

Scotia, highly encouraging. Since the formation of our Missions in New Brunswick into a separate district, that portion of British America has been brought more particularly under the notice of the Committee in London:—new Missions have been opened by the zeal of the Brethren whose labours the Lord continues to bless and their Auxiliary Society has contributed to the funds of the Parent Institution: five years ending in May 1830 the very respectable sum of £1376 7 3 sterling. What was the amount of subscriptions up to May 1831 we have not the means yet of ascertaining.

In Nova Scotia four additional Branch Societies have this year been formed, viz. Douglas, Guysboro'; Ship Harbour and Sydney in Cape Breton; all which afford encouragement in their liberal and pious efforts to believe that, as the general object of the Wesleyan Missionary Society shall become more extensively known, the patronage of a christian public will not be solicited in vain.

On Sabbath, February 12, sermons were preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Halifax, by the Rev. Messrs. Dowson & Richey in behalf of the Society. The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday evening following, and was most numerous and respectably attended. Rev. W. Black in the chair. Speakers Rev. Messrs. Temple, Crawley, (Baptist) Dowson, Croscombe, Richey and Taylor; and J. Lander Starr, Esq. Messrs. Cooney, Bell, and others. Collection nearly £60.



Missionary Intelligence from the Monthly Notices of the Wesleyan
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MISSIONS IN CEYLON.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Bridgnell, dated Matura, March 31st, 1831

ONE of our society has magnified the grace of God, by a happy death, during the past quarter. I have no doubt that you will feel interested in the particulars: they are worthy of record.

Don Louis Perera departed this life on the morning of January 3d, 1831, in faith and in peace. This young man was a nephew of the Maha Vidan of Belligam. He was about nineteen years of age, and was descended from respectable parents of the Singalese Fisher caste. He was educated under Mr. Lalmon's roof, and was a member of our society in Belligam. Whilst I was at our last District Meeting, he was attacked with a severe fever, cough, and inflammation in his breast. He derived not any, even the least, relief from the several native medical men by whom he was attended. His parents and relations wished to have devil-ceremonies performed; but he was unwilling, and desired his friends to send for Mr. Lalmon. Seeing, however, that they were

all determined to have devil-ceremonies performed, and hence rightly concluding that they would not send for a Christian Missionary, he himself sent a private message to Mr. Lalmon informing him of his circumstances. He and Mrs. Lalmon attended him daily for eleven days previous to his death, and were gratified by receiving from him satisfactory answers relative to the state of his soul, and the goodness of Almighty God.

His relations seeing him in so dangerous a state, and finding no way to obtain his consent to the performance of devil-ceremonies, two of them, his elder brothers, seized his hands, and attempted by force to make him offer a salaam to the devil-dancer. This violence "vexed his righteous soul;" and in the spirit of meekness he thus expostulated with those cruel relatives who would fain have him sacrifice to devils: "Why do ye endeavour to make me do a thing that is evil in the sight of my Redeemer? Go