

Africa,—(cheers.)—and with the effects of the Gospel among the Bechuannas, Caffres, and other tribes. Missionaries have also gone to Abyssinia, and we may hope that God will abundantly bless their labours. (Cheers.) We should not forget those zealous men who went out, nearly 50 years ago, to Sierra Leone and other parts of Western Africa. We rejoice that agents belonging to the Church and Wesleyan Missionary Societies, have laboured there, and have succeeded in translating books into the various languages spoken on that coast. Missionaries have also been sent out by different Societies in America. It is gratifying to know that God has blessed the labours of our Wesleyan brethren on the Gold Coast, and that he has opened the way for them from Cape Coast Castle onward to the town of Coomassie, where the King of Ashantee resides. We rejoice that God has disposed the heart of the blood-spilling, if not blood-thirsty, monarch, to receive the heralds of the Cross. They have been welcomed to his capital, although, at first, he kept the white man waiting till it was supposed that he would not be admitted to the Royal presence, and he was, in fact, journeying back to the coast. When first introduced, he was laid between two mounds of earth; and, on inquiring what they meant, was told that it was to prevent him from doing the King an injury. Two females had been buried alive in those mounds; and the missionary was led, between their graves, onward on his way to the King. We also rejoice in the exertions of the six devoted men who went from Basle, and laboured in Africa for a time. Five of them were soon cut down by death; the sixth returned back to a mountain, about forty miles behind Danish Acron. There he preached the Gospel; and, though he saw no one converted to God by his instrumentality, yet he did much in facilitating future labours. He afterwards returned to his native country for the purpose of collecting a band of devoted men and women to go with him to the mountain to make known the Gospel in that part of Africa. I hope we can all wish the agents of these various Societies God speed and pray for success to rest on their labours. (Cheers.) (Hear.) It was our intention to ascend the Niger with the Government expedition; and Captain Bird Allen invited us to return in one of the vessels which conveyed the sick to the Island of Fernando Po. But the vessel did not return, and no other opportunity was afforded for ascending that river. We have, however, found a sufficiency of people in Fernando Po, and near to it, to commence our operations; and we may soon hope to see those parts sitting under the sound of the glorious gospel of God. There are 59 communities in the vicinity of the Cameroon river, speaking 89 languages. From the inquiries I have instituted, I am satisfied that far into the interior the heralds of the Cross may safely go. But they must go as men of peace—(cheers)—unarmed. Our defence was in having only a staff in our hand. (Cheers.) We had nothing to alarm the fears of the people; and we had nothing to tempt their cupidity. They were convinced that we were true men; that we had not come as merchants. I wish to see Missionary work and mercantile operations kept entirely distinct. (Hear, hear.) It opens the way to the hearts of the people when they see us coming forth, as men of God, to teach them the way to heaven. They, of their own accord, gave us this name, "men of God," or "God's men." (Hear, hear.) On one occasion we were sailing in a canoe, and some of the natives were running along the edges of the

rock. When we occasionally lost sight of them, we were interested by the hearing them call out we were men of God, and that we were good. Thus we have had our encouragements to go on. What glorious things have been done during the last 50 years! We talk of the present number of members of Baptist churches: but let us not forget that there are tens of thousands now standing in the world of glory, casting their crowns at the feet of Immanuel, and giving him all the praise, and the honour, and the glory, for putting it into the hearts of his people to send forth Missionaries into those dark parts of the world. (Loud cheers.)

#### GREECE.

The last steamer brought a letter from Mr. Love, dated Sept. 14, from which we learn with regret, that since his return from Patras to Corfu, he has had a severe spasmodic attack, which, with the advice of his friends, seem to have convinced him of the propriety of a voyage to America, so soon as some one can be sent to Corfu.

Speaking of the inquirers at Patras, Mr. Love remarks:—Of the inquirers at Patras, I feel a degree of satisfaction that two of them, at least, have passed from death unto life; and, under ordinary circumstances, might soon, perhaps, be safely baptized. But they are the "first fruits" in Greece, and as such, will doubtless suffer much persecution for the truth. They need to have on the whole armour of the Christian, to enable them to stand in this evil day; and for this they yet need much patient teaching. With uninspired men, under such circumstances, it is better I think, to err in *delaying* baptism than in *hastening* it."

#### BURMAH.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Stevens, dated Kayin Creek, March 31, 1842.

##### *A baptism among the Pgho Karens.*

It is with great pleasure I inform you, that after the lapse of nearly three years, the Lord has again permitted us to visit the baptismal waters, and witness the public profession of Christ, by converts from among the Pgho Karens. On the 25th instant, in company with Br. Chandler, I went to Dong Yang. There was one man between sixty and seventy years of age, living at a village called Pong-bai, about twelve miles from the Zayat, whom I had expected to baptize while at Dong Yang in January, but who was prevented from coming to us the time appointed, by illness in his family. He had desired to be informed when I should go up again, that he might come and be baptized. Accordingly on the morning after our arrival, I sent the deacon of the church, who is his younger brother, to give to him an opportunity of fulfilling his desire. Just as our evening worship closed, we were gladdened by the sound of his well-known voice, and, on going down from the chapel to receive him, ascertained that, notwithstanding a lameness, with which he had been afflicted for years, he had walked about half the distance, and when unable to proceed further, he hired a buffalo and rode the rest of the way. His conversation soon told us that he had come with all his heart to be baptized, and was not ashamed every where to acknowledge himself a Christian. On his way, he told those whom he met the object of his journey, and exhorted them to follow his example. The Sabbath following, after the usual examination, he was unanimously received, and I had the happi-