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ANNUAL MEETING,

Held at Zion Baptist Chapel, Wilderness-row, Clerkenwell, London, on Tuesday evening, July 6th, 1869.

MR. E. HEWLETT in the Chair.

Moved by MR. S. MILNER, seconded by MR. P. W. WILLIAMSON, and carried unanimously:

"That the Report now read be adopted and circulated, and that the persons whose names have been read (names on the other side) be the Committee and Officers for the year ensuing."

Moved by MR. S. MILNER, seconded by MR. COOPER.

"That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Secretaries, for their unwearied and gratuitous services."

Moved by MR. JOSIAH BRISCOE, seconded by MR. PEARSON, and carried unanimously:

"That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. E. Hewlett, for presiding on this occasion, and to the Deacons and Friends for the use of the Chapel."

Addresses were also given on the following subjects:—

MR. J. HAZELTON,—

"The Gospel Commission."—Matt. xxviii. 18—20.

MR. J. T. BRISCOE,—

"The Gospel as a Witness to all Nations."—Matt. xxiv. 14.

REPORT.

In presenting the Eighth Annual Report of the Strict Baptist Mission, the Committee are glad to express their unshaken confidence in the principles on which this Mission was founded,—in the method adopted for carrying it on,—and in the results which, with the promised blessing of the Head of the Church, they are warranted in expecting from its operations. Our creed in regard to missions is simply that which lies at the root of preaching the gospel in our own land, viz., that wherever God in his providence sends his gospel, he has a people to call thereby to a knowledge of himself; and that he uses his people as instruments in the accomplishment of this end. Acting on this belief, we have sought out suitable native agents in those localities among the heathen to which the providence of God has directed us,—men who themselves have been brought out from the darkness of heathenism into the marvellous light of the gospel, and who are, therefore, better qualified than any others could be, to deal with the peculiar needs of their heathen fellow-countrymen.

In the Madras Presidency in India, we have two such agents now engaged in missionary labour. In Ceylon, where there is a mixed population, partly of native, and partly of European descent, nominally connected with Christianity, but really sunk in the ignorance and vices of heathenism itself,—we have an agent engaged who himself was brought out of this condition, and who faithfully and diligently labours among the neglected Portuguese population of Colombo and its suburbs, with interesting and encouraging tokens of success, as we shall hereafter relate.

We need not advert at any length to the plan and principle of our missionary action: suffice it to say, that we have always endeavoured to inculcate the scrip-

tural idea of church action in the spread of the gospel, believing that the churches themselves are the true missionary societies, and that their *direct* communication with the missionaries they support in heathen lands, is the best way to produce and maintain among them a true missionary spirit. We need not enlarge upon the advantages of such a system, as in our last Annual Report we dwelt upon it at some length; but we are glad to be able to point to an effort that is now being made to bring about a change in this direction in the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, by Dr. Stock, one of its supporters, who has given notice of certain resolutions which he intends to propose, which are indicative of the plan of action for which we have always contended. Feeling the importance of the subject, we think it best to present here the terms of these Resolutions:—"That it is expedient to bring the churches into closer and more direct contact with the missionary agencies which they sustain. That the support of the missionaries now at work, and of their various agencies be accordingly distributed among the churches in proportion to the average of their contributions during the last five years. That the missionary fields thus apportioned, be thenceforth under the immediate and exclusive control of the churches to which they have been allotted." Besides this motion, various utterances from time to time in the denominational journals, have shewn that there is a disposition among Baptists generally, to advert to the more simple and scriptural method of action, and that in the end local combinations of churches will take the place of a large central organization for carrying on missionary operations. We may here state that some of the Baptist churches in South Australia have recently combined for missionary purposes, in a manner exactly similar to that which this Mission has adopted. We seek no position in this work beyond that of affording to the Strict Baptist Churches in England an example of a scriptural, simple, and economical method of sending the gospel to the heathen, according to their own views, and under their own control.

Passing from this subject, we now proceed to lay before our friends a brief account of the work carried on by our native missionaries during the past year.

It has been one feature of our missionary effort that we have always sought to make all who contribute, acquainted

with the missionaries they support, and to induce the feeling that they are supporting certain specified missionaries, and not merely a missionary society. We trust our friends, by this time, not only know by name our missionary brethren in India and Ceylon, but that they make their varied labours, with their encouragements, and discouragements, matters of personal interest to themselves, and prayer to God on their behalf. None can help feeling a deep interest in those on whose behalf they are accustomed earnestly to supplicate the throne of grace.

MADRAS.—Mr. Thomas, our veteran missionary at St. Thomas's Mount, continues his labours with conscientious diligence in the four departments of Preaching, Home Visitation, Tract Distribution, and School Teaching. We stated in our last issued Periodical Paper, that, though past the prime of life, he was still "strong to labour" in his Master's cause; but since then, we are sorry to say, he has had an illness which caused a temporary interruption to his work. A large and dangerous boil on the head compelled him in January last, to seek medical aid in the General Hospital at Madras, where he was detained about three weeks. The Lord has now mercifully restored him to health and to his work; and it is pleasing to know that while in the hospital he sought every opportunity of speaking the word of life to the patients around him. He is now pursuing his preaching and school work with his wonted diligence.

