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EXCITED by a deſire for the ſpreading of the Goſpel, a number of ſerious perſons in Edinburgh, ſometime ago, agreed to join together in prayer for that purpoſe. Theſe meetings are now increaſed, and are conducted on ſuch a plan as not to interfere with the duties of the family or cloſet. They meet at 7 o'clock on Sabbath mornings, and continue about an hour and an half, during which time, three or four members uſually pray, after having ſung part of a pſalm, and read a portion of Scripture.—It were to be wiſhed that the people of God every where would adopt ſimilar meaſures. Who knows what may be the reſult? At any rate it might tend to increaſe our own eſteem for the ineſtimable bleſſing of the Goſpel of Peace.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

AGREEABLY to our promiſe in the laſt number, we inſert the names of the gentlemen already choſen directors.

Mr. John Alday, Carliſle-ſtreet, Soho.
John Audley, Eſq. of Cambridge.
Rev. James Boden, Hanley-green, Staffordſhire.
Rev. David Bogue, A. M. Goſport.
Rev. Joſeph Brooksbank, Newingtongreen.
Rev. George Burder, Coventry.
Robert Cowie, Eſq. Iſlington.
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Rev. Samuel Greatheed, Newport-pagnell.
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Rev. John Hey, Briſtol.
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James Neal, Eſq. St. Paul's Church-yard.
Rev. W. F. Platt, Holywell-mount.
Rev. Edward Parſons, Leeds.
Rev. John Mead Ray, Sudbury.
Rev. John Reynolds, Hoxton-ſquare.
Rev. John Saltren, Bridport.
Rev. James Steven, Thornhaugh-ſtreet.
Mr. Robert Steven, Upper Thames-ſtreet.
Walter Taylor, Eſq. Southampton.
Rev. Alexander Waugh, Alſop's-buildings.
Daniel Weſt, Eſq. Southampton-row.
Rev. Matthew Wilks, Old-ſtreet-road.
Rev. Edward Williams, D. D. Rotherham.
John Wilſon, Eſq. Iſlington, Chairman.
Thomas Wilſon, Eſq. Wood-ſtreet, Deputy Chairman.
Joſeph Wilſon, Eſq. Milk-ſtreet.

For the greater diſpatch of buſineſs, they have divided themſelves into ſeveral committees. We learn that committees of examination ſit frequently. Several candidates have been already examined, ſome of whom have given great ſatisfaction. One of theſe is a gentleman of claſſical knowledge, and we are happy to learn it is intended, that, at leaſt, one of this deſcription ſhall be included in each miſſion. Others, of good natural abilities, well acquainted with divine truth, and of ſound experience, will, we underſtand, be accepted, tho' not poſſeſſed of a learned education. Some acquaintance with uſeful mechanical arts will be a further recommendation, to thoſe who are intended to be ſent into the moſt uncultivated countries. We hope that a laudable ambition of being ſo honourably employed for the bodies and ſouls of men, will diſcover itſelf among the churches; and that the number who tender their ſervices in this good work, will clearly evince that the ſpirit of primitive Chriſtianity is not wholly loſt.

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We are informed that there are full *three thousand pounds* in hand and ſubſcribed. This amount, it is hoped, will form but a ſmall part of what will be brought into the miſſionary fund. The congregations in town, who favour the inſtitution, are now buſy in collecting among themſelves; and, if our information be correct, they are not leſs active in the country. The Rev. Mr. Kingſbury's church, at Southampton, has raiſed above *two hundred and ſeventy pounds*. Other congregations, leſs able, are equally zealous; in one of which a poor woman came to her miniſter, and ſaid, "Sir, here is ſixpence halfpenny; it is all the money I am poſſeſſed of; I can't be happy except you will receive it; and though I am without a morſel of bread, I will go and work for more."—A miniſter who had reſolved to ſubſcribe half a guinea a year to the ſociety, was ſo impreſſed at the public meeting, that he firſt encreaſed it to a guinea, then to two guineas annually, and ten guineas donation. Another, who had ſubſcribed one guinea only, begged that his ſum might be increaſed to ten; alleging, that his mind had been ſo informed, and his heart affected, that he ſhould be wanting in his duty, if he did not aſſiſt to the utmoſt of his ability. Several inſtances of a ſimilar nature have occurred.

At the ordination of the Rev. J. Waddell, an account of which we have given in this number, the Rev. R. Stevenſon, and the Rev. J. M. Ray, who were known to have been preſent at the late meetings of the Miſſionary Society, in London, were requeſted to give as full and particular an account as they could of what had paſſed. Having done which, Mr. Ray moved, and was ſeconded by Mr. Stevenſon—"That the objects of the Miſſionary Society are of the greateſt importance to the preſent and eternal welfare of mankind, and that the miniſters now aſſembled be requeſted to co-operate with the ſaid ſociety in promoting them."—The motion was carried unanimouſly, and the miniſters all declared their affection and zeal for a cauſe ſo glorious.

