

settlement 250 miles from that place, two eminent Bramins had been converted, one of whom has become a teacher, and is translating the Evangelists into Persian; a chapter of which, with a comment, he gives his hearers at a time.

Another person, a Mr. Brown, from England, has also learned the Persian, and has several hundred hearers, who have formed a church; some of these persons of rank and fortune in the service of the Company. A Sunday evening lecture is also established at Calcutta.

*A Remarkable Circumstance.*—Ten brothers, the youngest of whom is sixty years of age, dined together in this city on Christmas Day. Their name is Cannon, and they are all in the clock making line. There were twelve of them till within these four years past.

*Extraordinary Gift.*—Some months ago it was mentioned in the papers that the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge in the Highlands of Scotland, had received notice, that a person had devoted to the use of this Society, the sum of 10,000l. Bank Stock, which is worth about 12,000l. sterling.

The person who communicated this intelligence, was I. Hawkins Brown, Esq. M. P. who said he was ready to pay the money in the manner the donor had appointed; but was not at liberty by any means to give up the name of the donor, not to say whether he was alive or dead, whether this great sum was a gift, or a bequest.

So uncommon an instance of charity could not fail to excite numberless conjectures, but all improbable and vague. It occurred to many that this money was the bequest of the late Mr. Thornton, of Clapham; and no man certainly was so likely as to favour the supposition, as he was one of the most charitable men of the age, and really an ornament to human nature. But his family having positively denied that he had bequeathed such a sum, the conjecture ended.

The whole sum has lately been transferred into the Society's Stock, and the name of the donor is at present, and is likely to remain a profound secret; and no artifice has ever been effectual to throw the least light upon it.

Lieutenant Grant, who lately appeared in a duel with Mr. French, of Galway, in which the latter was killed some time since, was, on the morning of the 22d inst. called out by a friend of the deceased. They met near Leiby—stood at seven yards distance. Poor Grant was shot through the heart the first fire, and in falling, or at the same instant, wounded his

antagonist, Mr. Harrison, of the County of Galway, desperately in the thigh.

Grant, when called upon by French, sold his commission, to pay some debts, before he would go out.

A religious society is established at Manchester called the *Stranger's Friend*, for the purpose of relieving and assisting all denominations in preference to their own.

The following melancholy affair happened in the county of Wexford a few days ago. Some gentlemen sitting together, one of them, not very sober, after a little altercation with another of the company, struck him with his fist. The gentlemen interposed, and the quarrel seemed to subside, and all parted in apparent good humour. Next morning the offended person called on his antagonist, and demanded immediate satisfaction. The gentleman offered to ask pardon in any place that might be agreed on, for an insult which he much regretted, and should never have given it if he had not been in liquor. This offer not being accepted, the parties, with their seconds, went to the ground, when the gentleman again offered to ask pardon, but without effect. Each then took his station; and both discharged their pistols, when a ball entered the challenger's left eye, and killed him on the spot.

A miser is just dead at Paris, who seems to have pushed the art of self mortification on a point beyond old Elwes himself. Till the period of the Revolution he had an old woman to attend upon him, but he dismissed her at that time, and procured a shoeblack to attend him. Every Monday morning this new servant waited on his master, and laid into his garter the provisions of the week, which were never varied; they consisted of three half pints of wine, four pounds of bread, and three penny-worth of cheese. He had a considerable library, and appears never to have quitted his apartment for many years: in it were found four thousand louis d'ors in gold, great sums in silver, plate, &c. This property goes to an only daughter, who is unmarried, but to whom he never gave the smallest portion.

The King's Library at Paris, which was originally founded by the Cardinal Richelieu, and which is said to contain above two hundred thousand volumes, is an admirable institution. On Wednesdays and Fridays it is open to persons of all descriptions, from nine to one o'clock, who may consult any book or manuscript, under the superintendance of a librarian; and it is open every day, lately, to the Deputies of the National Assembly.