Referring to his recovery, he says:—

"On my return home from the hospital, crowds of people called for a day or two to see me. They said that they were exceedingly sorry when they heard of my illness, but expressed great joy to see me return back to my home in health. I failed not to tell them of God's great mercy to me and to them, for having spared my life, and tried in the best way to improve the opportunity. May God be pleased to bless these gracious opportunities to these poor benighted heathen for the sake of Jesus."

We give the following interesting extracts from his journals since the issue of our last Periodical Paper:—

9th Nov.—Three Hindoos called on me this day, and desired to know "why Jesus was crucified." I explained God's plan of salvation, and his design in sending Jesus,—showed what sin was, and how a sinner might be saved. Gave them a few small messengers.

10th.—This day I went to *Palaveram*, and visited the police

native constable. I preached the everlasting gospel to a good congregation at the serjeant's station. He treated me with the usual civility and courtesy, seemed conviuced of the folly of the various religious systems, and of the truth of Christianity, and greatly encouraged me in speaking to the assembled crowd. Distributed a few tracts and gospel portions, as the people seemed very eager to get them.

31st December.—This morning brother Doll, and other Christian brethren and friends, met at the Mission-house, and examined the children in lessons and singing. It was a pleasant and happy meeting. After prayer, all parted much pleased and satisfied at what they had seen and heard.

In the evening a midnight service was held in the London Missionary Society school-room. Revs.Somasomdruni and Joel,native Wes'eyan missionaries, Catechist David, of the London Missionary Society,and myself,at the request of the London MissionaryCatechist, took part in the proceedings. There were nearly forty persons present.

6th.—Army School-road, 21 tracts distributed; and Troop Lines, 9 tracts. 7th—Chetty-street, 13 tracts. 11th—Anthuntankum, 33 tracts. 12th—Near the Irish Papist Church, 35 tracts; near Post-office, 17 tracts. 24th—Near the Gun-shed, 14 tracts; and Army School-road, 24 tracts.

The week and Lord's-day services are held regularly. The average weekly attendance is twelve persons, chiefly women and children. The Sunday school is attended by only six boys, the parents being prejudiced against purely religious teachings.

There are twenty-seven children on the rolls of the Day-school, the number having been reduced by the native regiment leaving the place. The average daily attendance is twenty. They are divided into three classes according to their ages, &c., and are taught the alphabet, spelling, reading, Scripture, grammar, and singing, both in Tamil and English.

From these extracts it will be seen that there is generally the same tale of encouragement and discouragement in the missionary's work. Sometimes enquirers multiply, and hope springs up of enlarged success; but even where the seed may have been sown in good ground, the inveteracy of old habits, and the fear of ridicule and ill-usage often prevent the full confession, and no fruit is brought to perfection. Every feature of the parable of "the sower and the seed," is reproduced in the mission-field; and way-side, stony-ground, and thorny-ground hearers abound in India as well as England.

Moreover, preaching the gospel in India is very unlike preaching it in the South Sea Islands. In the latter case there are no ancient beliefs to be uprooted, and the natives receive the truth with a sort of child-like wonder. But in India the gospel comes into contact with ancient super-

stitions, welded together into a system of which idolatry is but its external symbol, which has filled the Hindoo mind for centuries before Christianity reached the land. In this respect, in the one case, a bower of boughs and branches has to be pulled down;—in the other, a granite fortress has to be levelled with the ground. Still, whether in the one case or the other, the work is the Lord's, and we look not so much to the external forces with which we have to contend, as to the revealed determinate purpose of our God to visit the Gentiles, and take out from among them a people for his name—a people, though now many of them are degraded idolaters, destined to cast their idols "to the moles and to the bats," and to acknowledge Christ as their King and Lord of all. It has been demonstrated a thousand times that the gospel *is* "the power of God to salvation to every one that believeth." Our Jesus lives and reigns. He knows the strength of corrupt nature, and the power of the prince of darkness. But He is Lord of all; and we have the promise of the Father,—the exaltation of the Son, and the agency of the Spirit, all on our side.

Our next agent is Mr. Coopoosawmy Row, who is stationed at Perambore, in the Madras Presidency. By birth a Brahmin, he was brought to embrace Christianity in connection with the Wesleyan missionaries; and, following still further where light and truth led him, he became a Baptist—not without enduring much reproach for Christ's sake. Two years ago, he was baptized by an esteemed Strict Baptist brother at Perambore, and joined the church in that place, where he now seeks to diffuse the light which he himself has received. His term of probation having expired, he is now our accredited missionary agent, in whom we are glad to be able to place full confidence both from testimony and experience.

We subjoin the following extracts from his journals, from which it will be seen that he has four interesting cases of inquirers, whom he hopes to baptize.

I have four inquirers, of whom I have some good hopes; one Chuckler, in Chucklapollum, one railway servant, and one Pædo-Baptist woman, and another Roman Catholic woman. May God grant his blessing to rest upon these, and may he pour his Spirit and convert them to himself, and the glory shall be his.

12th December.—This morning I was eating a cake, when a

Brahmin saw me, and said, "Is not biting pollution to you." I said No, and continued, Supposing you have a copper drinking vessel, would it be clean if you only washed it outside, and left it unwashed inside? He said, "No." You Brahmins are so, I observed, all is outward cleanliness. You say it is sin if I bite my cake, but it is no sin to you, if you speak lies, cheat, rob, worship idols, commit adultery, and all such abominations. Christ, our blessed religious Teacher, teaches us to cleanse our hearts, and all other things will be clean. To this the proud Brahmin made no reply, and held his peace. I pointed him to Jesus, as the fountain for all uncleanness.

