

which my brethren are expected to furnish. Mr. Wade will translate Coriathians, Mr. Abbott, Timothy, and Mr. Vinton, Hebrews, James, Peter, Jude, and the last two epistles of John. Br. Vinton has just sent me his portion of the work, excepting Hebrews, saying, "I have ventured to send it, leaving it at your entire disposal, to make any corrections you choose, and print it at once, or send me your suggestions and let me look it over again." I have concluded on the latter course, and am now engaged with that labour and with revising an original work on geography, in Karen, by Mrs. Mason, very much needed in our schools. The dry season is now opening upon us, and I must, at least, visit the southern Karens.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF MR. ABBOTT,
DATED MAULMAIN, DEC. 26, 1839.

At Bassein, the "young chief" continues to be as actively engaged in doing good as ever. His house is a great Bethel—a temple of God, whither the people from the neighboring and distant villages resort, to learn to read, and how to worship God. He is the only baptized individual in that region, and consequently is the only one who can be reckoned a member of the church. How many there are there who would be considered proper subjects of baptism it is impossible to say. The assistants think there are from 600 to 1000 who are decidedly Christians. Although but one has been baptized there, still the line of demarcation between those who serve God and those who serve him not, is distinctly drawn, and generally there exists on the part of those who reject the gospel, a most bitter hatred towards the Christians. In fact, the Karen converts fear their own countrymen, who are enemies to the gospel, more than Burman officers. Sometimes, even in families, there exists the most deadly opposition, and not only are "a man's foes those of his own household," but they are often his bitterest foes. Notwithstanding, I know of several villages where the people are all decidedly Christian; and although it has been denied by some, that there are "whole villages that have turned to God," yet if they will take a trip with me into the Karen jungles, I will show them several such!—*American Baptist Missionary Magazine.*

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Mr. Bronson writes from Jaipur, Dec. 1, 1839, as follows:

The whole of that fertile country lying northerly between this and Sadiyá (called Mattak) has been this week taken by the company—and I pray God that now Satan may be spoiled of his goods here, that it may be retaken and won over to Christ by our

missionaries,—and that it may become as noted for its zealous Christianity, as it has been for its heathenism. Every worldly interest in this country is prospering. The sons of Japhet are being enlarged, and they are dwelling in the tents of Shem. And may not faith anticipate that all these movements will be made to conduce to throw over this naked, sunken people, the mantle of salvation? How long ere this shall be, we cannot predict; and what is to be the chain of events that shall set wide open every door into the Singpho, Burmese, and Chinese countries, is known to God alone; but there is much in the political aspect of this country, to promise the speedy consummation of this desirable object.

Since my last, I have been making the necessary arrangements for a second tour to the Hills,—and getting through the press the Catechism, and a small book of phrases in Singpho and Naga.

I have much pleasure in informing you, that the Hon. S. C. Robertson, Deputy Governor of Bengal, has forwarded through Captain Jenkins to me, 200 rs. for the Naga mission, to be spent in defraying the expenses of a second tour. That Hon. gentleman formerly held the post now occupied by Capt. Jenkins, and is a warm friend to the best interests of this province. I also forward to you a note from Capt. Jenkins, who proposes to give a donation of 500 rs. for the benefit of schools among the Nagas.

Thus you see that the Naga mission has friends here who have liberally contributed funds for its benefit. The question that remains to be settled is, Will this people so change their long-standing customs as to receive books and become a reading people? Will they follow the example of the Karens? As yet we have had but little encouragement from them, but we must trust in Him who can turn the hearts of men as the rivers of waters are turned. They are almost daily at my house, and I have frequent opportunities of conversing with them upon the great truths of the gospel, and of showing them clearly my object in coming among them.

Our school has never been as flourishing since, as it was before the war. That scattered our precious company; and recently the cholera raged to so alarming an extent, that the place was for a time rapidly depopulating. We have a very pleasant school now, numbering from fifteen to twenty scholars. Mrs. Bronson devotes much of her time to the instruction of the school, which has relieved me of care, and left me time for other important duties.—*American Bap. Mis. Mag.*

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