

drawn up by himself, he made a clear and manly confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus ; and in Hindu and Sanscrit verse, composed by himself, gave most interesting details of the way by which God had led him to embrace his offers of mercy and salvation. He is a noble first-fruit of the work in Jeypore. God grant that our dear brother may be greatly blessed in gathering in many such into the Saviour's fold ! the pundit's former name was Kishauri Dass, which we would have left unchanged but for its idolatrous reference to the worship of Krishna. He now rejoices in the name of Isa Dass, and will, we trust, approve himself a trusty servant of the Lord Jesus. Among the other adults baptized along with him, one was Chanda, poor Boodha's widow. Before her husband's death, she had begun to inquire hopefully ; and, when left alone in the world, she expressed her determination to follow her departed husband in following Christ. Resolute determination rather than bright intelligence characterizes poor Chanda ; and she set herself with dogged perseverance to master the great elementary truths of our holy religion. Unable to read herself, she got the girls of the orphanage to become her teachers, and by their aid committed to memory the whole of our initiatory Hindu catechism. Twice a week she was constant in her attendance on the candidate's class, and made such progress in knowledge, and gave such evidence of sincerity, that when, some time ago, she urged to be admitted to the church, I could find no reasonable ground for refusal, and rejoice now in recognizing her as a sister in Christ.

The other two were grown girls in our orphanage, who came to us at too ripe an age to allow of their being baptized without a profession of their faith in the Saviour. More than three months ago, one of them, Muni by name, the eldest of two sisters sent by Dr. Valentine from Jeypore, came to me to profess her faith in the Lord Jesus, and her desire of being baptized into his Church. She is naturally a very amiable, but not particularly bright girl, and, in examining her, I was surprised at the intelligence of her answers, and the deep feeling with which she gave utterance to her love for the Saviour. A few days after, I discovered the secret of her knowledge, so much riper than I could have anticipated. It turned out that the flower of our flock, Agnes, is her bedfellow ; and that, night after night, after their sisters had gone to sleep, she had spent hours in teaching poor Muni, and in leading her to the faith and love of that Savior in whom she herself rejoices to trust. The other girl baptized is, according to her own statements, with which her features and personal appearance coincide, a native of Burmah. Sold by her parents, or stolen by the Banjaras, or Indian gipsies, she was brought to this part of the world, and in the good providence of God, snatched from a life of hard bondage, and gathered into the Saviour's fold. Like Chanda, poor Deoli is not very bright ; but her knowledge of the character and work of Christ, and her profession of personal interest in his atoning death, coupled with her uniformly amiable and consistent behaviour, gave me reason to cherish the best hopes concerning her, and warranted me in admitting her to the fellowship of the church. It was a joyous Sabbath morning that on which we extended the right hand of fellowship to these interesting brothers and sisters in Christ. It was to us a broad beam of sunshine falling from behind those dark clouds of trial, and bereavement, and bitter sorrow which have so long brooded over us, lighting up these breaking masses with the bow of promise, and giving up the pledge that, however painful and mysterious His dealings may seem, "all the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies."

An earnest appeal is made for at least six additional missionaries. Three are required for India, two for Jamaica, one for Calabar, and one for