13th.—This day I conducted two services, one in the morning at 7 o'clock, to the drummers, in English; and in the evening at half-past 4, in Telugu; in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Sunday-school.

14th.—This morning went to Tachoor Choultry, a new village added to my circuit. I did not know this was so large a village. I find many Vadoorares (*i. e.*, a people somewhat similar to the English navvies), but just at the time I reached them, about 9 o'clock in the morning, the villagers were moving off in different directions for work.

Here are a few Brahmins who are so self-righteous as to consider themselves above hearing the gospel; however, the good news was freely preached to the Sudras, a lower order of the people.

17th and 18th.—On these days I went to the railway-platform, and distributed tracts to the passengers and railway employés; in the evening visited the Regimental Hospital.

19th.—This morning I went to *Madavapooram*; here I spent about two hours. No sooner did the people see me, than all came from their houses,—men, women, and children, chiefly Brahmins. I got one of the youngsters to read the Scripture, and I explained verse after verse; so a full chapter was explained. They paid very good attention, and acknowledged all that what I said was "true, nothing but true." They very earnestly begged of me to open a school. After a long stay and preaching, I made my way back home, nearly at 10 a.m.; but many of the boys and a few of the men followed me to a long distance

May God add his blessing to all our poor efforts, and grant us prosperity.

We have before referred to the Day and Sunday-school, which Coopoosawmy carries on in addition to his preaching work. For some time his school work went on prosperously in a bungalow, kindly lent by Colonel Innis, of the 41st Native Infantry; but that regiment being removed from the district, many of Coopoosawmy's scholars left with it, and he had to seek elsewhere for a school-room. We are glad to be able to report that a suitable mission-house has at length been obtained, and we trust the school will revive.

"On the 15th of April," he says, "we removed our school to the newly engaged building. It is just the place we long required for

school purposes; for it is on the high road of Perambore, villages are near, Native Infantry Regiment Barracks and Railway Station near,—altogether a very central position; but we want more furniture. We have a small number of boys, and I expect a large addition."

In this school, as well as in that carried on by Mr. Thomas, and by Mr. Fernando, at Colombo, hereafter referred to, the elements of a useful education in English, as well as in the vernacular languages, are imparted, without being trammelled with any restrictions as to the use of the Bible, as is the case with Government schools. We need hardly say that in our Mission schools the sacred volume is regularly taught and explained. Scripture catechisms are likewise used.

To these Mission schools we attribute great value, as a means of indoctrinating the minds of the young with the leading truths of Christianity and the facts of revelation. Portions of Scripture and Christian hymns are committed to memory, and though the opposition of the parents is often excited, yet they appear too anxious to have their children taught English and general knowledge to take them away from the schools for this cause alone.

The children in our Sunday-schools in England, who contribute so regularly and liberally to our Mission, are thus brought into direct communication with schools in heathen lands, where the same instruction is imparted; and the accounts received from abroad from time to time, excite their warmest interest. We may here mention that boxes of useful articles, such as school requisites of all kinds, materials for clothing, books, pictures, cards, &c., &c., have been recently made up in England, and sent to the Mission schools in India and Ceylon, as a present from some of the scholars, teachers, and friends of our Sunday-schools, who support this Mission. To all who have contributed to fill these boxes, the best thanks of the Committee are hereby given.

It may not be out of place to mention that the little periodical, "Pearls from the Golden Stream," which is conducted by one of our Committee, contains from time to time, accounts of the labours of our missionaries, and is entitled on that account to the sympathy and support of our Strict Baptist Sunday-schools. Its price, one halfpenny, monthly, will render it easy to circulate in considerable numbers.

CEYLON.—This is a very interesting branch of the Mission. Our missionary there (Mr. Andriesz) who is stationed at Colombo, the capital of the island, is most indefatigable, and has extended his labours for some distance around where he has established preaching stations, which he visits in regular order. At these stations the attendance varies from 15 to 60 at each service. At times he meets with great opposition, both from Buddhists and Romanists; he has been favoured with much encouragement, and the Lord is evidently establishing the work of his hands.

Having fulfilled his term of probation, Mr. Andriesz has been publicly set apart for mission work. On February 2nd last, a most interesting and impressive ordination service was held at the Pettah Baptist Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion, and which was well filled. Mr. Piggott presided, and was supported by Mr. James Silva, Mr. VanGeyzel, and others. Mr. VanGeyzel kindly represented the Mission, and received Mr. Andriesz as its accredited agent. The Chairman after reading suitable portions of Scripture, requested Mr. Andriesz to give some particulars of his conversion and of his call to the work of the minstry. Of the long and interesting statement then made the following bare outline must suffice:—

