

besides the establishment of two Lancasterian Schools, a society of ninety-six members, and a congregation of 400 persons, have been collected. A very effectual aid has also been afforded to that great work (*great* whether religiously or politically considered,) the illumination and civilization of the darker parts of *Ireland* by the appointment of Missionaries who preach *in the native language* of the people ; and, by whose zealous and extensive labours, numbers, who were involved in the deepest vice and superstition, have been turned to righteousness. Thirteen Travelling Missionaries are successfully employed in this department. So long as the war lasted, seven Preachers who spake the *French* language, fulfilled, in the noblest sense, the precept, "Love your enemies," by "holding forth the word of life" to the numerous *Prisoners of war* in the different depôts in this country.

From the Western world we now turn our eyes to the *East*, where a recent decision of the Legislature has opened a more effectual door for the introduction of the Gospel among sixty millions of British subjects, darkened and corrupted by the grossest Idolatry. In the year 1813, six Missionaries were appointed by the Methodist Conference, to accompany the late Rev. DOCTOR COKE, to the island of Ceylon, where there are 500,000 nominal Christians, as sheep without a shepherd, and a million of Pagans. And though it pleased the Almighty, in his inscrutable providence, to remove the Doctor when he was within a few leagues of the scene of his intended labours, yet we are happy to state, the Missionaries were received with the utmost cordiality and kindness by his Excellency the Governor of Bombay, and also by his Excellency Governor Brownrigg, and other persons of the first respectability in the island of Ceylon. They have commenced their labours at *Jaffnapatum*, *Batticoloe*, *Mattura*, and *Point de Galle* : and have, at the recommendation of his Excellency the Governor, opened Schools at these respective places, and hope soon to be able personally to address the heathen in the Tamul and Cingalese languages. Extensive as is this field, it is hoped that it is but a step to the neighbouring continent, where the vast population of *Hindustan* have a double claim upon our demands, both as benighted Pagans and as British subjects. And a missionary has been sent to the important station of *New South Wales*, from whence a very pressing application has lately been received.

That these Missionaries have laboured with success, will be partly seen by the following extracts of Letters received from them.—"Many of the Brahmins are very intelligent men, well acquainted with general history and oriental Literature. I have conversed with them at different times, and been surprised to find that they are not so inimical to the spread of Christianity as is generally represented. They say it is written in their books, that a Religion will come from the West, and prevail throughout the world. On my asking what Religion they thought it would be," they replied, "The *Christian* Religion."

Another of the Missionaries writes :—"The natives are a quiet inoffensive people, but grossly ignorant of divine things. I preach to them by an

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