

eyes! But I must restrain my feelings for the present, and notice the business-part of your letters.

We are exceedingly gratified by the account you give of the success of your appeal, and begin to anticipate the speedy realization of the object, and that ere long we shall hail the arrival of more than one to labour with us, as the result of your exertions; but though, in one sense, help cannot come too soon, I almost wish the departure from England were so timid as not to risk health and life by the arrival of our brethren in either hot weather or the rains. Yet come when they may, we shall receive them with delight. But what shall I say about the transfer? We were prepared to receive news and instructions of some kind, but little anticipated what has taken place, though we most heartily rejoice in it, and most cordially approve of the manner in which it has been brought about.

You may assure Mr. Dyer and the Committee that we shall, every one of us, be ready to do every thing in our power to render the *working* of the measure here as pleasant to all parties, as the making the arrangements has been to them; and really such is the apparent temper, feelings, desires, and intentions of the parties concerned, so far as we can see and judge of them, that I conceive very little difficulty will be met with.

Mr. Thompson was down from Serampore a few days ago; he is desirous of returning to Delhi. We think he should do so. He says the Sanscrit Gospels and Testaments would be most acceptable in those parts, and find readers. He was particularly delighted with the prospect of this version being procurable. He says he shall be thankful to have as large a supply of Scriptures for distribution as we can give him. I have written requesting him to let us know what success he has had, and what are the prospects of usefulness at Delhi. How wonderful are the several coincidences in the late events! The formation of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and the efficient aid rendered us by it, and this at the moment when we were just prepared to turn it to account—the transfer of the other stations to our Society; thus providing vastly large facilities for the wide circulation of the Scriptures, so soon as they shall be ready, the success of your appeal, and the consequent addition to our number, we trust, of several efficient missionaries, and the union of the Baptist denomination in England in Missionary enterprise, who will now be both better disposed and better able to aid us in carrying forward our various labours, and among the rest, this of giving to the millions of India the word of God. I cannot help feeling a strong persuasion that

God is about to do great things by us, as he has done great things for us.

But you will want to hear how we are. Through mercy my health continues good, also the children's; Mrs. T. is often ailing, though better than she was a week or two ago. A letter was received about a fortnight ago from brother George Pearce from Bombay. He was better, but not fully restored. He had taken his passage to Madras, whence he would come by the first opportunity to Calcutta. We hope they may be able to return to their accustomed duties. Brother Ellis soon expects to baptize several of the youths in his school. All go on there as to afford great satisfaction and encouragement. We shall anxiously look out for more intelligence both by ship and overland despatch.

With united and ardent affection to you and your dear Martha, and hopes of seeing you before another year has elapsed,

I remain, yours truly,
J. THOMAS.

ENGLAND.

BAPTIST STATISTICS.

The Report of the 26th Annual Session of the Baptist Union has just been published. It presents more full details than is afforded of the state of any other denomination of Christians. It states that in the United Kingdom there are 1,524 Baptist Churches, that 877 of them are united in local associations, and 449 of them form the Baptist Union. In 855 of the churches from which returns have been received, there are 78,893 members, and 451 of the Sunday Schools' Report, 38,449 scholars: 373 of the churches supply preaching to 968 villages. During the past year, in 844 of the churches, 4,485 persons were baptized by immersion; the clear increase, after deducting deaths, removals, &c. was 3,247. There had been 34 new churches formed during the year; 94 ministers ordained, 36 chapels built or enlarged, and 22 pastors had died. The Report abounds with interesting details relating to the Baptist denomination in every part of the empire.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Those of our readers who have an opportunity of seeing the last three or four numbers of the *Toronto Christian Guardian*, will find the discussion of this question, in its relation to Canada, very ably conducted. We have not room to pursue the subject now—but we hope its friends will be on the alert.