"From his youth he had been moral and upright, had regularly attended a place of worship, (being a member of the Walfendahl church), and thought that his good works would recommend him to God's favour, and ensure his admission to heaven. One day, however, a friend lent him a book, entitled "Hell opened to Christians," which, under God's blessing, revealed to him the alarming fact that he was a *sinner*, and for the first time he knelt down to pray. He took the Portuguese New Testament, and these two passages caught his eye: "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin;" and "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." He tried to grasp these by faith, and at length had grace given him to believe with joy that Christ had pardoned his sins, and that God was reconciled through him. Still, however, he was frequently the subject of doubts, and experienced many sore temptations; so much so, that he even feared he had committed the sin against the Holy Ghost, for which there is no forgiveness. At last, however, his mind was set at rest by the word of God, which a commentary had

enabled him the better to understand. He was then about twenty-five years of age, and still attended the church of his childhood, where he had been confirmed. In the year 1859, he first witnessed the ordinance of believers' baptism as administered by the late Mr. James Allen, Baptist missionary at Colombo, who brought such convincing proofs from Scripture as were to him unanswerable. But he determined to consult a Wesleyan minister, who, he had no doubt, would furnish him with as good proofs of infant sprinkling; but, to his astonishment, the Wesleyan went on to show from the Greek, Dutch, Portuguese, and Singalese languages, that the only mode was dipping, and that those only who believe in Jesus ought to be baptized. He went home convinced, but still unwilling to act upon his convictions, until he heard that the Wesleyan minister had been baptized; and so at length he himself was baptized by Mr. Allen, in July, 1859. Then he became anxious to devote himself to Christ's service, and did so as far as his limited time allowed. Now, however, the Lord had answered his prayers, and he had become a missionary, having commenced his probationary labours on the 1st of February last year. And now before God, and that assembly, he made his solemn avowal by God's grace to preach only Christ and him crucified, and requested the prayers of all interested in the Mission."

Mr. James Silva then proceeded to give a solemn charge to the Missionary, concluding by handing him a Bible, and while they were both holding it, putting these questions:—

"Dear Brother, will you be faithful unto God to the end?"

Mr. A. answered, "The Lord helping me, I will."

"Will you preach any other Saviour but Jesus to perishing sinners?"

"The Lord helping me, I will preach him as the only Saviour."

"Will you teach any other doctrines than those contained in the Holy Bible?"

"The Lord helping me, I will preach no other."

Whereupon Mr. Silva said, "Dear Brother, accept this Bible, and go and preach Christ and him crucified from this time forth; and he who has said, "Go and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them," &c., will be with you to the end, according to his promise. Let this Bible

keep you in remembrance of this night's solemn meeting, and of the vows you have publicly made before God and this congregation. The Lord bless you and keep you, and at last may you obtain the approving sentence of your Master and Judge,—"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mr. Piggott then offered a very earnest ordination prayer, and Mr. Waldock addressed the congregation. After the benediction, the meeting separated, all expressing the feeling that it was a most impressive service.

It ought to be mentioned that our two esteemed brethren from Madras, Mr. H. F. Doll and Mr. Wilson, both pastors of Strict Baptist churches, were expected to be present at this meeting, but were, to the regret of all, unavoidably prevented from coming.

On February 7th last, Mr. Andriesz had the pleasure of baptizing the first-fruits of his missionary labours. The candidates were a young man, a tailor, who was convinced of sin under a sermon by Mr. Andriesz some time ago, and a young lady about eighteen, very promising and intelligent. The attendance on the occasion was large, and much curiosity was manifested to hear the newly-ordained missionary, who preached on the occasion with great earnestness from Acts xvii. 6: "These men that have turned the world upside down, are come hither also."

In his Journal for March 4th, Mr. A. remarks:—

Grand Pass and New Bazaar.—Exhorted the people in the streets and lanes. I have here to mention that when I first began to visit these stations I saw people who were left to themselves, most of them had only a name to live; but they did not at all attend a place of worship; and now I am glad to see them attending, not only our Sunday services, but all the week-day meetings. On the occasion of the ordinance of baptism, I had to show them plainly the model and the subjects of this ordinance; and our friends the Wesleyans took advantage yesterday to preach from Galatians vi. 15: "That circumcision profiteth nothing, neither uncircumcision," &c.; and attempted by the text to prove, that the immersion of believers was an ordinance which the apostle thought lightly of. This day these people waited on me to show, as it were, that they have found sufficient arguments to overcome our principles. In a few words I could have convinced them that St. Paul never spoke a word against the ordinance of baptism, but what he said and meant was circumcision; but there are some who are so prejudiced that they are determined not to be convinced by the arguments I bring forward."

On the morning of Sunday, April 25th, Mr. Andriesz

had again the pleasure of leading into the baptismal water two more individuals. The ordinance was administered in the Pettah Baptist Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion as before. One of the candidates was a widow, who had been connected with the Wesleyans for many years; the other was a man, who is employed as a jailor in the principal prison at Colombo, and who had been brought like *another* jailor to cry, "What must I do to be saved?" This man was, six months ago, a direct foe to the labours of Mr. Andriesz, and did all in his power to hinder his work in the Borella district. On one occasion he ill-used his wife and sister for attending his preaching, and prevented their so doing in future. One day in December, however, curiosity led him to go and hear Mr. A. himself. According to his own statement, Mr. A. was engaging in prayer when he entered the meeting-house, and while listening to his earnest pleadings, he felt in his inmost soul that he was praying for *him*, and beseeching God to save him; though Mr. A. was not aware that he was in the place, he having never attended before. The prayer then offered proved the means, in the hand of the Spirit, of his conversion to God. He is now an altogether different man, even in external appearance, and is as earnest to bring others under Mr. A.'s preaching as he was before to oppose it. Both these candidates were admitted into the English Strict Baptist Church at Colombo, on the first Lord's-day in May last,—Captain Morice, son-in-law of our President, Mr. S. Milner, being present on the occasion.

