

congregation at Sitabuldee, the following were received, two by baptism, and one, who had been baptised in infancy as a Protestant, on renouncing Popery. Emmiamah, aged twenty, who about a year and a half ago became a nominal Romanist to please her husband, but, in reality, was a heathen, and knew nothing of Christianity save the name. Her husband, who stood by her side to confess his errors and sins and embrace publicly the truth as it is in Jesus, was brought up as a Protestant till the age of twelve, when he became a pervert to Popery to save himself from the petty persecution of those around him. Both of these had been under instruction for some time, and were brought into a state of anxiety about their souls by our catechist at Sitabuldee. The husband, John Vasson, aged thirty-eight, before the congregation expressed deep contrition for his past life; and having renewed in the sight of God and his people his baptismal vows, was with Emmiah his wife, who was baptised, received into the membership of the Church.

"On the same occasion, Liviah, now David, a widow aged forty five was baptized. For several years he has more or less mingled with some of our native Christians, and was often urged to cast in his lot with them, but withstood all efforts till failing health seemed to bring death and judgment near. He then came to entreat us to take his two daughters, respectively eight and six years, and educate them as Christians, while he went to hospital to recover or die of the disease under which he was suffering. We complied with his request to take his children, the eldest of whom came to us in a very weak state from continued fever; but she has now, I am happy to say quite recovered. It has also pleased God to restore him to some measure of health, so that he now feels strong enough to undertake some light employment. On leaving hospital he began to attend the services in our native church, and also to receive private instructions from our catechist. He made rapid progress in the knowledge of the divine word, saw and felt himself to be a lost and helpless sinner, wept and prayed, and having sought, and found the Saviour, so that we had much joy in welcoming him into the number of the little flock.

"Mona, now Ruth, was baptized the following Sabbath, 30th October, at Sitabuldee at the close of our English service. She is a active and interesting young woman of fourteen, the daughter of Mahommedan parents; but from her infancy, in consequence of the death of her father, and the second marriage of her mother, she has been, and still is, the protege of an officer residing at this station, who takes a deep interest in her welfare. Several months ago she was sent to the girls' school at Sitabuldee, and came under our direct teaching and superintendence of Mrs. Cooper, towards whom she manifested great affection; and from her simple and amiable disposition, as well as her great desire to learn, she was loved in return. Her progress in her studies was rapid and satisfactory; so that in a very short time she was able to read, with ease and fluency, the New Testament.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The India Mission of the Irish Presbyterian Church has been greatly blessed in its work. We copy the following from the January number of the *Missionary Herald*. It will be seen that while the missionaries have not been without tokens of the divine favour in their work, a sore famine has come upon the people of the land in which they are labouring. The benevolence of the heathen, as referred to in the following communication, is worthy of all praise. The Rev. Messrs. Wells and Dixon, missionaries recently sent out to India, have arrived safely at their fields of labour.

"I believe I have not written to you since recovering from the severe attack of illness under which I was still prostrate when Dr. Taylor wrote you last from Surat. I am thankful to say that my recovery is now complete; and I am able to conduct three services in the church on Sabbath, the duties of pre-