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STATE OF THE CHURCH—INQUIRERS.

The result of our labors, up to the present time, is as follows:—Fourteen persons have been baptized; ten males and four females. These, together with Ko Lha, who was baptized in Rangoon, and left here when Dr. Price died, have been organized into a church, and one of their number, Ko Gwa, has been ordained a deacon. All, except two, live in the city. They attend worship on the Sabbath, and the monthly concert, at our house. Some of them have established family worship. We think their piety is as consistent as could reasonably be expected from persons who have so recently emerged from the darkness and superstition of idolatry. Three have been employed by us—partly with a view to prepare them for usefulness, and partly because what little assistance they could give, was needed. We have labored to have them all understand that it was their duty to do all in their power to instruct their neighbors, and set them an example of every thing good and lovely. Considering the terrors of Government, they have been as bold as could be expected, and there are instances of conversion through their instrumentality. The inquirers are first found out by them, and brought to us.

There are now eight persons who for some time have been hopeful inquirers. They appear well, and profess to believe in Jesus Christ; but whether any one of them will be bold enough to put on Christ by baptism, is more than we can say.* There is

* We have the pleasure to say, that on the 5th inst., since the above was written, three of the inquirers have been baptized, which makes now the whole number who have been baptized 17—males 13, females 4, and with Ko Lha, 18 who are members of the church. Another, Moung Shway loon, was baptized Sept. 25. See Mr. Kincaid's journal, p. 191.

also one brahmin who professes to believe, and often visits us, but is timid.

There is another and very numerous class of inquirers, who read our books, visit us, ask a great many questions, and yet give no evidence that the truth has reached their hearts. Some of them continue to go to the pagodas, and some do not.

Of the scholars taught in our school, three have become pious. Two have been baptized in Ava, and one in Maulmein. The latter is now at the theological school in Tavoy.

Through the medium of our tracts and conversation with transient visitors the light of truth is carried abroad into hundreds of towns and villages, and an impulse is thus given to the minds of the people, the result of which eternity alone will disclose.—*Id.*

TRACT AND VOLUME DISTRIBUTION.

EVIDENCES OF THE DIVINE BLESSING.

Said a sailor, "I had for many years been a profane, drunken, dissipated man. On leaving an American port for the East Indies, *Baxter's Call to the Unconverted* was put into my hands. Laid it away in my trunk until one half of the voyage was performed, then took it up and read it. Its influence on me has been such, that I have not since uttered an oath, nor used a drop of ardent spirits. I owe it to the instructions of that volume that I have now a hope in Christ, and enjoy more in a single day than I did during all the years of my impenitency.

Rev. Mr. M—, of A—, declared to his congregation, that if ever he was converted, it was by the means of hearing a *single page* read from *Baxter's Saints' Rest*.

A young lady who had not the privilege of going to meeting on the Sabbath, received from one of our