On May 30th, also, Mr. Andriesz had the additional pleasure of baptizing three candidates; making seven in all. Mr. Andriesz preached in Portuguese, from the words—"Thus saith the Lord," and baptized three males: one had been a Presbyterian for many years and a lay preacher; another an Episcopalian, but a regular attendant on the Wesleyans; the other a young printer, whose father and brother are Baptists.

Thus the Lord is manifestly blessing the labours of Mr. A., so that we are encouraged to hope that before long a native Portuguese Church will be formed on New Testament principles, which will be a centre of light and usefulness for years to come. It ought to be mentioned that the administration of the ordinance of believers' immersion

in the Borella district has created no little enquiry and stir amongst the inhabitants. The widow, before mentioned, has been since her baptism ejected from her home, with her three children, by her sister, a Wesleyan, and the Wesleyan Portuguese minister has been preaching on baptism, and endeavouring to show that infant baptism is scriptural, and that John sprinkled our Lord. To meet the occasion Mr. A. has issued the first of a series of Tracts in Portuguese, entitled "Away with Tradition!"

The friends at Colombo evidently take a deep interest in the Mission, and are doing all they can to assist the funds. The following summary of the Report presented at the recent Annual Meeting of the Colombo Auxiliary in February, will, we doubt not, be interesting to our friends.

"The labours of brother Andriesz, which commenced 1st Jan., 1868, are exercised in Colombo among the Portuguese and Singalese, the former being mostly Romanists, and the latter heathen. He is carrying on his work in order at his various stations, which he visits in the mornings, and where he holds services in the evenings, at half-past six o'clock.

"On Sunday mornings he preaches in Slave Island, and in the evenings in the Pettah; on Monday mornings he visits Borella, Maradana, and Dematego dde; on Tuesdays, Slave Island; on Wednesdays, all round the Pettah; on Thursdays, Grandpass, New Bazaar, and Silversmiths'-street.

"The writer of this Report can bear testimony (in a high degree) to the zeal, activity, and faithfulness of this servant of God in the trust reposed in him by the Mission; and it is also his pleasing task to state that the labours of this missionary, during the past year, have been very much owned by God; some have been brought to the knowledge of the truth only in part, and others, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, have been called out of darkness into God's marvellous light; whilst to many more, at the same time, the seed of life has been sown broad-cast in season, with the expectation that it will spring up to the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"It is our prayer and hope that in this, the second year of his missionary career, he may have the joy and satisfaction of seeing the direct fruits of his ministry.

"The Day-school, under the care of Mr. C. F. Fernando, commenced from Sept., 1868. There is nothing very remarkable that we can report about it just now, seeing that it is in an infant state. The children, about 12 in number, are taught free, as being children of poor parents.

"The Sunday-school in connection with this Mission is mainly carried on by Messrs. F. W. Smith, Samuel De Silva, and Arthur J. Fernando. The number of children is 12, of which 9 are boys, and 3 girls.

"The subscriptions received on behalf of the Mission during the past year amount to £26 14s. 9d.

"In conclusion we praise the Lord of the harvest for what he has already enabled his servants to perform; and confidently hope that he who has promised to be with his followers to the end of the world, will continue to afford us wisdom and strength, and crown our labours with success, to the honour and glory of His holy name. Amen."

The following resolutions, among others, were passed on the occasion:—

"That this meeting desires to express gratitude to Almighty God for the success which this Society has attained in its operation, during the first year of its existence in Colombo."

"This meeting earnestly solicits the prayers of all Christians for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, for the effectual working of all missionary societies for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in heathen lands."

The speakers on this occasion were Messrs. Silva, Blake, Wydeman, VanGeyzel, Smith, Vanderwert, Andriesz, and De Waas."

In conclusion we cannot but congratulate the brethren who have formed this Auxiliary, on the zeal, energy, and business-like tact which they have brought to bear on their undertaking. It is not often that the labours of those in England who seek to spread the gospel among the heathen, are so well seconded by brethren residing on the spot where the missionary agents labour. It should be remembered that the rent and current expenses of the Mission and School-rooms at Colombo, are defrayed on the spot by the aid of this Auxiliary. The Lord reward their zeal and liberality.

We may here state, the English Strict Baptist Church at Colombo, of which our missionary, Mr. Andriesz, is a member, held its Annual Meeting on the 10th of April last. The venerable Mr. F. Malleappah presided, and Messrs. Silva, Wydeman, Andriesz, VanGeyzel, Smith, and Elhart took part in the service. Resolutions expressive of their gratitude to God for past mercies, and adherence to New Testament teaching and church order, were passed, and from the Report then presented it appears that five had been added to their fellowship during the year, and that this little church now numbers twenty members.

In our last "Periodical Paper," we referred to Mr. De Waas as having been recently engaged on probation, to occupy a populous district near Colombo. Mr. De Waas, it will be remembered is a Singalese, and a member of the native Strict Baptist Church at Grand Pass, Colombo, of whom Mr. James Silva (his pastor) spoke very highly both

as to his character and fitness for missionary work. The Committee were pleased with his application, and although the funds scarcely warranted the step, yet relying on the continued and increasing liberality of their friends, they ventured to make a probationary appointment, but which, they now regret to say, has been abruptly terminated by himself. The chief reason assigned for this resignation is his unwillingness to give reports of his labours, for the satisfaction of the Committee. Though disappointed in Mr. De Waas, we hope ere long to secure the services of another faithful and devoted missionary in the island of Ceylon.

