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## HINDOO BIOGRAPHY.

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**KRISHNA-PAL** was born in a part of Chandernagore, called Bura-Cram, somewhere about the year 1764, for he used to relate that he was a boy four or five years old at the time of the famine in Bengal, in 1789-70. His father's name was Moolukbund-Pal, his mother's Nullta. Agreeably to the customs of the Hindoos, he followed his father's trade, who belonged to the chootur, or carpenter cast.

Krishna was, for some time, the disciple of the Matpara Gosai, but afterwards became a follower of Ram-Shurun-Pal, of Ghospara. Respecting this last change of teacher, Krishna himself has written an account in a letter addressed to W. Skinner, Esq. of Bristol, who kindly supported Krishna for some years before his death.

It appears from this letter that Krishna carried the news of salvation from the mouths of the Ganges to Benares, and beyond the extremities of the Company's territories to the east; and that in most of these places he had seals to his ministry.

As a preacher, Krishna was truly evangelical in his views. He preached Christ, none but Christ, and Christ, the suffering, the atoning Saviour. He would often tell his countrymen how Justice and Mercy embraced each other in the undertakings of the Redeem-

\* This name denotes one of the flock of Krishna, the Hindoo idol; pal, meaning a flock.

er. He would contrast, with wonderful effect, Christ washing the feet of his disciples, with the Hindoo spiritual guide, having his foot on the disciple prostrate at his feet. He would dwell with delight on the divine properties of the Redeemer, proving from thence that he only was the true Gooroo, and would confirm these descriptions by reading to his heathen auditors the Redeemer's sermon on the Mount. His method was mild and persuasive, and the sight was truly edifying to see this Hindoo convert in his simple native dress in the pulpit, pleading with his countrymen, and beseeching them to be reconciled to God.

As a private Christian, Krishna stood high among his brethren, as well as among Europeans, by all of whom he was recognized as an upright and truly sincere and amiable Christian.

In consequence of distresses in his family which had embittered many of his last days, Krishna was anxious to go and live in some quiet retreat, where he might speak of his Saviour, and end his days in peace. In the midst of these cogitations, on Wednesday, the 21st of August last, in the forenoon, he was attacked by the fatal cholera; and though his relations neglected no long to apply for medicine, yet at first the disorder appeared to give way to medical applications. The next day the medical gentleman residing at Serampore was called in by the missionaries; but he gave it as his decided opinion that the patient could not recover. Still Krishna lingered through the day,