

NAAS.

The past winter has been one of great trial and toil ; but we rejoice to say the good hand of our God hath been over us for good, so that the year has not been a barren one. By God's blessing we have received thirty-nine into the Church during the year. On the 6th of last month twenty adults were baptized and received into full membership. On the same day a love-feast was held, the Holy Spirit was poured out, and many witnessed to the power of God to cleanse from sin ; and at the evening service, when an invitation was given for all those who were willing to consecrate all to God, to come forward, the whole congregation pressed forward, and the house was full of cries and prayers, and not only were our members quickened, but some who had hitherto been undecided came out "on the Lord's side." Several families leaving heathenism have united with our Mission during the winter months.

Eleven of our members have been called away by death, but our loss has been their gain, for they all left a blessed testimony behind that the Jesus they loved in health was their support in death, and that they have gone to be "forever with the Lord." One young man who had stayed a short time in our village and learned about Jesus, going home with his parents, was taken sick in a heathen village. Against his wish the father called in the old medicine-man, who, doubtless, hastened the poor boy's death. He died in their midst, saying, "Father, forgive me, and wash my sins away in Thy blood ;" and so his ransomed spirit passed from that dark village to a mansion in the sky. Also, an aged woman died happy in Jesus. On her death-bed she saw what appeared to be four white women, who had come to carry her to her son, on the other side of the river (this little one had died when quite young). It seemed a trial for her at first to give up her seven children, but grace was given, and she said, "Jesus will take care of my children," and she passed away, speaking sweetly of heaven. A white man was also brought to Jesus and converted. His eyes were opened, he saw himself a sinner, believed in Jesus, and now makes a profession before all. In class, one evening, he said, "I was born in the land of Sabbath-bells (Scotland), but yet knew nothing of religion, and, after wandering in various parts of the world for thirty-five years, I was led to the Naas River to find Jesus."

No sooner is an Indian converted than he becomes anxious for the conversion of his heathen friends, and never were our Christians more earnestly seeking to draw their friends to Jesus than at the present time. A young man from the interior, who came last spring and joined our Mission, came one morning in November with his Testament, saying, "Please find me that text where it says, 'Jesus' blood cleanseth from all sin,' when I heard you preach that, it warmed my heart, and now I have heard that my mother is sick, I want to carry that word to her ;" and so he went one hundred and twenty miles to tell his heathen friends the good news that Jesus' blood "cleanseth from all sin."