We have much pleasure in reporting that a Day and Sunday-school has been opened in connection with our Mission at Colombo, and placed under the care of Mr. Fernando, a member of the Strict Baptist Church. Mr. F. appears to be well qualified for the position he occupies, and we hope and believe that the school will prosper under his care.

We cannot conclude our brief record of the year's proceedings, at Madras, Perambore, and Colombo, without tendering our sincere thanks to our brethren, Mr. Doll, of Madras, and Mr. VanGeyzel, of Colombo, who have so carefully watched over the interests of the Mission at those places during the past year. For the regularity of their communications, the efficiency of their superintendence, and their minute care in money matters, we owe them much. The Lord reward their disinterested zeal a hundred-fold.

In our last Report we spoke of prospective liabilities as well as present engagements, by which our balance in hand would be considerably diminished. Our friends will see that our anticipations have been verified. With three missionaries to support, and three mission-schools to keep up, and the rent of rooms for the purposes of the Mission, our liabilities are in advance of our present income. It is, however, with great satisfaction that we are able to state that none of the funds entrusted to our care are expended in salaries or mission-house rent at home. All work for the Mission is done GRATUITOUSLY, and we feel persuaded that in no other instance is a mission to the heathen carried on in so economical a manner in proportion to the number of agents employed. The formation of small local

organizations in the place of a large central institution, we believe to be the key to economy and efficiency in carrying on missionary operations.

For the help rendered by our friends in London and elsewhere, we present our hearty thanks to each contributor, in church or Sabbath-school, as well as to individual subscribers. But while so doing we cannot but advert to the loss the Committee has sustained in the lamented decease of Mr. William Clapham, who worked so zealously for this Mission, whom it pleased the Lord to remove in the prime of life, and in the midst of his usefulness. He has now entered his heavenly rest, and received his free reward. May the voice of providence be heard reiterating the inspired admonition—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

With regard to the success of our Mission, our friends will see that there has been spiritual fruit given to us during the past year. For this we "thank God, and take courage." But at the same time we cannot measure our work by its *visible* results, it is partly educational and preparatory, and relates even more to sowing the seed than to gathering in the harvest; and if we are permitted from time to time to gather a few sheaves together, we are for the most part required to scatter precious seed in faith and hope, and leave the issue to Him who alone can give the increase. We who believe that to Divine sovereignty combined with Divine efficiency, all saving results are due, are specially bound to exercise patience in reference to spiritual results from the use of means. And when people tell us that there is not that success which they had a right to expect, we ask them rather to look whether the means employed are scriptural, and the agents trustworthy,—remembering that for these alone we are accountable; and then to follow the efforts made with their own earnest prayer for a blessing, knowing that our God has declared that "for all this he will be enquired of by his people to do it for them."

The Lord has promised to "lift up his hand to the Gentiles," and to "set up a standard" to which they shall gather and that his "glory shall be seen upon them." May he fulfil these glorious promises in some measure in the history of this Mission, is our constant and earnest prayer.

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Abstract of the Treasurer's Account,

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from last Audit		133	9	4½
Collected at last Annual Meeting		2	6	11
Individual Subscriptions, as per List		10	4	6
Keppel Street Chapel.	Collections 8 1 7			
	Sunday School 27 5 2¼			
	Subscriptions & Donations 17 9 4½			
		52	16	1¾
Soho Chapel, Oxford Street.	Subscriptions, per Miss J. Falkner 3 11 6			
	Sunday School 15 3 3¼			
		18	14	9¼
Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell Street.	Subscriptions and Donations	13	9	5
Salem Chapel, Soho.—Sunday School		3	0	0
Wilderness Row, Clerkenwell.	Subscriptions 2 10 0			
	Sunday School 10 5 10			
	Collctd. by Master Hasdell 0 6 11			
		13	2	9
Bethesda Chapel, Lever Street.—Sunday School		3	11	9
Carmel Chapel, Pimlico.—Sunday School		3	17	6
Johnson Street Chapel, Notting Hill.—Sunday School		2	6	6
Leicester: Ebenezer Chapel.—Collection & Subscriptions		10	1	3½
Tunbridge Wells.	Collection (less printing) 2 6 6			
	School Missionary Boxes 1 3 7			
	Subscriptions 3 10 0			
		7	0	1
Foot's Cray, Kent.—Sunday School and Friends		6	6	0
Balance from Tulleygaum, after settlement with Gyanoba Powar		4	0	0
Profit on Draft from Ceylon		0	4	3
Interest on Money deposited in Bank		3	3	6
		£287	14	9

£2 from Shambrook, per Mr. Peet, and £1 1s. from Mr. C. Wilson, have been received too late to be included in this Balance Sheet.

BAPTIST MISSION.

from June 27th, 1868, to June 28th, 1869.

EXPENDITURE.

