

open the way to profitable intercourse with the members of foreign Protestant churches; they also afford opportunities of conveying the truth by the circulation of the Scriptures, and translations of useful books, through the population generally. It is never likely to be the calling of any Missionary Society to employ many of its labourers in these fields; but they can apply a limited exertion in nothing more beneficial than in establishing the means of useful intercourse with the few faithful among the numerous faithless in churches once the glory of Christendom; and in exciting them to those plans of co-operation for the revival of true religion, which, in this country, have, under the divine blessing, produced effects so powerful, and which are advancing in their influence, both at home and in foreign lands.

MISSIONS IN CEYLON & CONTINENTAL INDIA.

"The Missions in Ceylon and Continental India, continue to encourage the exertions which, though bestowed at first on a soil so unpromising, have, by the blessing of God, not been in vain.

The Native Societies increase in number, stability, and christian virtues; the Schools are in activity; many of the youth, both male and female, instructed in them, have become members of the Christian Church; and around the various Missions, corrective light and influence are spreading through the pagan population—circumstances, we trust, preparatory to those more special and powerful dispensations of the Spirit for which we pray, and under which the word of the Lord will have "free course, and be glorified."

A letter lately received from Mr. McKenny, dated *Caltura*, April 21st, 1827, communicates the pleasing information of the conversion of another learned Buddhist Priest; and details with so much interest the circumstances of his public renunciation of Heathenism, and avowal of Christianity, that we are induced to present an extract from it, including a translation of the address delivered by the Priest himself on that occasion."

"On Sunday the 18th ultimo, we witnessed an exceedingly interesting scene in our chapel here, during the English service. Wallegeddere Piedassi Terrunnane, the learned high priest of the Buddhist temple of Wissidagamma, in the Roygam Kerle, took his seat in his robes, in front of the pulpit, with the intention of publicly renouncing idolatry, of making a profession of his belief in Christianity, and of laying aside his priestly vestments. The chapel was well filled, and the virandas crowded with natives, whom curiosity had brought together. The Collector and his family, the Assistant Collector, the head Modeliar of the District, and Petrus Panditti Sekera, (the first Buddhist priest converted in the island, and now government native preacher of this district) were present, and felt a lively interest in the service; indeed I ought to mention, that the Collector, C. E. Layard, Esq. came from Colombo on purpose to be present on this occasion. Brother Roberts

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