

the dying love of our common Saviour. Truly we are all one in Christ Jesus.

31st.—About ten o'clock at night we had the bell rung with a view to hold our watch-night; and after calling the attention of the people to the necessity of diligence and watchfulness in the Christian warfare, the congregation was addressed by native exhorters, namely, William Kama, (Chief,) Jantji Guka, David Busak, Peter Spolter, and Thomas Poopanny, all of whom gave very feeling and appropriate exhortations, after which we concluded the year in silent prayer, and entered upon the present year with thanksgiving to God for the mercies of the past year, which has been the most profitable, and successful that I have ever witnessed in Caffreland, 18 adults, have been admitted into the Christian church by baptism, and a considerable number still remain on trial, besides a number of school children, who are under the influence of the Holy Spirit. O that the present year may be as the past, and much more abundant!

Jan. 15th, 1832.—This day we had our Missionary Collection in the chapel, which amounts to £1. 4s. 6d.; and although it is but a small sum, it is nevertheless the beginning of a system which will increase when the influence of the Gospel is more generally felt amongst the people. It was truly pleasing to see the children collecting the gum from the various trees, and bringing to sell for a few pence,

in order that they might give something at the collection, and also the women bringing milk for several babies for the same purpose. "Who hath despised the day of small things?" We who reside amongst them regard this as the commencement of a better state of things, and the dawn of a brighter day: not that I would be too sanguine in my expectations, but I cannot but remark the pleasing indications which I see and hear, such as the people's inquiring when we shall visit them again, and how glad they shall be when the time comes that we shall again preach in their neighbourhood, &c. Many of them are much more serious in their prayers, and more spiritual as to the subject matter of their prayers. Formerly they would scarcely mention any thing in their prayers but cattle, but now they are frequently heard acknowledging their sins, and requesting pardon for the same, and several times of late I have been much affected while witnessing the seriousness with which they have retired, after preaching, to the shade of different trees to offer up their simple prayers to God for his blessing upon the Preacher, and the word preached. By making the above remarks, I do not wish you to think that we have now no discouragements on Caffraria; on the contrary we have many such we do not wish to mention, except it is to request an interest in your prayers, and the prayers of the friends of Missions.

OBITUARY

Mrs. MARTHA ALISON departed this life on Sunday evening, July 7th, after a lingering illness which by a gracious Providence was greatly sanctified to her, and we trust also to her relatives. Mrs. Alison was a person of a generous and sympathizing mind, whose neighbours as well as family felt, that in her removal they had sustained a great loss. She had been a member of the Methodist Society for many years, and though a seeker of religion, did not enjoy its full consolations until confined to her room by the disorder which ended in her death. Then, convinced that "This was not her rest;" and encouraged by a gracious application of this assurance to her mind that "The Lord's ear is not heavy that he cannot hear: that his arm is not shortened that

he cannot save," she sought him with her whole heart and soon obtained "redemption in the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins;" and sustained by the grace of God, she bore her sickness with that patience which, accompanied as it was with holy thankfulness, indicated no less the genuineness of her conversion, than the vigour of her faith, which as an anchor was cast within the veil. She felt Christ to be precious, *very precious* to her soul; and with an undoubting persuasion of enduring felicity through the merits of her Redeemer, she departed this life in the 40th year of her age, leaving an affectionate husband, and large family, to lament their loss; yet not as those in the demise of whose relatives there may be little reason to hope.