

Just before I left, last week, I was called to the death bed of a member of the congregation in Cantonments. The person was a young woman who had formerly lived at the old station, and was then a pupil in Mrs. Carleton's school. Her father afterwards removed to Cantonments, and she was there married. She was very sick last July with what appeared to be consumption. I visited her and spoke to her somewhat plainly of the approach of death, and her duty to be ready for death. She did not then express her views or state of mind freely. She soon became much better. Sabbath before last, at the close of the evening services, her mother remarked to me that her daughter was again sick, and had two or three times expressed a wish to see me. I told her mother that I would come in a day or two and see her. William then informed me that he did not think she would live more than a week or ten days. He had visited her twice that day (Sabbath), and said she was in a very happy frame of mind. She was well aware she could not live, and expressed herself satisfied with the Lord's will. William visited her on Monday. She seemed cheerful and happy, and said the less hope of living the more hope she had of being received by her Saviour. She read a portion of the Bible as usual, and repeated a few verses which she had learned, and was noticed during the day to be engaged in prayer. Monday night a sudden change came over her, and when I went to see her early Tuesday morning, she was insensible and died shortly after as peacefully as one sleeping. She said to her mother, who sat weeping by her bed, just before she became insensible, "*Mama ghabrao mat, mera dil bahut razi hai*"—"Mother, don't be troubled; my heart is very happy." These were her last words, and from all that I have learned from native Christians who visited her during her last short sickness, her heart was indeed happy in the hour of death—made so by an intelligent confiding trust in the Saviour's love.

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#### Encouragement in Brazil.

##### FIRST FRUITS.

Mr. Simonton writes as follows, at Rio de Janeiro, October 7th, 1861.

We are in our usual health, and our

usual duties are continued. I have hopes that three of those who have been receiving instruction from me, are under a conviction of the truth and importance of the doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ. One of them gives most satisfactory proof that the Spirit of God has enlightened his mind. I trust we may feel warranted in receiving him to an open profession of faith in a short time.

What is, in your opinion, the true course to pursue with respect to Romish baptism? This is a question that has been warmly debated, and I suppose without much approach to agreement. I hesitate in forming an opinion, and incline to leave it to the wish of the applicant for church membership. What position has been taken at Bogota? Dr. Kalley is a strong advocate for the administration of baptism to all Romish converts, and long since approached me on the subject, saying, that it was important that we should be agreed in our views upon this point.

A couple of weeks ago, I was called to visit a young man from ———, U. S., now living in this city, who in the apprehension that he was soon to die, was in great anxiety about his soul. I conversed and prayed with him both at that time and since, and hope that he has been persuaded to repent of his ways and trust in Christ. He has fully recovered from his sickness, and says that he feels that God has opened his eyes, and that he is resolved to lead a new life. He is a man of standing and influence in the American community. I hope that he may hold fast the profession of his faith, but as yet I rejoice with great trembling, well-knowing the severe test to which the reality of a business man's profession of Christianity will be subjected in Rio.

Our Colporteur is about to arrange for me to hold an extra religious service in a private house. I told him to see whether he could get any room in the house of some family either for a Sunday-school or a Bible-class. As most of those who have been brought to prize the Bible and to be willing to hear it taught are very poor, I have been able to find this opportunity to get new hearers.

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