Laurence was about to go back to Digah, and the various engagements at Monghyr were too much for a single missionary, Mr. Parsons, in conjunction with Mr. W. H. Pearce, expressed a wish to the

Committee that his younger brother might be sent out to join him. After a full inquiry into the qualifications of Mr. John Parsons, the Committee unanimously received him, with this object in view.

From the correspondence of Mr. George Parsons, in reference to his brother, we quote the following sentiments, which are not unworthy the attention of those whose minds may be exercised on the subject of missionary service :—

When actually engaged in missionary work, you see much more clearly than when absent from the field, the value of sterling piety, deep and settled principles, untiring perseverance, and right aims, as missionary qualifications; while all that is of a more showy and external kind droops and fades like a flower. That which fits a man to deal with ignorance, bigotry, prejudice, and superstition at home, fits him for mission-work abroad. Experience in village-preaching is the best possible preparative discipline for the mission-field. A missionary's sermons to the heathen are only extended conversations, simplifying truth as much as possible.

My views of a ministerial call are simply these: a Christian, as one who is not his own, is bound to do all that he can for God: if he can preach, he is bound to preach: if a number of his fellow-Christians be willing, by providing for him things honest in the sight of all men, to release him from the necessity of attending to secular affairs, then he should give himself up wholly to the work of God. The same with missionary work: if a man be qualified and invited to engage in the work, these are a veritable call. I was going to illustrate this view by quotations from Dr. Duff, but I have no room.

You would ask, "What are the necessary qualifications?" Not stopping to notice those which would at once occur, such as the power of acquiring a foreign tongue, a competent stock of knowledge, aptitude to teach, &c., I can now only instance two main requisites,—firm faith

in God, and humble, untiring perseverance. I at once confess, that had I not the promises, the prophecies, the perfections of the Son of God and his Spirit to look on as grounds of hope, I should at once return in despair. What has been done is such as to call for gratitude, and appears at home very encouraging, when it is not seen by the side of those masses of ignorance, vice, depravity, and carelessness, which here overshadow it with such darkness as nothing but light from heaven can brighten. If the main stimulus with which a man comes out here is, "what a delightful work missionary work must be! how interesting to see the heathen listening to the word of life! or, how grand an enterprise the conversion of the world! how noble a thought, that I may be laying the foundation-stone of large and flourishing churches, or of a nation's Christianity!" then he will not be long here, or do much while here. This may induce a few isolated efforts, but it cannot bear up under a life of missionary difficulties. A man must yield himself to the work not because it is delightful, but because he has been ransomed from death by the blood of Christ: he must expect success, not because it is a noble work, but because the power of God, the intercessions of Christ, and the energy of the Holy Ghost are on his side, and he will overcome. Here is an unfailing source of holy motive, such as you can always plead in prayer, and feel of undiminishing value.

C E Y L O N.

NOTICE OF THE LATE MR. SIERS, STATE OF THE MISSION, &c.

Among several encouraging communications from Ceylon, we select the following letter from our much-esteemed friend and brother Daniel, dated Sept. 20, 1839:

Death and Burial of Mr. Siers.

As I am here almost entirely secluded from European society, I hope brother Harris, by the greater frequency of his communications, supplies my lack of service. He has informed you, long ere this, of the death of brother Siers, who, after a short illness, was called to give an account of his stewardship. I knew not of his sickness till a few days previous to his removal, and had therefore no opportunity, in con-

sequence of the distance at which I am situated from Colombo, of seeing him; but, from what I have heard of the state of his mind from Mr. Harris and from others, he departed with a steady confidence in the Saviour, and with considerable peace and consolation. I think his character much improved during the concluding part of his stay on earth; and his last days were probably his most useful ones. Since his death several persons have been baptized, and joined the church, to whose conversion his labours were

instrumental. His death itself appears to have been connected with a blessing to his own family, as his two oldest daughters, who have recently made a profession of religion, ascribe the commencement of their anxiety for salvation to that event. Oh, what a mercy! when our deaths, as well as our lives, are made effective to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Funeral Sermons.

By the request of his family, his death was improved by two sermons, one in English, the other in Portuguese. Brother Gogerly, the Wesleyan missionary in Colombo, took the latter. I attempted the former, from Heb. xiii. 7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken to you the word of God." A large concourse of people attended both his interment and each of the sermons. May all of us stand habitually prepared for the summons which must shortly be addressed to us!

Arrangements for supplying the vacant Office.

His death has occasioned to brother Harris and myself much anxious and prayerful consideration, as to the steps we ought to take for the support of his family, and filling up the deficiency of those services which once devolved on him. The former was comparatively an easy task, and what we have deemed fit to be done has been made known to you. If it be sanctioned by you, we shall persevere in the path in which we have begun; if otherwise, you will direct us how to act.

In consequence of the uncertainty of brother Harris's continuance in this land, owing to the state of Mrs. Harris's health, we have declined making any fixed arrangements as to the latter business, till we receive those communications from you which, in connexion with the whole bearing of the case, will determine his mind on this very important point. If he should leave this island for any other place, and I should return to Colombo, a very different plan may be adopted, than will be requisite should he determine to remain here. At present, Mr. Meldor, the native missionary at Byamville, comes to Colombo three times a month, and takes the Sabbath Portuguese services in the Fort, Slave Island, and the Pettah, and the Singhalese week service at the Lepers' hospital. I do the same once a month, with those occasional variations which different circumstances require. Mr. Meldor's place, on the Sundays in which he is absent, is supplied by the missionary lately placed at the new station of Aloo-gama. As this is a newly-attempted place, his absence rather retards the forming of a Sunday congregation there, than displaces one already collected. This, I know, is very undesirable; but still it is less so than destroying one really formed. I hope, when we get intelligence from England, we shall be able to arrange something less exceptionable; but we have endeavoured to do the

best we could in the circumstances in which we were placed.

