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sunk until the clock struck four on Tuesday morning, September 4, when she gently breathed her last.

“On the evening after her death, her remains were deposited in the station burial-ground, there to await the voice that wakes the dead. The solemn procession at her funeral was accompanied by a larger company of respectable natives than was ever seen at any European funeral in Sabathu before; and many of them, to show their esteem for the deceased, came forward and cast handfuls of earth into her grave, and for several days after her burial many resorted to the mission compound to show their grief by loud lamentations. May she, though dead, yet speak, and may the Gospel seed she sowed bring forth an abundant harvest!”—*J. C. L.*

MRS. ELIZA McL. JAMIESON.

Mrs. Jamieson, second wife of the Rev. J. M. Jamieson, died July 17, 1856, “to the great grief of her missionary associates, as well as of her own family. She had long suffered from severe illness, which she bore with Christian patience; and her last hours were full of peace.”—*Annual Report*, 1857.

REV. LEVI JANVIER, D.D.

The subject of this brief memoir was born at Pitt's Grove, in the State of New Jersey, on the 25th of April, A.D. 1816. His early youth was spent in study under the care of his father, who was pastor of

the Presbyterian Church in that place. His early studies were chiefly devoted to the Latin and Greek languages, and these studies soon developed a native aptitude for acquiring language in general. At Easton, where La Fayette College was then in its infancy, he for some time, under the instructions of the Rev. Dr. Junkin, attended to the mathematics, and in that branch also his proficiency was no less remarkable. From Easton he went to Lawrenceville, and spent a few months in the school of the Rev. Isaac V. Brown, and thence proceeded to Princeton and entered the Junior class. During his brief term there, he studied the French language in addition to the regular course of his class. At the commencement he pronounced the salutatory, and shared with two others the first honor of the class. There he became a member of the Church of Christ, and felt that the Gospel ministry was the vocation of his choice. During his course in the seminary he surveyed the vast extent of the missionary field, and among the stations occupied by our Board of Missions, chose Lodiana as the place of his future labors.

Having obtained the sanction of the Board of Missions, he sailed, accompanied by his wife, in September, 1841, arriving at Calcutta, and proceeding up the Ganges to Allahabad, where he remained several weeks; and they reached their destination early in the spring of 1842. Having commenced the study of the Urdu tongue soon after leaving his native shore, he at once commenced his labors among his heathen neighbors in Lodiana. His time was divided between preaching and translating. For some time

he taught a school of Hindu youth, making the doctrines of the Gospel a constant portion of their studies. Throughout his whole course, his labors were connected with the Press, to the last and closing period of his work.

As soon as he had mastered the Punjabi language, Mr. Janvier, with his cousin, Dr. Newton, of the same mission, entered upon his greatest literary work, the formation of a dictionary of that language. With great labor it was finally completed, and was published by the Mission Press in 1854. A copy of this work was transmitted by Dr. Janvier to his father in 1856. It is a neat quarto of 438 pages, finely printed and substantially bound, in the Gurmukhi character, and with three columns on each page. Dr. Newton had previously composed and published a grammar of the same tongue.

The lamented subject of this sketch was formed by nature for action; and when by grace his heart was formed anew, his whole soul was filled with zeal to promote the salvation of the heathen.

He met his death on the 24th of March, 1864, at a mela, whither he had gone to preach and distribute tracts. The meeting was closing, and the brethren, having partaken of the Lord's Supper, were preparing to separate on the morrow. In the evening Dr. Janvier was met by a fanatic Akali Sikh, and felled to the ground with a club! The murderer fled, but was overtaken and secured. He was afterwards tried in a criminal court, found guilty and hanged. His victim languished, speechless and insensible, till morning, when his spirit took its flight. The re-

mains were laid, in the presence of a very large and solemn assembly, by the side of several relatives, in the burial ground of the Mission of Lodiana; and his excellent widow was left desolate, though sustained by a strong faith and an unwavering assurance of the blessedness of him whom for a season she had lost.—*Rev. George W. Janvier, D.D.*

MRS. JANVIER.

Mrs. Janvier was the wife of the Rev. Levi Janvier. Of her early life nothing is known to the compiler of these notices; but her lovely Christian character as a missionary was well known. She died at Simla, India, May 5, 1854. The Rev. A. Rudolph, long associated with Mr. and Mrs. Janvier at the same station, thus wrote of her last days on earth:

“While formerly her mind had been much beclouded by doubts and fears, the merciful Saviour permitted her, the last day before her death, not only to look with calmness and composure, but with comfort, at the prospect before her. She told her husband that the Lord had brought her to Simla to die; thus evidently realizing the position she was in. Again she said, ‘Can it be that I am treading the verge of Jordan?’ When she was told that the Lord had done all things well, she replied, ‘Yes, and it will be well.’ Many comforting passages of Scripture and parts of hymns occurred to her mind during the day, such as, ‘I cast my sins on Jesus,’ ‘Jesus, thy blood and righteousness,’ etc., and she expressed