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REPORT.

It is now ten years since the Strict Baptist Mission was commenced. It has during that period held on its way, through the good hand of God upon it, notwithstanding difficulties, obstacles, and discouragements of various kinds. Those who originated it have never doubted that an effort of this simple character, to send the Gospel to the heathen, was in accordance with the word and will of God, and would in the end receive his manifest sanction and blessing; and that though there would be much need for patience, there was none for doubt or despondency as to the result.

We desire, on the present public occasion, gratefully to recognize the fact that our confidence has not been misplaced, nor have our efforts been vain. The Master whom we aim to serve in this undertaking, has answered the prayers that have been offered, and blessed with success the labours of the missionaries employed; and while we do not regard success as the measure or standard of our duty in this matter, we thankfully recognize it when it comes as an encouraging token of His sanction and approbation of the work in which we are engaged.

While thus rejoicing in what God has done by the instrumentality of this Mission, we take no credit to ourselves in the matter. We were led in a way we knew not into the position we now occupy; and though in comparison with the extensive operations of large missionary organizations, our work may appear insignificant, and its results small, yet con-

sidering the amount of support we have received, and the limited number of agents who are employed, we cannot but exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

Since the commencement of this Mission, the word of God has been faithfully preached to the heathen by men whom he has taken from amongst them, to proclaim his truth. The written Word in the native languages has been distributed. Day and Sunday schools for the native children have been established and maintained; and now, at length, that which from the first was regarded as an object to be prayed for and kept in view, has been granted us; and we have had the privilege of seeing two native churches formed,—one of them during the past year,—composed of baptized believers, and giving credible evidence of having been converted to God through the instrumentality of our missionaries. Taking all these things into consideration, we may well "thank God and take courage."

On the other hand we have not been without difficulties and discouragements. Some of these have arisen from the opposition of the natives to the work of the missionaries and school teachers in the localities where they labour; some from the difficulty of finding suitable accommodation for carrying on the work of preaching and tuition; and some from errors of judgment in carrying out plans of action. The Committee having to deal with these circumstances as they arise, are thus necessarily acquainted with the difficulties connected with missionary work among the heathen. Patience and prudence, combined with faith and courage, are especially needed in the prosecution of our undertaking. Yet while we have much to try us and to humble us, we have also much to encourage us to press on, nothing doubting that the work is of God, and that he will give it that measure of success which his sovereign will appoints.

But we shall best convey an idea of the position and progress of the Mission during the past year by giving a few extracts from the journals and letters we have received. Our object is to exhibit things as they are, and not as we might wish them to be; and we are glad to know that we have in the two esteemed brethren who superintend the labours of our missionaries, every guarantee for truthfulness and fidelity in the reports we receive from the mission fields from time to time.



MR. THOMAS.

INDIA.

MADRAS.—Mr. Thomas continues his useful labours at St. Thomas' Mount with undiminished vigour. Though old in years he is young in heart, and though not favoured to see cases of conversion to God, evidenced by an open profession of faith in Christ by baptism, he does not measure his duty by success or the want of it, but by the plain command of Christ in the New Testament to preach the Gospel to every creature. Still it is not possible to doubt that God's own word, preached or distributed by him, is prospered more or less "in the thing whereto he has sent it," especially as we find that he is constantly receiving visits from both Hindoos and Mahommedans, who are professedly desirous of obtaining more light upon religious subjects.

Thus in January last he writes as follows:—

18th January.—*Mission House.*—This day two heathen men came to see me, and requested Christian books. I gave them a few handbills, exposed idolatry and its sinfulness, explained what the religion of Christ was, and how it suited the wants of every sensible sinner.

22nd.—*Mission House.*—Four Mahommedans called on me, to whom I spoke of the unsearchable riches of Christ, and gave them portions of Scripture. They received them quietly and went.

29th.—*Mission House.*—I was visited by three men to-day, to whom I explained the fall of man, and God's plan of salvation. The Gospel trumpet was sounded in Mount-road, Palaveram-road, Army School-street, Noble Cherry, Troop Lines, and Church-street on certain days, and handbills distributed.

Again in March he writes:—

4th.—*Mission House.*—Three natives came to see me, saying that their confidence in their religion has been shaken, that they believe that their religion is false, and that the Brahmin priests are a crafty set, and desired that books regarding the Christian religion, might be supplied them. I explained to them how sinful idolatry was to Jehovah, who required entire and perfect service from his creatures,—and told them of the only way of access to Him,—and gave them a few tracts, telling them to read them carefully, and that if they wished for any further information I would be most happy to see them at any time.

19th.—*Mission House.*—Three men called and requested religious books. On enquiring the reason of their request, they said that as they felt inclined to become Christians, they wished to know all about this religion. I read to them the first twelve verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, followed up with a few remarks, to which they listened with serious attention; then gave them a few tracts, with advice to ask God's blessing when they read them.