				£	s.	d.
Expenses of last Annual Meeting				0	8	6
MADRAS :—						
Paid to Mr. Thomas, per Mr. Doll	24	0	0			
Paid to Coopoosawmy Row, per ditto	32	8	0			
Rent of Mission Premises, Tracts and Books, Superintendent's postage and miscellaneous Expenses	19	18	0			
				76	6	0
CEYLON :—						
Paid to Mr. Andriesz, Mr. De Waas, and Mr. Fernando, per Mr. VanGeyzel, including money in advance	79	10	0			
Tracts, &c.	1	4	6			
				80	14	6
Printing Annual Report, 1868				5	17	6
Ditto Periodical Paper, No. 3				1	8	0
Ditto Bills, Labels, &c.				1	4	6
Missionary Periodicals for Sunday Schools				1	9	0
Missionary Boxes				2	13	0
Postage to India and Ceylon, Stamps, Carriage, &c.				2	19	2
Minister's Expenses				1	0	0
Expense of Freight, Packing Cases, &c., for School Requisites sent to India and Ceylon				5	0	0
Balance in hand, June 28th, 1869				108	14	7
				£287	14	9

We, the undersigned, have examined the above accounts, and find them correct.

(Signed) G. W. SHEPHERD.
GEORGE EATON.

Collections, Subscriptions, & Donations.

Keppel-street Chapel, London.

	£	s.	d.
Collections	8	1	7
Juvenile Auxiliary	27	5	2¼
Subscriptions, per Mr. Collier :—			
Miss Ashlin	3	3	0
Mr. Milner	1	0	0
Miss Haines	1	0	0
Mr. Cooper	1	0	0
Mr. Dinham	1	0	0
Mr. Cope	1	0	0
Mr. Trimming	1	0	0
Mr. Pearson	1	0	0
Mr. Smith (Watford)	1	0	0
Mr. Gaze	0	10	6
Mr. Pocock	0	10	6
Mr. Collier	0	10	6
Mr. Russell	0	10	0
Mr. C. Smith	0	10	0
Mrs. Schweitzer	0	10	0
A Friend (Donation)	0	10	0
Mr. Coxhill	0	10	0
Mr. Long	0	8	0
Miss Johns	0	5	0
Miss Kelsey	0	5	0
Mrs. Parker	0	5	0
Mrs. Raiment	0	4	0
Mrs. Sedgwick	0	2	6
Mr. Golding	0	2	6

Soho Chapel, Oxford-street.

Sunday School	15	3	3¼
Subscriptions, per Miss J. Falkner :—			
Mrs. Arnold	0	10	0
Mrs. Hughes	0	2	3
Miss J. Smith	0	3	3
Mr. Falkner	0	10	0
Mrs. Falkner	0	10	0
Mrs. S. Falkner	0	5	0
Miss Falkner	0	5	0
Miss J. Falkner	0	5	0
Mr. John Reynolds	0	5	0
W. B. F.	0	2	6
Mr. Thomson	0	2	6

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Bassett	0	1	0
Mr. W. A. Hall	0	5	0
Mrs. W. A. Hall	0	5	0

Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell-street, Pentonville.
PER MR. CORNEY.

Donations and Subscriptions, from Members, Congregation and Friends:			
Mrs. Coombe (Donation)	0	2	6
Mrs. Toussaint	0	8	0
Mrs. Avery	0	4	0
Mrs. Smith	0	8	0
Mr. Wm. Mote	0	4	4
Mr. and Mrs. Dickens	0	8	8
Mrs. Leyhair	0	10	0
Mr. Neil	0	1	0
Mr. Clinch	0	4	0
Mr. Smith	0	3	6
Mr. Woodrow	0	3	0
Mr. Clutterbuck	0	3	0
Mr. White	0	3	0
Mr. Sawyer	0	5	6
Mr. Cattell	0	1	0
Mr. Fricker	0	4	4
A Friend	0	0	9
Mr. Corney	1	0	0
Miss Nelson	0	3	0
Mr. G. Snilton	1	1	0
Mr. Bushnell	0	1	1
Mr. Doggett	0	1	0
Mr. Sidders	0	10	0
Mr. W. Claris	0	2	6
Mr. Cheshire	0	2	6
Mr. James Mote	0	5	0
Mr. Edward Mote	0	5	0
Mr. J. Earle	0	5	0
Mr. Ainger	0	2	6
Mr. J. W. Franklin	1	1	0
Mr. Hazelton	0	10	0
Mr. Josiah Briscoe	0	5	0
Mrs. Hawker	0	5	0
Mr. Paul	0	5	0

PER MR. EDWARD SHEPHERD.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. G. W. Shepherd..	0	13	0
Mr. E. Shepherd	0	6	6
Mr. H. Shepherd.....	0	2	2
Mr. J. S. Clutterbuck	0	4	4
Miss Hunt	0	4	4
Miss Briscoe.....	0	3	3
Miss M. A. Briscoe ...	0	1	1
Mr. Smith.....	0	3	3
Mr. Rolinson	0	3	3
Mrs. Rolinson	0	3	3

PER MASTER THOMAS COBB.

Mr. & Mrs. Cobb.. ...	0	3	0
Master Thomas Cobb	0	2	0
Mrs. Codd	0	3	0
Miss Cartledge.....	0	1	0
Mr. G. Burrell.....	0	1	0
Miss Banister	0	1	0
Miss Joslin	0	2	0

PER MR. M. JACKSON.

