

brought upon him. However, Narrainswami was not so dismayed at their threats; and even though his brother now urged him to give up all thoughts of becoming a Christian, he resolved, at all hazards, to cast in his lot with the Lord's people. For this purpose he obtained leave, much against the advice of his friends, and came to Nagpore. He reads and speaks English very well, a knowledge of which he acquired in the regimental school. I was much satisfied with his examination. He seems a very seriously disposed, and is an intelligent young man, especially in regard to the Scriptures. He was baptized with others just to be named, on the 29th April.

"3rd. Budruma, about forty years of age, is the widowed mother of Mark. She, with her son Subaraidoo, aged thirteen, and her daughter of nine years, have all been under special instruction for the last three and a half months. Both Mark and Haraland, our catechist, have taken much pains to instruct them in the way of life. With the examination of the mother I was very much pleased, but of the boy and girl it is more difficult to speak. Mark is the head of the family, and ever since his baptism he has impressed us all with a deep sense of his piety, so that from what I know of the family I had no difficulty in administering the ordinance to the mother and her two children.

"Let us hope that these are additional tokens that the Lord's kingdom is advancing in our midst. On the other hand, we have occasionally our trials and disappointments. At the end of last year, Sugal Vesbore, who was baptized about a year previous, suddenly left us during the holidays, on the plea of going to visit his mother who had come to Leonee. He has never returned, but whether it is his own choice or not we cannot tell. It may be that he has been detained by force; but it is a little suspicious that he has left some *debt* behind him, although the amount is not large. We hope the best of him.

"Another, who renounced popery some time ago, since the death of his wife has either gone back or become indifferent towards the things that concern his eternal welfare.

"These are trials that are common; but the Lord, who undertakes for us, may chastise and humble us, but he will not forsake his own chosen ones, or allow them to be destroyed by him who goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour."

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

BORSAD, 20th June, 1866.

TWENTY FOUR BAPTISMS AT ONE TIME.

I wrote to you last mail, yet resume my pen to communicate what you and the friends at home will be interested to know.

Most of the facts connected with the movement among the Dheds some time ago were reported to you at the time of their occurrence. The excitement, which continued for a season, as you know gradually subsided. We have since had time to take a calm review of the various and somewhat perplexing—I may almost say contradictory—features of the movements. As you may remember, I was not sanguine of very great or very remarkable results, for former experiences had made me cautious. Yet I was sanguine of being, by the grace of God, allowed to gather some fruit. The first-fruits were gathered by our brother, Mr. Moore, some time ago, in the baptism of those who had removed from this neighbourhood to Shahawadi. I have now to report the baptism, on the 10th of this month, of eight men, nine women, and seven children—in all, twenty-four persons.

This does not increase the number of our Christian community, as reported to you in my last statistical statement. It only removes the above number from the class of candidates to that of the baptized. It is satisfactory that after more than two years of trial, the names of so many were