

It was like the slave clanking his chains with insensate satisfaction in the mere sound. If the blessing of the Holy Ghost accompany the labours of which they witnessed some results, what a different place will these daughters occupy from that of their ignorant parents! It was indeed a stirring sight to look at these young daughters of India, row behind row, over whom many believing hearts, alike in Scotland and India, are yearning, and to know how thoroughly they are trained in Bible truth.

BOMBAY.

We invite the readers attention to the following extracts from an interesting letter from Dr. Wilson, dated Bombay, January 29, 1853. No one can read it without being led to give thanks to God in behalf of the devoted men labouring in Western India. They are prosecuting their labours in the spirit of true Christian wisdom, and with untiring zeal. And it can truly be added, they are sowing in hope. The leaven of Christianity is beginning to pervade the mass, and the heart of the missionary is cheered from time to time, and his hands strengthened by the open profession of the truth on the part of individual Hindus. The day draws nigh when all India shall be turned to the Lord: when the triumphs of the cross shall be more rapid and more wonderful than those of our arms have been, and when the mighty service which the missionary has rendered to India and to the world shall be seen and acknowledged "They that be wise, and turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

Baptism of Three Hindus.

When I last wrote, I promised to notice on next occasion the cases of the parties to whom I was privileged to administer the ordinance of baptism on the 12th of last month. They are those of three Hindus, Manaji and his infant child, from the neighbourhood of Ajanta and Govind, from the south of India.

Manaji and Child.

Manaji is one of the inquirers who came to me from Ajanta in consequence of my tour to that place, in company with Dr. Smyttan, in 1838. He has been two years with us at the Mission-house as a catechumen, during which he has learned to read, and received much Christian instruction. He has all along given us a deep impression of his sincerity and trustworthiness; and we had great pleasure in admitting him, with his infant charge into the visible Church. Last year I made his native village the terminus ad quem of my evangelis-

tic tour; and he accompanied Mrs. W. and me thither. We were together instrumental, through the divine blessing, in inducing his wife, with his four children, two youthful sons-in-law, and a nephew, to proceed to Bombay with a view to their receiving Christian instruction. The parents, with their infant and the boys, live under my own eye at Ambrolie; and two of the three girls are in our boarding-school. They have all given us much satisfaction since their arrival, by their diligent attendance on the means of grace, and their progress in the acquisition of knowledge. Almost all the young people are already reading the Scriptures in their native tongue, though they did not know a letter ten months ago. They all stood up and renounced their connexion with Hinduism on the occasion of the baptism of Manaji; but considering the intelligence at which they have arrived, it is not intended to baptize them till, on their own responsibility, they make a creditable profession of their own individual interest in the salvation of Christ received by faith. They are viewed by us with much hope and interest, and are altogether promising.

Govind.

The circumstances of the conversion of Govind to the faith of Christ are very encouraging to our European friends, who seek the enlightenment and conversion of their dependents. For some time he has been a head servant to more than one pious young officer in the army; and he has profited much by their walk and conversation, as well as personal instructions. His knowledge of Christianity, however, has been principally acquired by his perusal of the Scriptures and religious tracts, and his occasional attendance on missionary services, and intercourse with native converts in the humbler grades of life. He has long been reckoned a consistent Christian by those who know him best. When, some months ago, I urged on him the duty of professing his attachment to the Saviour through the appointed ordinance of baptism, he readily assented; and, after attending me for some weeks for special instruction, he was duly admitted into the Christian Church. His present master is our esteemed friend and countryman, Lieut. Gillmore of H.M.'s 78th Highlanders, now on the staff of the southern division of the army. He is the seventh adult native baptized by us since last Assembly.

Bible Stand at an Indian Fair.

The convert Manaji, whom I have now mentioned, left us yesterday on a very interesting errand to Khandesh. When passing through that province last year, I came upon a great fair at Muhaji, attended by crowds of natives from all parts of the west of India, and which usually lasts for a month or six weeks. I remained at it for