Mr. James	0	0	10
Mr. M. Jackson	0	4	0
Miss Redgrave.....	0	2	0
Miss ——	0	1	0
Miss M. King	0	2	0
Mr. Smith.....	0	1	0
Mr. Stevens	0	1	0
Mr. Hill, Sen.	0	1	0

Salem Chapel, Meard's-court.

PER MR. CURZONS.

Sunday School.....	3	0	0

Wilderness-row, Clerkenwell.

Subscriptions	2	10	0
Sunday School.....	10	6	10
Collected by Master Hasdell.....	0	6	11

Bethesda Chapel, St. Luke's.

Sunday School, per Mr. H. Brown	3	11	9

Carmel Chapel, Pimlico.

Sunday School, per Mr. Wright	3	17	6

Johnson-street, Notting-hill.

	£	s.	d.
Sunday School, per Mr. Rowley	2	6	6

Foot's Cray, Kent.

PER MR. J. ROGERS.

Sunday School and Subscriptions	6	6	0

Leicester: Ebenezer Chapel.

Collections and Subscriptions, per Mr. Webster	10	1	3½

Tunbridge Wells.

PER MR. SALTMARSH.

School Box	0	9	0
Children's Boxes	0	14	7
Collection £2 10s., less printing 3s. 6d. ...	2	6	6
Subscriptions :—			
Mr. J. Austen	0	10	0
Mr. Pickett	0	5	0
Mrs. Izard	0	5	0
Mr. S. Jones.....	0	5	0
Mrs. S. Jones	0	5	0
Mr. Braley	0	5	0
Mrs. Wagon	0	5	0
Mr. Wagon	0	5	0
Mrs. Thompson	0	5	0
Miss Parris	0	5	0
Mr. Barnard.....	0	5	0
Mr. Rycroft	0	5	0
Mr. Strange	0	5	0

Individual Subscriptions.

Miss Gold.....	1	11	0
Mrs. Hurst	1	11	0
Mr. James Mote (D.)	1	1	0
Mr. T. M. Whittaker...	1	1	0
Mr. —. McRitchie ...	1	0	0
Mr. Rose	0	10	0
Mrs. Gallard	0	10	0
Mr. Topley	0	10	6
Mr. Williamson	0	10	0
Mr. E. J. Oliver	0	10	0
Mr. Curtis	0	10	0
Mr. W. Norton	0	10	0
Mr. J. T. Briscoe.....	0	5	0
Jer. i. 7 (Bury) 2s., 3s.	0	5	0

AUXILIARY, COLOMBO, CEYLON.

List of Subscribers, &c.

The following Subscriptions have been expended in the purchase of furniture, &c., for the Mission premises at Ceylon, and in current expenses:

	£	s.	d.
Albrecht, C. E.	0	2	0
Abraham, T.	0	4	0
Ball, E.	0	6	0
Classen, J. P.	0	2	0
Cook, J. G.	0	2	0
Corner, E. S.	0	18	6
Corner, R. B.	0	18	6
Elhart, J. M.	0	4	0
Fernando, C. L.	0	1	0
Fernando, J.	0	2	0
Fernando, A. J.	0	6	6
Fernando, C. F.	0	1	0
Fernando, J. C.	0	14	0
Ford, J. A.	0	7	0
Firth, A.	0	4	9
Friend	0	1	0
Frisken, T.	0	2	0
Frank, E.	0	2	0
Gabriel, H. D.	1	7	0
Garnier, F. T.	0	16	0
Gregory, J.	0	2	0
G. B. L.	0	5	0
Jansz, W. F.	0	1	0
Joachim, C. A.	0	1	0
Malliappa, F.	0	5	0
Pave, H.	0	3	0
Peterson, E. H.	0	2	0
Patternott, —	0	2	0
Pate, A.	0	4	0
Rushbridge, E.	0	16	0
Schokman, L. F.	0	8	0
Schumacher, P.	0	2	0
Silva, C. De	0	1	0
Silva, P. De	0	13	0
Silva, J. De (Polwatto)	0	16	0
Silva, S. E. De.	0	7	0
Siers, S. E.	0	2	0
Smith, F. W.	1	10	0
Vanderwert, E. H.	0	15	0
Vanderwert, C. D.	0	13	0
Vanderwert, Jacob	0	2	0
VanGeyzel, P. E.	0	2	0
VanGeyzel, E.	0	11	0
VanGeyzel, V.	1	7	0
Vantoff, F.	0	2	0
VanSanden	0	2	0
Weeracoddy, D. C.	0	2	0
Wickramase Kera Modliar	0	2	0
W.	0	2	0
W. G. Wemman	0	6	0
W. C. L.	0	5	0
Wydeman, E. L.	0	3	6

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Proceeds of Tickets sold at a Lecture	0	7	0
Collected by Mr. A. Firth	0	16	9
Do. by Mr. J. S. Andriesz	1	1	6
Do. by Mr. Jausz, at Slave Island	0	6	9
Do. by Mr. Samuel De Silva	0	5	6
Do. by Arthur J. Fernando	0	9	0
Balance of School Account	0	10	0
Collection in Borella, June 15th	0	6	1
Do. in Slave Island, June 16th	0	4	9
Do. in Pettah, June 17	0	7	8
Do. in Grand Pass, June 18th	0	4	0
Sundays Collections in Pettah during the year	4	0	0