State of Mrs. Harris's Health.

I have the pleasure to say, that I think sister Harris's health bids fairer to insure their continuance here than at any former period. She has had a merciful deliverance in her confinement, having given her husband another fine boy, and is doing as well as can be desired. If you have made no definite arrangement as to fixing him in some other spot of the missionary field, I believe he will be disposed to continue in his present situation. I think it most undesirable, unless absolute necessity require, that he should remove. Both he and his family are more enured to the climate. He is adapted to the station he occupies, is become familiar with the nature of the labours which belong to him: he sees the effects of those labours in sinners converted to God, and is beloved and respected by the congregations to whom he ministers. The expense of removing him to any other place, and sending another person here, would be a serious drain on your funds: God, however, I have no doubt, will show us the way in which we should go.

State and Prospects of the Mission.

It is time that I detail a few facts as to our missionary operations in this part of the world: and I may observe, that although we have many difficulties to encounter, much to try our faith and to exercise our patience, yet I think that, through Divine mercy, our usefulness appears to be increasing, and things are wearing a more gladdening aspect. We have to encounter opposition in our work, both from the natives and Europeans, and their descendants; but the arm of the Lord has in many cases been made bare, and his power revealed. In all our stations, except the one at Aloo-gama, visible good has been recently done, and is doing. That place, it must be recollected, is new ground. Nothing has ever been attempted till lately, except the occasional preaching of a sermon when travelling through it. The people are awfully devoted to Buddhism and demon worship. A demon temple exists in the village, to which worshippers are continually resorting. The most awful ignorance and delusion reign around. Now, in India it has been almost invariably found that, on the first introduction of the Gospel to a station, a length of preparatory labour is requisite before any visible effects are produced. The ground must be cleared of the rubbish and thorns which for centuries have been accumulating, before the plough can enter it, and the seed can be sown. And after the seed is cast into the earth we have to wait long before the blade appears; but, at length, the Lord in mercy appears, and proves the truth of his promise, that none who wait on him shall be ashamed. So it was found in Continental India by our predecessors in the field of missionary enterprise. Such was the experi-

ence of Mr. Chater; and such has been our experience here; so I hope it will be found at the new station we are attempting to form at the above place. Our missionary brother here is perseveringly diligent: and, in due season, his reaping time will come, if he faint not.

As I gave you a general view of our stations in my last, and shall have, in my next, previous to the conclusion of the year, to specify what has been attempted and effected in each, I shall not in this go over the same ground; but I may say, that since the middle of May, in which that letter was written, in different stations, between forty and fifty have been baptized, and added to the churches. Others are inquiring the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward.

Baptism at Kottighawatta.

Three weeks since, on my way from hence to Colombo, I went to Kottighawatta station, and baptized nine natives. A large audience having assembled, I preached from Acts ii. 41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized." Afterwards we proceeded to a place in the neighbourhood, where was "much water," and, in the presence of the assembled multitude, in the name of the Holy Trinity, administered the solemn ordinance. On our return to the place of worship, brother Harris received the baptized into the church, when the Lord's supper was enjoyed by the new converts and the other members. It was a day long to be remembered by many who were present. The missionary stationed there writes, that, by the blessing of the Lord, many were affected during the solemnity, and that others were coming forward to profess the Saviour. I hope the Lord will enable those who have given up themselves to him to persevere to the end. They have been long under Christian instruction, and give pleasing evidences of a heart renewed by Divine grace.

Acknowledgment of Donations.

I have to return, through you, my sincere thanks to the kind friends who have furnished 45*l.* towards erecting a mission-house at this station. We have at length had the ground surveyed: I should have said, after many delays, we have attained our wish in getting the ground surveyed; and, when it is regularly conveyed, we intend to begin appropriating the money, according to the intention of the kind donors.

Although the death of Mr. Siers has called, on a Sabbath day, our brother Meldor from Byamville oftener than we could wish, the work of the Lord flourishes in that station. He writes me, that he has sixteen candidates for baptism, to twelve of whom he expects to administer the ordinance in the course of a few weeks. I have directed him to use all due caution in inquiring into their experience, and investigating their conduct.

Visits to the Vedhas.

I have but little space to say any thing of the station I occupy: I must reserve particulars to my next, when I hope to send you the statement that has been made of a visit of two of our members, whom I sent at the request of his Excellency the Governor, to visit the Vedha population of this country. They are a species of wild men, living in the interior jungles and forests of the island. They appear to be the remains of the aborigines of this nation, who were driven into the centre of the land by those who invaded it from the continent. They have been a neglected people, and no one paid any attention to them, at least in a religious or moral point of view, till the present Governor. A visit, which occupied nearly two months, including journeying to and fro, has been made to one of their divisions; but the difficulty of erecting schools among them, and securing to them religious instruction, is very great. The difficulty arises, in a great measure, from their scattered condition. Some of them have no fixed habitations; others are located in such a manner, that to assemble their children, and give them any thing like education, presents a barrier that has not yet been overcome.

I am pursuing the plan I specified in my last, in reference to the station I occupy. Some occasional interruptions take place, owing to circumstances we cannot control. Neither my, nor Mr. Meldor's going to Colombo to supply Mr. Siers' place, detains us there from our labours in our own district: we both return as early as possible, after we have done what is requisite in Colombo.

I have to thank you for your kind letter: I received it about two weeks since. I feel much obliged to you and the Committee for your attention to my family in their afflicted and helpless condition.

