

to baptize the three in the Free Church on Sabbath forenoon, if not prevented in the case of the youngest by the interposition of the high court. There is another at Culna confessedly under age. I would like to see his case tried in court. He is decidedly more advanced in knowledge than the three now here. The late decision at Bombay upsets Sir Mordaunt Wells in the case of Hemnath Basu. But in the present state of the law the decision will depend very much upon the personal feelings of the judge."

Again, in a subsequent letter, dated 22nd September, Mr. Fyfe writes :

"In my last letter I mentioned that I was in hourly expectation of having a writ of *habeas corpus* served on me in the case of one of the young men from Culna. On Saturday evening the 10th instant, I received the following letter :

" ' CALCUTTA, 10th September, 1864

" ' REV. SIR,—I am instructed by Sreemony Sonamoney Douy, the mother and natural guardian of Kameda Behari Mullick, an infant who is now in your custody, to call upon you at once to give up the said Kameda Behari Mullick to his said guardian. Unless you comply with this request forthwith I am instructed to inform you that I shall at once apply for a writ of *habeas corpus* to compel you to do so. My client objects to the infant remaining with you during his minority, and I trust you will see the propriety of complying with this request without putting the parties to further expense and trouble. I am, &c.,

" ' (Signed)

M. J. PEARSON."

"The foregoing letter reached me on Saturday evening. I had arranged with Mr. Don to preach, and baptize the three young men in the church, Wesley Square, on the following Sabbath forenoon. After mature deliberation I resolved to postpone the baptism of Kamedh Behari. Some urged me not to be deterred by the letter, but still I deemed it expedient not to proceed to his baptism under these circumstances. I accordingly took him to the church with the other two, and stated to the congregation what I had resolved to do. I think the case excited much interest. I baptized the other two, and read the above letter as my reason for not then baptizing Kamedh Behari. During the week I expected to receive the writ of *habeas corpus*, but as it never came I asked Mr. McDonald to baptize him on Sabbath evening last. This was accordingly done in the evening at Cornwallis Square.

ADDITIONAL BAPTISMS.—The Rev. Mr. McDonald, writing to Dr. Duff on the 8th October, after adverting to the prementioned cases of baptism, announces further addition as follows :

"These were no sooner baptized than other three came from Culna, also seeking to be enrolled under the banner of the Cross. One of them, however, we considered it inexpedient to baptize at present. The second was baptized by Mr. De, in presence of a large congregation of his countrymen, many of them young men from the Presidency College. He preached to them a powerful sermon on Paul's conversion. The third has not been baptized yet, but (D.V.) will be to-morrow forenoon by Mr. Don, if service can be conducted in the church, on account of the injury done to it by the storm. His baptism was also delayed because of a threat of a writ of *habeas corpus*. A writ was actually taken out, but not served, as I understand, because the counsel or attorney engaged by them, on considering the case in connection with the recent cases in Bombay and the Punjaub, came to the conclusion that there was no hope of success, and consequently advised his clients not to proceed further.

"We have reason to believe that our God is working graciously in the souls of some of the children in the orphanage. We expect one (Roogenia) to be baptized very soon, and another (Reebie Paulet), if not two, being the fourth since we came here, to be admitted to the Lord's Supper. Both of them are giving great satisfaction to Mrs. McDonald."