

hard to support himself, should ever become the celebrated Dr. Carey, through whose means the whole Bible was translated into six different languages, and the New Testament into twenty-three. From the little church he planted in India he lived to see twenty-six Mission churches, and still more blessed, to witness thousands of poor heathen forsake their idols and become the followers of Jesus, the only Saviour of mankind. But God seeth not as man seeth, and he was preparing him by early trials for still greater suffering in his service. The first thing that made Carey think about going to the heathen, was this; in his little school, he used to teach his scholars geography, and when he was pointing out first one foreign country and then another, he began to think about the people who lived in them—what was their condition, how they lived, what was their religion, and other things, and these thoughts worked in his mind until he could not but devote himself to the work of carrying to them the glad news of salvation. When he first arrived in India, he had a great deal to discourage him—often he was so poor he knew not where to get food for his family,—he could not speak or preach to the people till he had learnt their language, which is very difficult,—the Hindoos were wholly given over to idolatry, and would not for a long time even listen to the story of peace. Here is a description of one of their goddesses:—Kally, is the goddess of destruction, “she is the most dreadful looking figure you can imagine, she stands upon a dead man, round her waist is a kind of girdle strung with small figures of human skulls, just as you string beads upon a bracelet, she has four arms, and her tongue hangs out of her mouth below her chin.” To this figure the poor people bring offerings before they are going to begin any work; before their harvest, for instance, thinking that she has power to give them success in their labour. Sometimes the Missionary would say to them, “What is your God made of, is it a wooden one or a stone one?”