

We trust that we shall have the prayers of the Free Church to call down a blessing on these beginnings and first-fruits from the heathen.

In regard to the two Mohammedans, of whom I wrote to you in my last letter, the older and more interesting, Mahommed Beker, was admitted into the Church by baptism. On Sunday evening, the 29th December, Mr. Ewart baptized him, and will give you an account of the baptism, and his impressions of the man previously. His wife, I am happy to say, and her child, have not forsaken him, and are now in a boat, accompanying Behary and others of the converts on a preaching and Bible and tract distributing tour into the interior. The other, Ele Bua, now employed on the railroad, was with me yesterday—his work lying in this vicinity—and will probably be baptized next Lord's day by Mr. Miller or me.

EXAMINATION OF THE NATIVE FEMALE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY THE 20TH DECEMBER 1850.

From Madras Native Herald.

Many friends of Bible education were present on this occasion, and many warm and devoted friends were not there: they had returned to Europe, or removed into the interior. Among the numerous and interested spectators were Sir W. W. Burton, the Hon. D. Eliot, W. A. Morehead, Esq., and Mrs. Morehead, A. E. Bruce, Esq., &c. &c. Mr. Anderson and Rajahgopaul, to the joy of the native church and many others, were also in their places, after an absence of more than a year and a half in Scotland.

Besides the native Christian females, there were a few older females, the mothers of some of the little girls, who doubtless felt a deep interest in what was going on, as they cast their eyes toward the assembled ladies and gentlemen, and then turned them on the many benches filled with the little girls, whose intelligent and bright faces painfully contrasted with the fear and ignorance and dullness that marked their own, and forcibly suggested the sad neglect in which they had been allowed to grow up. But among all who witnessed the proceedings that day, there were perhaps none whose looks manifested a livelier interest than a few of the old monitors of the Institution, now burdened with the toils and cares of their several employments, who could not but feel astonished to hear their own young countrywomen, of as good a status as themselves in the native community, expressing themselves fluently and accurately in English, on the momentous truths of revealed religion, on geography, and on the grand events and characters of history. When they remembered the discussions on Female Education, held in the Institution eleven and twelve years ago (when not one caste female was in any Bi-

ble day school in Madras), and saw the intelligence, the refinement of taste and feeling, the solid acquisitions, the real hold of that truth which alone reaches the heart and reforms the character, possessed especially by the female converts, they must have felt that a great triumph had been won for native female education, that the means now at work in Madras require only to be multiplied throughout India to regenerate all its females, that Christianity which scatters such blessings in this world of sin and tears must be from God, and that those must be happy who fully yield themselves to its power.

The Female Converts under Mrs. Anderson's care during the year 1850.

The Chairman, Sir Wm. Burton, asked them to repeat the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, which they did fairly, although they had not been upon it for some months, he then, along with Mr. A., put to them a number of searching and difficult questions, the ready and able answers given to which appeared exceedingly to gratify him and all who heard them. After one or two preliminary questions, he asked—

'What concern have the saints in the resurrection of Christ?' Answer—'They are part of Christ, they are one with Him; and if Christ is risen they also rise.'

'When is that to take place?' 'At the last day.'

'Are the spirits of just men fully entered into blessedness?' 'Not till the last day.'

'Why?' 'Because their bodies will then be risen.' 'Are the bodies of the saints in the grave at present?' 'Yes.' 'Where is the body of Enoch and of Elijah?' 'In heaven.' 'Where is Christ's body?' 'At the right hand of the Father.'

'Will only believers be raised at the last day?' 'The wicked and the ungodly also.' 'Why?' 'To be judged—the righteous will be taken to heaven, and the ungodly cast down to hell.'

'What is the nature of the everlasting life which the righteous shall enjoy?' 'They will have perfect blessedness—they will see Christ face to face.' 'What kind of bodies will they have?' 'Glorious bodies.' 'Will they have any imperfection, any sin?' 'No.' 'Is the best saint perfect on Earth?' 'No, because there is some sin in him.' 'Will it be so in heaven?' 'No.' 'Will there be any thing then in his nature contrary to God's nature?' 'No.' 'What kind of heart will he have?' 'A pure heart.' 'What shall they see?' 'They shall see God.' 'Is that part of the blessedness of the righteous in heaven?' 'Yes.'

Sir William Burton expressed his high satisfaction with what he had seen in nearly the following words:—

'I am sure, my friends, you will agree with me in admitting the great gratification that we have this day received. I am sure that it is the opinion of every body that bet-