

advanced standing, from the neighbouring continent; an event regarded by the mission as of great interest, because indicating the commencement of great and favorable changes. The mother of one of these youths accompanied them, and left a daughter also to be instructed in the female seminary at Oodooville.

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION.**—Beside nearly all the members of the mission, and several missionaries of other societies, a larger assembly than usual, of respectable natives, was present. It lasted four hours, and the attention was good throughout. A strong impression was made on some of the fundamental errors of Hindooism, and a good deal of inquiry awakened. At the close, 500 copies of the Tamul Arithmetic for the ensuing year were distributed, and eagerly received; a useful vehicle of Bible truth to the higher classes of the native community.

The students are improving in useful knowledge; gaining strength of character, rising above prevailing prejudices, and manifesting a growing desire to walk by the light of Revelation.

**CONVICTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.**—Multitudes avow the belief, that Christianity is true; many more suspect at least that Hindooism is void of truth; and nothing can prevent their falling into Atheism, except extended Christian education, and the faithful preaching of the Cross.

**ADAM'S BRIDGE.**—This is a ridge of sand, from a quarter to half a mile in width, and sixteen miles long, on a sea level, stretching into the sea almost straight, with no living tree nor projecting rock upon it. This leads to a sacred bathing place, where Mr. Spaulding saw about 30,000 natives assembled, for the purpose of entering the water, precisely at the rising of the sun; a fair, for the brahmins to get money!

**A MARRIAGE.**—A young man,

educated at Cotta and Nellore, has married Caroline Chester of the central school, with a view to attempt a mission at Penang, agreeably to a suggestion of Sir William Norris, formerly Chief Justice in Ceylon, but now removed to Penang. This is looked upon as the commencement of native missions among the Tamul people. Great confidence is had in these individuals, though they are young: but they have entered on the undertaking upon true missionary principles; and the Lord will be with them.

#### JAVA.

**THE MALAYS** of Batavia are neither unsocial, unfriendly, nor vindictive; but little dependance can be placed on their veracity and honesty. Pilfering, stealing, robbing each other's houses and the houses of foreign residents, are the prominent vices, to which they are urged by deep poverty, a natural indolence and improvidence.

**Ignorance** is as universal as poverty; few can read at all; fewer still can read intelligently. "A regularly organized native school for teaching their own language," Mr. Doty says, "I have never seen." In regard to any notions of literature, science, or the useful arts, they are perfectly ignorant; and what is worse, perfectly indifferent.

**RELIGION.**—They are professed Mohammedans; but they know little of the founder of their religion, or of his peculiar doctrines, or of the grounds of their faith and practice; but like other Mohammedans, they have inveterate prejudices and hatred to the Christian religion.

**ENCOURAGEMENT.**—Mr. Young has a school of eight boys. Mrs. Doty has a school of five or six girls and one boy, and is much encouraged with the progress some of them are making, and surprised at their questionings. A Sabbath School is in operation, attended by men, women,