P.S. The following paragraph is extracted from a letter just received from Mr. Harris, at Colombo, dated so recently as Jan. 10th:—

On Sabbath day next I expect to baptize six or seven natives, Singhalese, and Portuguese,—one a poor outcast Rhodia, the lowest caste in Ceylon except the Vedhas, and the first for admittance to the privileges of the Christian church. He has been taught Christianity by us in the school at Matelle, established through

the aid of his Excellency the Governor, and called, from a principle of gratitude, "The Mackenzie School." He can read the New Testament very well; and the glistening of his eye tells you that experimental piety is no stranger to his breast.

J A M A I C A.

STEWART-TOWN AND RIO BUENO STATIONS.

LETTER FROM THE REV. B. B. DEXTER.

THE following letter, from our esteemed friend Mr. Dexter, will be read with lively interest. It ought to have had an earlier place in our pages :—

Rio Bueno, Aug. 9, 1839.

Rev. and dear Sir,—You will be glad to learn that the first year of freedom has terminated quite as auspiciously as the best friends of the negro could desire; that the crops in this part of the country are nearly all gathered in; and that the people, having joyfully observed the Anniversary of their deliverance, have returned to their labours, determined by their “well doing” to “put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.” Every thing has been done during the past year that could possibly be thought of to make them discontented; and yet perhaps there never was an instance in the world’s history in which so large a community behaved so orderly and industriously, or were governed with so little trouble.

Anniversary Services.

The past week has been one in which your missionaries have had plenty of labour, and almost too much of excitement. My dear wife had, for nearly a fortnight, been very dangerously ill with fever; and, as a change of air was recommended, I brought her and the children hither on Wednesday the 31st. The change has had a beneficial effect; but as she is still in a state of salivation, it will be a considerable time before she is fully restored.

On Thursday, the 1st, the services of the day were commenced, at each of the three stations, with an early prayer and thanksgiving meeting, in which it was truly delightful to see the gratitude of our emancipated brethren, endeavouring to express itself at the mercy-seat, but often unable to find words. One good man, after having tried every form of expression of which he could think, summed up all with these words, “But it’s no use, Lord; we don’t know how to thank thee.”

Meetings of a similar character were again held, at a later hour in the day, at Stewart-Town and New Birmingham; while at Rio Bueno a large congregation assembled, and were addressed from Exod. xii. 14, “And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord through all your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.” After the service, the children of the Day and Sunday schools marched to the Missionary residence,

and partook of a plentiful dinner, which had been provided for them. When they had retired, about 400 of the church and congregation sat down to a plain repast, for which they had subscribed; and in the evening the minister and deacons dined together.

On Friday, the 2nd, I started early in the morning to Stewart-Town, where I preached to about 1500 persons, at eleven o’clock; and, on Saturday, repaired to New Birmingham, where on the Sabbath-day, a large congregation assembled to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the station. I addressed them in the morning from John viii. 36, “If the Son, therefore, shall make you free,” &c.; and in the afternoon from “Train up a child in the way,” &c.

The collections and subscriptions of the season, though not so large as I had hoped, are, on the whole, greater than at any former period. At Stewart-Town they amount to about 180*l.*, at Rio Bueno 130*l.*, and at New Birmingham 35*l.*; total 345*l.* I trust that by the end of the month it will amount to 400*l.*

Purchase of additional Premises.

As I intimated in my last, the congregation at Rio Bueno steadily increased till it was absolutely necessary to provide extra-accommodation for those who could find neither seat nor shelter. In order to do this in the cheapest possible way, some slight alterations were made in the pews and other seats, and the floor of the table-pew was cut through and removed. As the chapel was built on a pretty high foundation, we succeeded, by blasting, and otherwise removing the rock beneath, in furnishing room for 400 persons, and a comfortable vestry beside, which had been very greatly needed. The whole of this is floored and seated, which has cost very little short of 300*l.* This has been paid; and, as you will perceive by the inclosed, the people are now making strong exertions to pay for the house from which I write this.

I trust the Committee will not be displeased at the step which I have taken in purchasing these premises. We were just about commencing to build a house on the chapel land, for the missionary and schoolmaster, when I heard that this place, consisting of a very large house, in which there would be ample room for both of us, and about fifty acres of land, was

for sale. The price for the whole was between 1700*l.* and 1800*l.* currency. The house is much more comfortable than any thing which we could have built even for that money; and, from the experience I have had in building the Stewart-Town house, I found that one could not be built at all large enough under 1200*l.*; I therefore hoped, that by the sale of the greater part of the land, I should get it quite as cheap as any thing that could be put up. Beside this, the chief advantage of the place is, that though within a quarter of an hour's walk of the chapel, it is on such high ground as to be free from the almost pestilential air of Rio Bueno, which would at all times have made it dangerous to remain in a house on the Bay for any lengthened period. Mr. Innes, the schoolmaster, and his family, reside in one part; the other is left for the minister.

I have at present sold but about 100*l.* worth of the land, but expect that more of it will follow shortly; and am quite confident that a house will, in the end, have been provided in the cheapest possible manner. It is true that the interest of so large a sum will soon run up; but, as a set off against a part of this, it must be borne in mind that the station is now saving 20*l.* per annum, which was paid for my lodgings on the Bay, and 20*l.* per annum to which they would have been liable for the rent of the schoolmaster's house.

Falmouth, August 11.

Additions to the Churches.

We had an interesting day yesterday at Rio Bueno. Thirty-two were added to the church by baptism; and I trust that in a few weeks we shall admit about as many more. There are forty or fifty also standing ready at Stewart-

Town, and, I hope, a few in the mountains, *i. e.* at New Birmingham.

Satisfactory Account of the Candidates for Church Membership, and of the People generally.

