

At Port Maria, Mr. Day lately baptized on one occasion 114 persons, who have been received into the church. He thus describes the arrangements and scene of the baptism:—"On the previous evening (Saturday,) I visited the spot intended for our use next morning, where I found, on the sea-beach, booths formed of bambú and branches from the cocoanut tree, containing fifteen commodious apartments for the use of the candidates after baptism. I was extremely pleased to find such comfortable and ingenious arrangements made. About seven o'clock in the evening I met the candidates in the chapel, where we held a prayer meeting, and I gave an address to them, with a few directions as to their proceedings in the morning, when I told them I would meet them at four o'clock. This was punctually attended to; and, after singing that beautiful hymn, beginning,

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord," &c.

and praying, we proceeded to the appointed place; and, although the day had not dawned, I believe we had, exclusive of the candidates, full 2000 persons present. As soon as the necessary arrangements had been made, the day began to dawn, and, certainly, a more beautiful scene could hardly present itself to the eye. The mountains appeared in awful grandeur, the ships reposing peacefully in the harbor, the sea beautifully smooth, and the coast thronged with orderly spectators, produced a solemn, yet delightful frame of mind, which I would desire ever to feel, and in which all present seemed to participate. Not only did we all feel that we were attending to an ordinance of God, but nothing, that I know of, occurred to produce a smile in the most thoughtless spectator. Every thing was "done decently and in order." After the administration of the ordinance, we proceeded to the chapel, where we held our morning prayer-meeting, at which I gave an address to the newly baptized persons, on the privileges of communion with a Christian church.

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*Journal of the Rev. W. S. Rogers.*

August 18, 1839.—To-day we received an English soldier, by the name of James, into the mission church by baptism. He has been a confirmed deist, and a leader in infidelity and vice in the troop. He was awakened by attending our meetings, particularly the Sunday night meetings held at my house. He now gives pleasing evidence of having experienced a change of heart, and being a man

of good mind and considerable education, he will, I trust, exert a salutary influence over his companions.

Karam Baksh, the wife of our native assistant, Golak Nath, applied for baptism. She has been several years a pupil in the girl's boarding school, and is well instructed in the doctrines of Christianity. She appears well, and we trust has been made a subject of renewing grace. While assembled at the prayer meeting to-night, one of the little boys came in and sat down in the room. He was observed to be weeping, and after the service was ended the cause was enquired; he said he was weeping on account of his sins. He continued to weep much, and asked in great earnestness if it was too late for him to be saved. We conversed with him, directing him to the Saviour, ever ready and willing to save him, and after praying with him sent him to his room.

19. Held a special prayer meeting to night to pray for the children of the boarding school, most of whom appear to be concerned about their souls. The scene at family prayers this evening was said to be very affecting. They assembled at Mr. Porter's as usual, and had no sooner seated themselves than some of them began to weep aloud; the rest all joined through sympathy, and so great was the effusion of feeling that it was with difficulty the services were got through with. Several of them appeared to be deeply affected with a view of their sins, and could not be restrained from weeping aloud.

20. The seriousness among the children continues. Some of them spent the whole of last night in prayer and confession of sin.

22. Baptized Karam Baksh this afternoon, at my own house. All the children of the boarding school, the printing office people, and a number of our workmen, and other servants were present. To most of them it was a novel thing. They all appeared solemn, and listened with evident interest. The impression made, I trust, is favourable.

It may, perhaps, be thought by some, that we were rather hasty in receiving a native candidate into the church in so short a time after she applied. It must be recollected, however, that she had been several years an inmate of the mission families; she had received the most careful religious instruction, and, besides, she was placed in circumstances where she could scarcely have been influenced by worldly motives. She is married to an assistant on a fixed allowance, and she could not have supposed that her profession of religion would influence their pay or their standing in the mission.

24. Had a conversation to-day with Kale, the oldest girl in the school. She now indulges a hope that she has given her heart to the