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From the London Baptist Magazine, for Sept.
*Extract of a letter from Dr. CAREY to Dr.
Ryland, dated December 30th, 1816 ;
received July 10, 1817.*

"I am not quite recovered from a dangerous fever, with which I was seized about the beginning of Nov. last.

"How important is it to live in that state of continual communion with God and lively faith in Christ, as to have the great point of our acceptance with God quite clear, while we are in health. In my illness, great weakness and great stupors so prevailed, that I found it impossible to do more than cast my sinful soul on the Redeemer, and hope in the mercy of God for eternal life. Now I am raised up, may I labor in the work of the Lord with increased diligence. My dear brethren Pearce, Sutchiff, and Fuller, are gone to their rest. I am in

my 56th year, and cannot expect many more years. Whenever I die, may I, through divine grace, join them in the world of bliss.

"So far as I see, the two brethren from the London Missionary Society are of the right stamp: we live in great harmony with them. They have obtained the Free Mason's Lodge to preach in, and have a decent congregation.

"Brother Marshman has just drawn up a plan for native schools, on which if funds can be supplied, they may be extended all over India. It has met the unqualified approbation of several gentlemen of distinction, who have subscribed to it; but whose names it may be improper to mention.

"Thus the Lord is opening a way for good to be done to an incalculable extent. Things in general wear a promising appearance through the whole mission: and notwithstanding all our causes for humiliation, we have many, very many, for rejoicing, and still more for hope. I am still under the operation of mercury for a dysentery, my mouth is very sore; but I trust the disease is almost removed, it now occasions me but little pain or inconvenience. I have at least fourteen years' labor still on my hands: how long it may please the Lord to continue me, I cannot tell, but his will be done. Brother Yates has made very good progress in the study of Sungskrit, Bengalee, and Hinddee; and will, I doubt not, in a reasonable time, be able to take my work himself."

Mr. Burls has received a letter from Dr. Carey, dated Feb. 18, 1817, in which he says, "We are now all well." And also that the translations have been but little hindered by his affliction, as with the exception of a month he was able to do a little every day.