I have never been so much delighted as with the examinations of these candidates. The amount of scriptural knowledge possessed by the people at large appears to augment quite in proportion to the increase of the means of grace among them. Greater numbers are learning to read than at any former period, and the desire to possess the word of God for themselves and their children is really wonderful.

Anxiety to obtain the Scriptures.

I have, within the last two or three weeks, taken down the names of more than 250 subscribers for Bibles of all prices, from 4*s.* sterling to 32*s.*

Another pleasing feature in the congregations is the increasing number of young persons who attend. God, in his mercy, grant that his word may reach their hearts!

I find I shall not have room to enter into particulars respecting Stewart-Town in this letter, but hope to do so immediately after my return from the Quarterly Meeting, to which I am now on my way.

Trusting that every step I take will meet with the approval of the Committee, and above all, with the approval of the great Head of the Church; and begging, what I know you will be ready to grant, an interest in your prayers,

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours in Christian bonds,

B. B. DEXTER.

GRAHAM'S TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

We extract the following from a letter recently received from Mr. Aveline:—

I have twice baptized since my arrival; on each occasion two persons. Our Sabbath-schools, both English and coloured, are in constant operation. The latter, owing to the instability of the native character, fluctuates much, the attendance varying from very good to very bad.

A member of the church, named Joseph Ralph, who travels as a trader within and beyond the boundaries, has received its sanction to labour in preaching, for which he has inclination and ability, amongst the boers within and without the colony, or the native tribes acquainted with the

Dutch language, of which he has complete mastery, as opportunity presents itself.

Our Annual Missionary Meeting was held about a fortnight since, the colonial chaplain in the chair, and missionaries, Independent and Wesleyan, taking part with us on the occasion. Two sermons were preached on the previous Sabbath, by Mr. Calderwood, Independent missionary, and Mr. Richards, Wesleyan. The subscriptions and collections amount to considerably more than last year.

Home Proceedings.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY.

THE Committee have pleasure in announcing to their friends, and the Christian public at large, the following arrangements :—

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 26,

SERMONS ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE PREACHED*—

IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

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| <i>Buttlesea</i> , morning, Rev. J. J. Davies, of Tottenham; evening, Rev. J. M. Soule. | <i>Peckham</i> , morning, Rev. T. Powell; evening, Rev. R. G. Lemaire. |
| <i>Camberwell</i> , morning, —————; evening, Rev. E. Steane. | <i>Regent-street</i> , Lambeth, morning, Rev. E. Davis; evening, Rev. J. Edwards. |
| <i>Church-street</i> , Blackfriars, morning, Rev. Joseph Davis; afternoon, Rev. J. H. Hinton, M.A.; evening, Rev. Isaac New, of Salisbury. | <i>Trinity Chapel</i> , Borough, morning and evening, Rev. W. G. Lewis, of Chatham. |
| <i>Clapham</i> , morning, the Rev. E. Steane; evening, the Rev. J. J. Davies. | <i>Unicorn-yard</i> , Tooley-street, morning, Rev. D. Denham; evening, Rev. W. B. Bowes. |
| <i>Deptford</i> , Lower Road, morning, —————; evening, —————. | <i>Walworth</i> , Lion-street, morning, Rev. W. Brock, of Norwich; evening, Rev. G. Pearce, from India. |
| <i>Greenwich</i> , London-street, morning, Rev. W. Belsler; evening, —————. | ————— Horsley-street, morning, Rev. R. G. Lemaire; evening, Rev. Thos. Powell. |
| ————— Bunyan Chapel, morning, Rev. C. H. Roc; evening, Rev. J. Belcher. | <i>Waterloo-road</i> , morning, Rev. W. H. Mureh, D.D.; afternoon, Rev. W. W. Evans; evening, Rev. W. Miall. |
| <i>Jamaica-row</i> , sermons in May. | <i>Woolwich</i> , Queen-street, morning and evening, Rev. John Cox. |
| <i>Kent-road</i> , Alfred-place, morning, Rev. W. Young; afternoon, Rev. J. Bowers; evening, Rev. J. Cox. | ————— Enon-street, morning and evening, Rev. Charles Box. |
| <i>Maze Pond</i> , morning and afternoon, Rev. J. Aldis. | <i>Lesness Heath</i> , afternoon, Rev. John Cox, of Woolwich. |
| <i>New Park-street</i> , morning, Rev. J. Leifchild, D.D.; evening, Rev. W. Brock, of Norwich. | |

IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

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| <i>Blandford-street</i> , sermons and collections on the 29th of March. | cholson, of Plymouth; evening, Rev. J. H. Evans, A.M. |
| <i>Brompton</i> , morning, Rev. J. Acworth, A.M.; evening, Rev. H. H. Dobney. | <i>Kensington</i> , morning and evening, Rev. J. Broad. |
| <i>Hammersmith</i> , morning, Rev. Charles Stovel; evening, Rev. D. Kattrens. | <i>Keppel-street</i> , morning, Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A.; evening, Rev. —————. |
| <i>Hampstead</i> , morning and evening, Rev. J. Castleden. | <i>Northampton-street</i> , St. Pancras, morning, Rev. J. Hall; evening, Rev. Geo. Pritchard. |
| <i>Harlinton</i> , morning, Rev. Joseph Burton, of Amersham. | <i>Romney-street</i> , Westminster, morning, Rev. Geo. Pritchard; evening, Rev. Geo. Francies. |
| <i>Henrietta-street</i> , morning, Rev. P. J. Saffery, of Hastings; evening, Rev. —————. | <i>Soho Chapel</i> , Oxford-street, morning and evening, Rev. G. Comb. |
| <i>John-street</i> , Bedford-row, morning, Rev. S. Ni- | <i>Staines</i> , afternoon, Rev. J. Burton, of Amersham. |
| | <i>West Drayton</i> , evening, Rev. Joseph Burton. |

* The above list is as complete as it could be rendered up to the present moment. Corrections and additions should be sent, without delay, to Fen-court, to be incorporated with the list.

IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

<p><i>Devonshire-square</i>, morning and evening, Rev. J. H. Hinton, M. A.</p> <p><i>Eagle-street</i>, morning, Rev. T. Winter, of Bristol; afternoon, Rev. P. J. Saffery; evening, Rev. J. M. Daniell, of Ramsgate.</p> <p><i>Eldon-street</i>, morning, Rev. D. Davies; afternoon, Rev. — Williams; evening, Rev. D. Jones.</p> <p><i>Fetter-lane</i>, morning, Rev. ———; evening, Rev. ———.</p>	<p><i>Little Wild-street</i>, morning, Rev. C. Woollacott; evening, Rev. ———</p> <p><i>Prescot-street</i>, morning, Rev. J. Acworth, A.M., of Bradford; afternoon, Rev. J. New.</p> <p><i>Salter's Hall</i>, morning and evening, Rev. S. J. Davis; afternoon, Rev. S. Nicholson.</p> <p><i>Windmill-street</i>, afternoon, Rev. W. Jones, M.A.</p>
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IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

<p><i>Bow</i>, morning, Rev. W. Norton; afternoon, Rev. John Dyer; evening, Rev. Jos. Angus, M.A.</p> <p><i>Ilford</i>, morning and evening, Rev. E. R. Hammond.</p> <p><i>Loughton</i>, morning and evening, Rev. Eustace Carey.</p> <p><i>Little Alie-street</i>, morning and evening, Rev. P. Dickerson.</p>	<p><i>Poplar</i>, Cotton-street, morning, Rev. James Upton; evening, Rev. John Dyer.</p> <p><i>Shakspeare's Walk</i>, morning, Rev. Timothy Moore; evening, Rev. C. H. Roe.</p> <p><i>Stepney College Chapel</i>, morning, Rev. J. E. Goode, of Gosport; evening, Rev. W. H. Murch, D.D.</p>
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IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

<p><i>Hackney</i>, morning, Rev. F. A. Cox, D.D., LL.D.; afternoon, Rev. Thomas Winter, of Bristol; evening, Rev. S. Nicholson, of Plymouth.</p> <p><i>Homerton</i>, morning, Rev. J. Milner; afternoon, Rev. — Foreman; evening, Rev. D. Curtis.</p> <p><i>Hoxton</i>, Buttesland-street, morning, Rev. J. Rothery; evening, Rev. ———.</p> <p><i>Highgate</i>, morning, Rev. E. Lewis; evening, Rev. W. Groser.</p> <p><i>Hendon</i>, morning and evening, Rev. J. Gundry.</p> <p><i>Shacklewell</i>, morning, Rev. J. Cox; evening, Rev. W. Norton.</p>	<p><i>Shoreditch</i>, Providence Chapel, morning, Rev. J. M. Daniell, of Ramsgate; afternoon, Rev. W. Miall; evening, Rev. A. Maclay, A.M., of New York.</p> <p>———— Ebenezer Chapel, morning and evening, Rev. J. Massingham.</p> <p><i>Spencer-place</i>, Goswell-road, morning, Rev. J. Peacock; evening, Rev. P. J. Saffery, of Hastings.</p> <p><i>Tottenham</i>, morning, Rev. A. Maclay, A.M., of New York; evening, Rev. Thos. Winter, of Bristol.</p>
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The Committee will feel greatly obliged to their friends by their assistance in facilitating the foregoing arrangements, and the movements of the ministers, as much as possible.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28,

The Committee of the Society will meet at the Mission-house, Fen-court, at eleven o'clock, when the company of all Ministers of the Denomination, who may be in town, is requested.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29,

Two Sermons will be preached for the Society: that in the morning, at John-street Chapel, Bedford-row, by the Rev. JOHN EUSTACE GILES, of Leeds; and in the Evening, at Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars-road, by the Rev. THOMAS FOX NEWMAN, of Shortwood.

Service to commence in the morning at eleven, and in the evening at half-past six.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30,

The Forty-eighth Anniversary of the Society will be held at EXETER HALL. Chair to be taken at eleven o'clock, by SIR CULLING EARDLEY SMITH, BART.

In looking forward to the Annual Meeting, to be held, as our readers are aware, on the last day of the present month, we feel earnestly desirous that our friends at large should manifest their kind and zealous attachment to the Society by a numerous attendance at the different services, and by contributions in some degree commensurate with the great object in view, and with the actual exigencies of the Mission. For the first time, Exeter Hall has been secured for the Public Meeting; and, as a considerably greater number of auditors can be accommodated there than at Finsbury Chapel, none of our friends need decline coming through fear of not finding room. It will be very encouraging to the Committee, also, to witness a good attendance at the two general Sermons for the Society on the preceding day.

With regard to funds, it must be remembered that we have now begun to feel the additional expenditure arising out of the recent increase of agency in the East. Hitherto no corresponding increase has taken place in the income of the Society, and the unavoidable result is, that a considerable debt has again been contracted. Without further enlarging on this subject, we commend the fact to the kind consideration of all our friends, and trust the event will show that it has not been stated in vain.

Above all, we trust that the approaching meetings will be distinguished by the spirit of lively devotion, and a renewed sense of our entire dependence on the power and grace of our exalted Saviour; both for success in our missionary operations abroad, and for those just and holy principles which are requisite to an acceptable co-operation in the sacred work on the part of those who are engaged on its behalf at home.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES TO INDIA.

