

St. John's—Mr. King.
Sackville—Mr. Munro.
27th. Dartmouth—Mr. King.
St. John's—Mr. Tyall

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held here on the first Wednesday of March.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We cannot acknowledge or insert, as a communication to us, an Article of local information which had been previously, and in the very same words, published in a newspaper.

Several complaints have reached us as to irregularity in the transmission of the Record. The printer, on whom that duty devolves, declares that the successive numbers are regularly mailed here for the distant subscribers. It may be well, therefore, where such irregularities occur, to make inquiry at the local post-office.

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CALCUTTA.

A Backslider returning, is received and Baptized.

Kailas Chandra Kundu, the young man to whom the following letter of Mr. MacLay relates, is, we presume, the same whose case was stated by Mr. Ewart in the September number of the *Record*. In that communication we were informed of Kailas' having yielded to the entreaties of his mother, and gone with her to live in the midst of her heathen relatives; and we were made to sorrow, with our missionaries, under the anxieties which they must have had, lest, being entangled, he should be overcome.—The anxiety is now dispelled, and we are permitted to rejoice with them that rejoice over the recovered disciple.

8th Sept. m/cr.—In a former letter, I think I mentioned to you the case of Kailas Chandra Kundu, one of the most distinguished students in the college department of our institution, who came to us asking for baptism, with every appearance of conviction and sincerity, a few months ago; and who, after remaining some days with us, was prevailed upon, by the tears and entreaties of his mother, to go away with her. She took him away from Calcutta; and, as we heard no more of him for a considerable time, we entertained scarcely a hope of his returning again to the Lord.

About a month ago, a letter reached Mr. Ewart, bearing the Rampore Baubah post mark. This is a town on the Ganges, about two hundred miles north of Calcutta. It proved to be from Kailas. He had succeeded in obtaining a situation in a school; but though he had left Calcutta far behind,

and was then a teacher in a heathen school, surrounded by heathen influences, and paid by heathen masters, the arrow was still sticking in his breast, and his conscience gave him no rest. He became seriously ill; and, while stretched on a bed of sickness, the fear of death, and the remembrance of him whom he had forsaken, became so painful and so powerful, that he resolved, should God spare his life, to return, like the prodigal son, to his Heavenly Father. His letter was written in a very subdued and penitent spirit.—He asked us whether, after his lapse, we were still willing to receive him, and expressed his determination, in that case, instantly to resign his situation and to come down to Calcutta. Mr. Ewart, after consulting with his colleagues, returned a guarded, but, on the whole, favourable answer; and in a short time afterwards—so short as to take us by surprise—early one morning, about a fortnight ago, he walked into the mission compound. As he was well known to all of us, and we had not a doubt of his penitence, his sincerity, and his full and intelligent knowledge of the doctrines and evidences of the faith as it is in Jesus, by the appointment of my brethren, I had the great happiness of admitting him into the visible Church of Christ by baptism, on Wednesday evening, September 1, at the Free Church, in the presence of a large number of young Hindoos, chiefly of the educated classes.

His case is chiefly remarkable as a fair example of the working of the institution. Kailas has been connected with it for nearly ten years, and has generally, indeed invariably, obtained the highest prize in his class. He is a remarkably intelligent young man, and has been a favourite with all his teachers. The good seed seems first to have taken root in his mind not less than six years ago, when listening to the class instruction of our native brother, Lal Behari De. It struck deeper when he began, about four years ago, to read the New Testament with Mr. Ewart; and the Evidences, chiefly those from prophecy, gained over his full intellectual convictions. He then began to attend very regularly the Sunday-evening services at the institution. The lectures addressed to the educated natives in the cold season of 1850, proved to be a means of still further awakening him to a sense of his need of a Saviour. He sought for sympathy and counsel from our catechist, Behari Lal Singh—took delight in conversing with young men like-minded with himself—and learned habits of reading and prayer. At last, having so long and maturely weighed the matter in his mind, and having, as he thought, "counted the cost," he came forward publicly to acknowledge his faith in the Redeemer.

But Kailas is "the only son of his mother, and she is a widow." She has no other relative left who takes any interest in her.