

are compelled to flee; though the lambs of Christ's fold are there scattered among wolves, and exposed to all that is fearful in the wrath of cruel persecutors, already thirsting for their blood, Burmah will yet be illuminated and saved; and I believe her redemption draweth nigh. We hope to be able to return and enter on our labors there under more auspicious circumstances, and yet live to see the goodness of the Lord in gathering in the millions of that empire into the kingdom of Christ.

Bro. Simons and myself left Rangoon on the 24th ult., after prayerful deliberation. Not only the prospect of war with the British government, but the country, just now, is in a dreadful state of agitation from a rebellion which is going on in favour of the deposed king and family. The governor of Rangoon is crucifying, embowelling, cutting out tongues, &c., &c., of all whom he suspects of disaffection. All foreigners are suspected, and we among the rest. It is known that a great many Karens are under our influence. Our staying under these circumstances not only endangered their lives, but our own.

We therefore thought it our duty to leave for a season, hoping soon to return under the British flag.

ENGLAND.

(From a Private Letter.)

LONDON, June 10, 1839.

The state of our denomination during the past year has been quite as prosperous as from the powerful political excitement of our country could have been expected. Within the last few months many of our churches, both in London and the country, have held protracted meetings with delightful results.

I received a week or two ago, from a good plain brother, in a very small village, called Muckworthy, in Devonshire, an account of such a meeting, the effect of which has already been the baptism of 49 persons, on April 28 last, and he is expecting again to engage in the same delightful employment shortly.

One of our brethren, too, in the immediate vicinity of London, has not less than 150 inquirers as the result of a week's uninterrupted services. Will you not, dear brother, pray that these happy events may become universal. O, if we were like our Master, we should surely do more good!

P. S. We have on next Friday evening a valedictory service on account of the departure of our dear brother, W. H. Pearce, and four new missionaries and their wives to India. One of them trained for the Established church of Switzerland.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

According to the second annual report, the amount of receipts during the year, including a balance of \$4,200 44 from last year, is \$62,977 62, exclusive of \$2,500 received from the American Tract Society, and \$1,000 from the American Bible Society. The expenditures have been \$53,570 06, leaving a balance of \$9,409 56. Five missionaries, four of whom were married men, have been sent out during the year.

In Northern India, at Lodianna, Subathu, Saharunpur, Allahabad, and Putteghur, schools of different grades are established under the care of the missionaries, at which 546 children are instructed. Three additional missionaries are soon to be sent to these stations. From the press twenty-four works had been issued in five different languages, making 516 pages, amounting to 70,493 copies, or 1,355,030 pages. Operation have also been commenced among the North American Indians, in Western Africa, and in China.

The general aspect of the missions in India is encouraging. The earlier missionaries have acquired such a knowledge of the language, that they can preach the Gospel to the natives in their own tongue. The Board notice with thankfulness that four native assistants, pious and qualified men, are engaged at different stations; two of them brought to the knowledge of the truth by the blessing of God upon the labors of our brethren. The demand for the Scriptures, and for religious tracts and school books, is very great; and the presses will do much to supply the neighborhoods around the stations. But to meet the demand for missionary laborers in these large and populous regions, many more must be sent out by the churches. Twelve ministers of the Gospel, one teacher, and one printer, the number now there, are placed among a population of 40,000,000. What are these among so many! Still, a beginning has been made, and much preparatory work has been done and the door is wide open for four or five times the present number, who are even now required to occupy the prominent places among these perishing millions; to carry to them, as it were, the word of life; relying on the blessing of God upon their efforts to raise up a supply of laborers from among themselves, to erect the standard of the cross in all their cities and villages, and to carry the Gospel to the nations around them, who are now equally benighted with themselves.

"All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."—*Isaiah*.