WE feel a more than usual interest in announcing that a further addition to the number of our missionary band in Calcutta has been made by the appointment of our much-esteemed friend, Mr. W. W. Evans, who, for three years past, has efficiently served the Society as Assistant Secretary. Mr. Evans was, for a series of years, successfully engaged in the work of instruction; and, in expectation of promoting the interests of the Society generally, he will take charge of the Beauvoilent Institution, to the value and import-

ance of which a decided testimony will be found in another part of our present number.

Mr. Evans is expected soon to proceed to Calcutta, in company with Mr. John Parsons, appointed to Monghyr; and Mr. George Small, formerly of the University of Edinburgh, who has been lately pursuing his studies at Bristol College. Mr. Small and Mr. Parsons will complete the number of TEN MISSIONARIES, for whose appointment and passage Mr. W. H. Pearce successfully appealed to the Christian public.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

WE insert the following Acknowledgment at the request of our esteemed brother Clarke, of Jamaica:—

The grateful acknowledgments of brothers Clarke and R. & J. Merrick, of Jericho, Jamaica, are made to Messrs. C. Robson and J. Paxton, of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and to Mr. Geo. Dixon, of Ford Mill, Northumberland, for a number of valuable books, pamphlets, and magazines, forwarded to Jamaica for the benefit of the stations in St. Thomas-in-the-Vale. The thanks of

brother Clarke are also offered to the children of the Rev. W. Pringle, of Auchterarder, Perthshire, for their affectionate feeling, manifested towards the black and coloured children in Jamaica, evinced by a donation from their little fund; accompanied by a present of tracts and small books, for the children of the Jericho Sabbath-school.

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MISSIONARIES, &c.

EAST INDIES.—Calcutta, Rev. J. D. Ellis, Sept. 11, Dec. 16; Messrs. W. H. Pearce and J. Thomas, Dec. 16; Messrs. Yates, W. H. Pearce, and R. Bayno, Dec. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Dec. 16; Rev. W. H. Pearce, Jan. 8; Rev. W. Yates and others, (without date;) Rev. R. Bayno, Sept. 6; Rev. John Wenger, Jan. 10. Agra, Rev. R. Williams, July 23. Sewry, Rev. J. Williamson, Oct. 15. Digah, Rev. John Laurence, Jan. 4. Monghyr, Rev. G. Parsons, Jan. 2.

CEYLON.—Colombo, Rev. Joseph Harris, Oct. 14. Hanwella, Rev. E. Daniel, Sept. 20.

WEST INDIES.

JAMAICA.—Montego Bay, Rev. Thomas

Burchell, Dec. 19. Old Harbour, Rev. H. C. Taylor, Dec. 19. St. Ann's Bay, Rev. J. F. Abbott, Dec. 17. Manchioneal, Rev. J. Kingdon, Jan. 4, (two.) Spanish Town, Rev. J. M. Phillippo, Jan. 4.

BAHAMAS.—Turks' Island, Rev. E. F. Quant, Nov. 8.

HONDURAS.—Belize, Mrs. Weatherall, Dec. 24.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Graham's Town, Rev. Geo. Aveline, Dec. 20.

APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT SÉCRETARY.

In conformity with the fourth Resolution of the last General Meeting, the Committee have appointed the Rev. JOSEPH ANGUS, M.A., of New Park-street, Joint Secretary to the Baptist Missionary Society,

CONTRIBUTIONS

Received on account of the Baptist Missionary Society, from February 15th, to March 15th, 1840.

LONDON AND ITS VICINITY.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
<i>Subscriptions.</i>					
Bayley, Mr. G.	1 1 0	Kentish, Mrs.	1 1 0	Williams, John, Esq., Clapton	1 1 0
Bliss, Thos., Esq.	1 1 0	Medley, S., Esq.	1 1 0	Walley, Mrs.	1 1 0
Bousfield, John, Esq.	1 1 0	Moreland, Miss	1 1 0	Yallowley, Mrs.	1 1 0
Burls, C., Esq.	1 1 0	Nash, W., Esq.	1 1 0		
Dermer, Miss	1 1 0	Oliver, Mr. James	1 1 0		
Deane, Mr. E.	1 1 0	Powell, G., Esq.	2 2 0		45 2 6
Deane, Mr. G.	1 1 0	Powell, Rev. Thos.	1 1 0	<i>Donations.</i>	
Ellis, P., Esq.	2 2 0	Perkins, Mr. W.	1 1 0	M. E.	10 0 0
Edwards, Mrs., <i>Champion-hill</i>	1 1 0	Russell, Miss	1 1 0	Mr. W. Bowser, for Lucea	10 0 0
Fuller, Mr. W. C.	1 1 0	Rippon, Mrs. T.	1 1 0	Mr. S. J. Bligh, do.	1 0 0
Gutteridge, Jos., Esq.	2 2 0	Rust, Miss A.	1 1 0	Joseph Hanson, Esq.	5 0 0
Gutteridge, Miss	1 1 0	Rust, Miss P.	1 1 0	Miss Spurdens's Miss.-box	0 10 0
Hanson, Jos., Esq.	2 2 0	Rowe, Mr. J. K.	0 10 0		
Hunt, Rev. Thos.	1 1 0	Satchell, Mrs.	1 1 0		
Hunt, Mrs. T.	0 10 6	Shenstone, Rev. J. B.	1 1 0		
Jessop, Mr. J.	1 1 0	Steinkopf, Rev. Dr.	1 1 0		26 10 0
		Scott, Mrs.	1 1 0	<i>Auxiliary.</i>	
		Saubergue, Mrs.	1 1 0	Spencer-place, by Mr.	
		Smith, Miss R.	1 1 0	Clutterbuck	10 1 9
		Townley, Rev. H.	1 1 0		
		Williams, Josiah, Esq.	1 1 0		