It has been recommended (and we ſuppoſe will be ſhortly adopted), to hold a circulating prayer-meeting, in London, on the firſt Monday in every month; and ſhould it be reſolved upon, we ſhall take the opportunity of announcing the particulars in a future number.

We are authorized by the Directors to ſay, that they intend to make the Evangelical Magazine the medium of information to the members and friends of the inſtitution, concerning the general affairs of the ſociety.

Such gentlemen and ladies who are diſpoſed to favour this undertaking by preſent donations, or annual ſubſcriptions, may forward them to the Treaſurer, or any of the directors, to either of the ſecretaries, or to the following banking-houſes: Meſſrs. Down, Thornton, and Co.; Hankey, and Co.; Welch, Rogers, and Co.; and Fuller, Son, and Co.; Birch, Chambers, and Hobbs, No. 152 Bond Street.

Should they be inclined to remember the inſtitution in their Will, the following is A PROPER FORM OF A DONATION TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY BY WILL.

Item, I A. B. do hereby give and bequeath the ſum of unto the Treaſurer, for the time being, of a voluntary ſociety, commonly called, or known by the name of, THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, eſtabliſhed in London, in the year 1795; the ſame to be paid within months next after my deceaſe, out of my perſonal eſtate, in truſt, to be applied to the uſes and purpoſes of that ſociety.

AT a late meeting of the Warwickſhire aſſociation, the miniſters agreed to excite the attention of their reſpective congregations to the grand object of the Miſſionary Society; and to ſolicit ſubſcriptions and collections towards its ſupport, and pay the ſame to their treaſurer, at the next meeting at Birmingham, Nov. 24.

IT was also resolved, that, having, without effect, made much inquiry in the neighbourhood, for an itinerant preacher, to labour in the villages of the county, instead of their former itinerants, now settled with congregations; to request the assistance of their friends in other parts of the kingdom, in recommending a suitable person, should they be acquainted with such an one. Application may be made to the Rev. G. Burder, Coventry.

ORDINATIONS.

ON Wednesday, the 20th of May last, Mr. Joseph Slatterie, late student under the Rev. Robert Simpson, tutor at the academy at Hoxton, was ordained pastor of the independent church, at Chatham, in Kent. It was a very solemn season: there was a large congregation, and the service was conducted with great propriety. The Rev. Mr. Leggett, of Strood, began with reading and prayer. The Rev. Mr. Brookshank delivered some introductory remarks, and received the confession of faith, which Mr. Slatterie delivered with fortitude and perspicuity. While several ministers laid their hands on Mr. Slatterie, the Rev. Mr. Simpson prayed an affectionate and suitable ordination prayer, and afterwards delivered the charge from 2 Timothy iv. 2, 3, and 4. which was very warm and solemn. The Rev. W. Shrubsole, of Sheerness, concluded with prayer. The service was then adjourned to the evening; when the Rev. Rowland Hill exhorted the church, from 2 Cor. iii. 5, 6. to a becoming conduct towards their minister, and each other, with his usual zeal for the glory of God, the good of the church, and the interests of morality.

There has not been a resident pastor and organized church in that place for many years. The service has long been conducted by Mr. Harrison, a worthy person in his majesty's dock-yard, and by ministers procured from London, and elsewhere. The meeting has been lately purchased of the proprietor, and undergone a large repair. In doing this, the church was considerably assisted by the executors of the late John Simmons esq. of Faversham, who was many years surgeon at Chatham, and attended divine worship at that place. The society have now agreed to quit their former method of procuring ministers, to be formed into an independent church, and have called Mr. Slatterie to the pastoral office. He appears to be an able and zealous minister of Christ; and we trust will be a blessing to the town and places adjacent.

OCTOBER 20th.—was ordained the Rev. James Waddell, of Nayland, Suffolk. The service was introduced by Mr. Atkins, of Ipswich, with prayer and reading the Scriptures. A discourse on ordination, as practised in the primitive church, was delivered by Mr. John Mead Ray, of Sudbury; who proposed the usual questions, and received Mr. Waddell's confession of faith. Mr. Bass, of Halsted, engaged in the ordination prayer. Mr. W. B. Crathern, of Dedham, addressed a solemn exhortation to Mr. Waddell, from Rev. 2. 10. "Be thou faithful unto death, &c." Mr. R. Stevenson, of Castle-Heddingham, delivered an affectionate discourse to the church and congregation, from 2 Cor. 7. 1. "Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, &c." The services of the day were concluded by Mr. Shepherd, of Wrentham, who fervently implored the divine blessing.—The hymns, which were all suitable to the occasion, were selected and read by Mr. Kemp, assisting minister in the congregation, under the pastoral care of Mr. Hobbs, of Colchester.

OBITUARY.