

MISSIONARY REGISTER.

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BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

[ENGLAND.]

The annual meeting of the subscribers and friends to this excellent institution was held at Finsbury Chapel (London), on Thursday the 3rd of May. The attendance was larger than we remember to have witnessed on any former anniversary. C. LUSHINGTON, Esq., M.P. was in the chair, and addressed the meeting in a very impressive speech, after which Mr. Dyer, the Secretary, read the report.

It was stated that in Calcutta the mission had been considerably weakened by the necessary absence of the Rev. W. Pearce, and, more recently, by the illness of Messrs. Ellis and Geo. Pearce. There had been a slight increase in the number of attendants at Circular Road Chapel. At Salkeya, seven persons had been baptized. The Bengali New Testament was finished at the press in the month of April. At the request of the committee of the Calcutta Bible Society, Mr. Yates had put to press his new version of the Psalms; in the Hindostani an improved version of the New Testament was proceeding. In the Sanscrit language a version of the New Testament founded on the basis of the Bengali was in course of execution. The village station at Khari, on account of its distance from Calcutta, had been left almost entirely to the care of native assistants. Additions had been made to the churches at Cutwa. In Ceylon

the schools attached to the mission afforded evidence of the divine blessing. It next directed attention to the West Indies. By a general statement, presented at the annual meeting of the association of the churches in Jamaica, it appeared that the number of churches was thirty, connected with which there were thirty-three smaller stations where worship was conducted on the Lord's day, or during the week, and the Lord's supper was occasionally administered. There were also sixteen estates on which schools were established. The number of pupils reported was 10,903. Forty-two male and female teachers were engaged in this important work, besides which between two and three hundred "Leaders"—a class of helpers adapted to the circumstances of the Jamaica population—rendered what aid they could. It then gave an interesting account of the progress of the mission, in other parts of the island, and went on to state that a union had been effected between the Serampore Mission and this Society. In the receipts of the Society there had been an increase since the last report of more than £3,000; the amount, not including £3,564 received specially for India, had risen to £14,332. Several sums had been given for specific objects, so that the amount applicable for the general purposes of the Society was £12,144. On the other hand enlarged exertions had augmented the expenditure, and the result was a balance against the Society of £3,993 16 2, besides bills