

and of their courts of law and revenue, which is called indifferently Jessore, Sahebgunge, Kusba, and Moorley. Badpookereeya, one of the subordinate stations, lies about forty miles to the northward, and Bhursapore, the other, about fifty-six miles to the southward of the central station; and the former is occupied by one native preacher, and the latter by two, one of whom also teaches a school for the education of the youth, both Christian and heathen, of the station.

The following is part of Mr. Parry's report for 1836: "With regard to the conversion of the heathen, I am happy to add—thanks be to God for his rich mercy and grace—that six poor blind sinners have this year been turned from the error of their ways. One gave up caste, a Hindoo, and has been residing with our brethren at Bhursapore for some months past. He has made some progress in Christian knowledge. He has begun to learn to read. When I saw him last he knew his letters, and I dare say by this time he is able to read. He is about forty years of age, and has no family but a son, who has forsaken him since he came amongst us.

"Aradhun, another Hindoo, who has for many years past been in the habit of reading our tracts and visiting our Christian friends, has discarded the whole system of Hindooism, and admires the purity, consistency, and divine origin of the Christian religion.—Formerly, he used warmly to oppose the truths of the gospel. He had often before wished to embrace Christianity, but an aged mother, who is deaf and extremely ignorant, threatened to destroy herself if he did so, which hitherto prevented him. About eight months ago, he happened to attend the court of this place on business, and took opportunities of calling on me frequently. I warned him most seriously of the danger of delaying to come to Christ, and told him that he required us to give up all, even parents, for his sake; exhorted him to prefer Christ to all things else; heaven to all earthly joys; holiness to sin. Shortly after he left this, he called on our friends at Bhursapore, and, for the first time, voluntarily ate with them, and told them he would no longer delay in making an open profession of Christianity. He is much respected by his neighbours, can read, and has got through the greater part of the Bible. His sister-in-law seems willing to embrace Christianity also. He has a grown up son, a young man, who is quite indifferent about his salvation. The poor mother of our brother is so perfectly deaf, that it is quite impossible to convey to her any idea of the gospel.

"Jebun-Krishna, an old Hindoo, of about fifty, heard of the Saviour through some of his neighbours. Many years ago he embraced

the tenets of the Hindoo sect, called *Vishnu*, thinking that by being a follower of Krishna he might obtain salvation. But still he was dissatisfied, as he could not believe that one sinner could save another. He hailed with joy a Saviour who was holy, and had given his life a ransom for sinners. Old as he is, he has commenced learning his letters, and I suppose by this time he is able to read.

"Besides, there are three other Hindoos under conviction, viz., Kebul-ram, Saphul-ram, and Ram-Krishna. I have built them a place of worship in their village, at their own request, where they all meet as often as they can on week-days, but regularly on the Sabbath. They do no kind of work on that day. This testimony was borne before me by their heathen neighbours; and they also added, that these who were about embracing Christianity were good and respectable men, their conduct being blameless. On my last visit, I was delighted to hear such things of my new converts.

"At Badpookereeya, three candidates for baptism were proposed at our last church meeting there, the wife and brother of Ramdhun, the native preacher, and a poor old widow. She has been attending on the means of grace for a year. She and her daughter were favoured with the light of the gospel about twelve years ago, but they never sought to walk in the way of life. The poor daughter, about a year and a half ago, was suddenly overtaken by death, and, I fear, quite unprepared. This event, through the mercy of God, has been made instrumental to warn her of her danger. The whole number who appear to have received the grace of God are ten, and, if it please God, in a short time we hope to receive them into the church, to the praise and glory of that blessed Saviour who shed his blood for us all."

#### DINAGEPORE AND SADHAMUHAL.

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The district of Dinagepore, lying towards Bootan, in the northern part of Bengal, is of great extent, and has a population of no less than three millions. It is likewise one of the districts in which there are no other missionaries, and is that which enjoyed the early labours of Carey and Thomas, soon after their arrival in India. The church here was raised by the instrumentality of the late Mr. Fernandez, who had residences both at Dinagepore, the chief town of the district, and at Samhaduhal, a village about twenty-four miles to the north-east, which he bequeathed to the mission. Mr. Smylie resides steadily at Dinagepore, and visits Sadhamuhal occasionally; whilst Bhoodoo,