	£	s.	d.
<i>Buckinghamshire.</i>			
Great Brickhill.....	6	10	0
Fenny Stratford	3	10	0
<i>Cambridgeshire.</i>			
Horningsea:—			
Mr. W. Saunders	5	0	0
<i>Devonshire.</i>			
Tor:—			
Mrs. Bristed	1	0	0
<i>Devonport:—</i>			
Morice-square.			
Collection	1	14	1
J. Trounself, Esq.,			
W. I. S. 1 0 0			
Mr. J. B.....do.....	0	10	0
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<i>Essex.</i>			
Saffron Walden, by Mr. Wilkinson.			
Collection	14	14	0
W. G. Gibson, Esq.,			
T. & S. 1 1 0			
Ditto.....(don.)	5	0	0
G. Gibson, jun., Esq.,			
T. & S. 1 1 0			
F. Gibson, Esq., do.....	1	1	0
R. Day, Esq.....do.....	1	0	0
Mr. Starling	1	0	0
Juvenile Society	1	10	0
	26	7	0
<i>Harlow, by Mr. Wentworth.</i>			
Potter-street, Harlow, by Mr. Wentworth.			
Blackman, Mr.....	0	10	0
Blackman, Mr. jun.....	0	5	0
Saunders, Mr.	0	10	0
Wentworth, Mr.	1	0	0
Wentworth, H. and S.	0	5	0
Church, Mrs.....	0	5	0
Smith, Mr.....	0	5	0
Read, Mr.....	0	5	0
Jennings, Mr.....	0	5	0
Baker, Mrs.	0	2	0
	3	12	0
<i>Hampshire.</i>			
<i>Hampshire Auxiliary.</i>			
Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport Branch, by Mr. Robinson, Treasurer.			
Meetings at			
Meeting-house-ally	20	1	11
Ditto Annual Meeting	11	5	0
Ebenezer	3	16	10
White's-row	5	14	0
Landport	4	13	8
Salem	0	17	0
Meeting-house-ally			
Female Association	23	3	9
Ditto Sabbath-school.	1	16	0
Ebenezer Juvenile Association	3	0	0
Forton Branch and Sunday-school	2	2	0
Landport Branch Association.....	1	15	0
Ditto Sabbath-school.	4	18	6
Marie-la-bonne Sabbath-school	2	3	6

	£	s.	d.
<i>White's-row Branch Association</i>			
Association	3	15	1
Young Ladies at Mrs. Robinson's school	2	6	6
Subscriptions and Donations:—			
Absalom, Mrs.	0	10	6
Buckler, Mr.....	0	10	0
Bouverie, Adm., the Hon.....(don.)	2	0	0
Crassweller, Mr. C.	0	10	6
Ellis, Mrs., sen.	1	1	0
Ellyett, Mr.	1	1	0
Elliott, Mr. B.	0	7	0
George, Mr.	1	1	0
Goodeve, Mrs.(2years)	2	0	0
Howard, D., Esq.....	1	1	0
Horsey, Mr. S., sen....	0	10	6
Horsey, Mr. S., jun	0	10	6
Hill, Mr.....	0	10	6
Hinton, Mr.	0	10	6
Hobb, Mr.	0	10	6
Helby, Mr.....	1	1	0
Knight, Mr.	1	1	0
Lower, E., Esq.....	1	1	0
Marden, Mrs.....	1	0	0
Morris, Rev. T.....	0	10	6
Ralfs, Mrs.....	0	10	6
Robinson, Mrs.....	1	1	0
Room, Rev. C.....	1	1	0
Staunton, Sir G., Bart, M.P.....(don.)	5	0	0
Shoveller, Rev. John	1	1	0
Ditto, for Jamaica	1	1	0
Spicer, D., Esq.	1	1	0
Young, Mr. W.....	0	10	6
Ditto, for translations	0	10	6
	120	13	8
<i>Southampton, by Rev. B. H. Draper, LL.D.</i>			
Collection and Female Association	18	8	0
Dr. Lindoe.....	1	1	0
Mrs. Lindoe	1	1	0
Mr. A. Oakley	0	10	0
Mrs. A. Oakley.....	0	10	0
Rev. B. H. Draper....	0	10	0
Mr. R. D. Ellyett.....	0	10	0
Mrs. J. Lankester(2yrs)	1	0	0
Mr. A. Barting...(do)	1	0	0
Missionary boxes.....	0	10	0
	25	0	0
<i>Hertfordshire.</i>			
<i>Hitchin Auxiliary Society, by Mrs. Jeeves.....</i>			
	10	6	0
<i>Kent.</i>			
<i>Crayford, by Rev. E. Carey.</i>			
Collection	12	0	0
Mr. Smith	1	1	0
	13	1	0
<i>Monmouthshire.</i>			
<i>Chepstow, Subscriptions, by Mr. R. Slade</i>			
	8	16	4
<i>Norfolk.</i>			
<i>Ingham:—</i>			
Friends, by Rev. J. Venimore, for Lucea	4	10	6
<i>Northamptonshire.</i>			
<i>Weston-by-Weedon:—</i>			
Friends, for Lucea	1	10	0

