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## LATE MISSIONARY IN BENGAL, EAST INDIES.

The names of "Carey, Marshman, and Ward" have long been united in honourable association as laborious and useful Missionaries on the Continent of India, and particularly as the precursors in the grand design of translating the Scriptures into the various languages and dialects of the Eastern world. Their efforts in this cause have been the wonder of the present age, and will leave their impression, we trust, on the character and destiny of succeeding generations. They are now, we have reason to believe, united in still closer ties, and without the fear of separation, in the glorious world of light and immortality. Mr. Ward entered into his rest and his reward several years before the commencement of our work; Dr. Carey followed him on the 9th day of June, 1834—and the reader will find a well written and well deserved eulogy on his character in our first number. We now proceed to state the principal particulars in the history of the last of these three "mighty men of valour" in the army of the Holy One.

Joshua Marshman was born of humble parentage on the 20th of April, 1768, in the village of Westbury Leigh, in Wiltshire, England, where the cottage in which he first drew breath may yet be seen. Of his family little is known, except that they traced their descent from an officer in the army of Cromwell, who, with many others, retired into the country at the restoration of Charles. His father passed the early part of his life at sea, and was engaged in the *Hind* sloop of war, at the capture of Quebec,—the action in which the gallant Wolfe fell, on the 13th of September, 1759; but shortly after he returned to England, married, and engaged in the weaving trade. His son Joshua, from a very early age, exhibited so extraordinary a thirst for knowledge as convinced his family and friends that he was destined for something higher than the loom. At the age of eight, he was so fond of reading that he snatched every moment from labour and play to devote to his books. Between the age of