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VOYAGES OF THE "HIMMALEH" AND "MORRISON" IN 1837.

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- I. *The Claims of Japan and Malaysia upon Christendom, exhibited in Notes of Voyages made in 1837, from Canton, in the Ship Morrison and Brig Himmaleh, under direction of the owners.* In two volumes. pp. xxii, 216, xv, 295. New York: E. French. 1839.
- II. *Journal of an Expedition from Sincapore to Japan, with a visit to Loo-choo, descriptive of these islands and their inhabitants; in an attempt with the aid of natives educated in England, to create an opening for missionary labors in Japan.* By P. PARKER, M.D. Revised by the Rev. Andrew Read, D.D. London: Smith, Elder and Co. 1838. pp. 75.
- III. "Voyage to Japan." By S. W. Williams. *Chinese Repository*, Vol. vi. 1837.

FORTY years have passed away, since the inception and execution of the munificent enterprise for the promotion of commerce, and the search for new openings in mission work, of which the works quoted at the head of this article form the only record; and we think we are doing a good service by bringing them to the notice of the readers of the *Recorder*. Few among them have ever heard, probably, of these vessels, or their philanthropic errands; and still fewer can appreciate, at this distance of time, the discouraging outlook for evangelical mission work which the Ultra-Gangetic nations then presented. Excepting the islands of Singapore and Pinang, the Indian Archipelago was mostly under the control or awe of the Dutch and Spanish colonial authorities. The latter prohibited Protestant missionaries living within their borders, as they still do; and the Dutch were almost as strict and repellant, for their regulations compelled every minister to live a year in Batavia under their eye, before allowing him to missionate in Borneo, the only other field, besides Java, really open to his efforts. Mission work was regarded by both these nations as demanding the