	£	s.	d.
<i>Northumberland.</i>			
<i>North England Auxiliary, by Rev. R. Pengilly.</i>			
<i>South Shields:—</i>			
Collection	2	3	0
Hetton:—			
By Mr. Brotherton ...	3	18	0
Houghton:—			
Mr. Bec	0	10	6
Newcastle:—			
Collected by			
Mr. Bradburn	*7	2	6
Mr. J. W. Bell	1	7	0
Miss Angus, for Serampore	1	1	0
Ditto, for translations	1	1	0
	17	3	0
* 4l. 4s. of this sum for translations.			
<i>Ford Forge, by Rev. J. Clarke, of Jamaica.</i>			
Collections and subscriptions	7	6	6
<i>Nottinghamshire.</i>			
<i>Sutton-on-Trent, by Mr. J. Edge</i>			
	4	0	0
<i>Staffordshire.</i>			
<i>West Bromwich, by Mr. Stokes.....</i>			
	9	10	0
<i>Warwickshire.</i>			
<i>Coventry:—</i>			
<i>Young ladies, by the Misses Franklin, for female education...</i>			
	4	0	0
<i>Wiltshire.</i>			
<i>Wilts and East Somerset Auxiliary, by B. Anstie, Esq., Treasurer.</i>			
<i>Bratton, by Mr. J. Whitaker.</i>			
Collection	8	9	2
Weekly Contributions, by Miss S. Birt and J. Whitaker	0	12	0
<i>Subscriptions:—</i>			
Aitcheson, Rev. R.	1	0	0
Blatch, Mr. J. G.	1	0	0
Blatch, Miss.....	1	1	0
Brent, Mr.....	1	0	0
Flower, Mr.....	0	10	0
Scammell, Mrs.....	0	10	0
Whitaker, Philip, Esq.	2	2	0
Whitaker, Thos., Esq.,	1	1	0
Whitaker, Mr. Joshua	1	1	0
White, Mr. H.....	0	10	6
Sums under 10s.	1	0	0
	19	16	8
<i>Treasurer's Account, from May 1, 1839.</i>			
Devizes.....	60	17	10
Melksham	106	17	3
Trowbridge	79	16	2
Bradford	21	12	4
Westbury.....	7	10	3
Corsham.....	14	5	6
Chippenham.....	17	0	0
Penknapp.....	10	14	7
Laverton.....	5	2	6
Norton St. Philip.....	8	18	0
Beckington	8	14	10
Warmminster	7	0	6

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Westbury Leigh	.....	16	2	2	Bwicheynydd	.....	0	14	1	Mr. G. Brown	.....	10	0	0
Bratton	.....	19	16	8			2	16	1			30	0	0
		384	8	7										
Previously acknow- ledged	.....	355	13	0	Pontypool:— W. W. Phillips, Esq. for Lucea	.....	1	1	0	Elgin Missionary Society, by Rev. N. M'Niel	.....	7	5	0
WALES.					SCOTLAND.									
Carmarthen, by Rev. H. W. Jones.					Aberdeen, by Mr. G. Brown.					Roxburghshire:— T. H.		5	0	0
Cwmfelin	.....	1	2	0	Aberdeen Missionary Society, one-third	.....	25	0	0	Dunkeld Missionary Society, by Rev. J. Black	.....	3	0	0
Rev. D. Woolcock	.....	0	10	0	Mr. D. Davidson	.....	1	0	0	Friends at Banff, by Mrs. Nichol	.....	1	0	0
Mrs. James Henllan	.....	0	10	0										

EXTRA DONATIONS FOR REBUILDING THE CHAPEL AT SAVANNA-LA-MAR.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
West Bromwich, by Mr. Stokes	.....	4	15	0	Amersham, additional	.....	1	11	0
Ingham, by Rev. J. Venimore	.....	4	18	0	Weston-by-Weedon	.....	1	10	0
Barton Mills, by Mr. Secker	.....	6	12	6	Friend, by Mr. Cozens	.....	20	0	0
Hitchin:—					Mr. A. Barcham, by ditto	.....	1	0	0
Mr. Lucas	.....	1	0	0	James Grant, Esq.,	.....	2	2	0
Mr. Exton	.....	1	1	0	Davies, Mr. C., Wallingford	.....	1	0	0
Miss Wilshere	.....	0	10	0	W. W. Phillips, Esq., Pontypool	.....	1	1	0
A. and M. Palmer	.....	0	10	0	J. S.	.....	2	0	0
Mr. Conder and friends	.....	0	10	0	Mr. Black	.....	1	0	0
H. Davies and friends	.....	0	10	9	Anonymous	.....	0	10	0
Sums under 7s.	.....	2	2	9	Mrs. Hodder	.....	0	2	6
		6	4	6	Tecotalter, Andover	.....	5	0	0

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** By a letter just received from our friend Mr. Knibb, of Jamaica, we learn that he had secured a passage on board the Annandale, which was expected to sail about the end of February, so that we trust he will arrive in full time to be present at our Annual Meeting.*

Mr. W. W. Evans, who is likely to sail to Calcutta in June, will be happy to take charge of any boxes of fancy articles or school materials, for the use and support of the numerous schools in connexion with our Eastern Mission. The boxes should be addressed to Mr. Evans, 6, Fen-court, Fenchurch-street, accompanied by a post letter, with a list of articles, and a statement of their computed worth, in order that the boxes may be conveniently passed through the Custom-house.

Subscriptions and Donations in aid of the Funds of the Baptist Missionary Society will be thankfully received by the Treasurer or Secretaries, at the Mission-House, 6, Fen-court, Fenchurch-street, London; in Edinburgh, by the Rev. Christopher Anderson, or H. D. Dickie, Esq.; in Glasgow, by Mr. Joseph Swan; in Dublin, by John Parkes, Esq., Camden-street; at the Baptist Mission-Press, Calcutta, by the Rev. W. H. Pearce; at Kingston, Jamaica, by the Rev. Joshua Tinson; and at New York, U. S., by W. Colgate, Esq.