As a specimen of his manner of dealing with the numerous objections and cavils with which the Hindoos are always ready to meet the plain statements of divine truth, we give the following:—

Feb. 15th.—*Chetty-street.*—In the Big Bazaar here, I addressed a large gathering on the fall of man, the promised Saviour, his advent and life of humiliation, his goodness and agonising sufferings, and of his readiness and willingness to receive and grant salvation to all who come to him, feeling the load of sin on their conscience. A few Chetties wanted to know where Jesus was now. He is now exalted, said I, at the right hand of God in the kingdom of heaven, to receive, bless, and intercede for all who come unto God through him. They further said, "Show us Jesus Christ, and we will believe in him." I replied, "Can you see sound?" "No," said one of them. Then you can't see God or Jesus with your natural eyes, for He is a Spirit, and the latter is in heaven. Can you see your face? "Oh, yes, in a looking-glass." In the same manner if you wish to see Christ, you must go to God's looking-glass—the Holy Bible,—and ask God's Holy Spirit to open your understanding, to remove your unbelief, and to enable you to trust in Him; then you will be able to see him with the eye of faith, for Christ himself said to one of his disciples when on earth, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed." So we who are the disciples of Christ know this to be true.

Sometimes the arrow of conviction appears to be lodged in the conscience, like a nail in a sure place; but the fear of "losing caste," which, though a figure of speech in England, is a terrible reality in India, prevents the enquirer from following out his convictions where the truth leads him. After preaching on one occasion, a man came up to Mr. Thomas and said, "If I join you and become a follower of

Christ, all my relations will cast me off, and how then can I live?" I encouraged him, believing him to be sincere, with the promises of Christ, and his ability and willingness to save, and that he will never fail nor forsake those who trust in him. In this, as in many other cases, the seed sown appears to be choked with cares of this life, and we can only pray that He who can turn the thorny ground into good ground, will cause it to grow and bear fruit unto life eternal.

Mr. Thomas continues to carry on a day school in addition to his preaching labours, though for want of efficient help it is necessarily on a limited scale. On visiting his school in May, Mr. Doll found sixteen scholars being taught, consisting of heathen and Romanist children, and examined them on sacred and secular subjects, and found that satisfactory progress had been made. The children sing hymns both in the English and Tamil languages.—We shall refer more fully to the subject of mission schools.



M. A. COOPOOSAWMY ROW.

POONAMALLEE.—In the Periodical Paper we issued in April last, we referred to a church of Christ being formed at this place near Madras, by Coopoosawmy Row, our missionary, and that it was now his mission station. The church consists at present of but five members; but He who out of small beginnings can produce large results, has enjoined upon his people not to despise the day of small things, and declared that "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation." May he hasten it in his time, in this case, is our hearty response and earnest prayer. There are enquirers

around, whose hearts the Lord appears to have opened to receive the things spoken by our missionary; but the greatest care is needed, and is, we are happy to say exercised, to add to this infant church none but those who give such evidence of their faith in Christ as is really credible and trustworthy. On this subject, Mr. Doll, our indefatigable and judicious missionary superintendent, writes as follows:—"We wish to be particularly careful with regard to candidates for baptism and membership; to receive only those whom the Lord gives,—'such as shall be saved.' The case of the enquirer referred to in Coopoosawmy's journal is interesting. His parents are his great stumbling-block." It appears that they have, to the utmost of their power, prevented our missionary from seeing their son, who is himself rejoiced to receive his visits and hear of Christ and his salvation. We trust we may yet hear of his putting on Christ by baptism. But it is not always that Coopoosawmy Row is permitted to speak without hindrances. The following extract from his diary will show the kind of opposition to which he is subjected.

May 19th.—Went to *Trivellore*, and preached to the gathering multitudes from surrounding districts. I stood near one of the temples and addressed a very large concourse, the major part of them being Brahmins; when they discovered that I was once a Brahmin, they became more enraged, and with their frowning looks and gnashing teeth, I could see what they would do; yes, tear me in pieces if they only had the power. One Sudra particularly gave vent to most blasphemous expressions. Another said to me, "Your Bible says that if one beat on your left cheek, show him the other; if he takes away your outer garment, suffer him to take the inner also." I want you to do so; saying this, he came forward to strike me on my cheek and to take away my turban (head-cloth). I told him to stop awhile, and explained the meaning of that portion of scripture; but the man would not be satisfied, and persisted in his opposition; so I offered him my cheek to be beaten, and my turban and coat to be taken away; when the man was satisfied, and said, "Yes, yes; you are right, and acting up to the religion you preach." Poor man! he would be satisfied only with the letter, but not with the spirit of the law.

The interesting details of the new moon feast, as celebrated by the Hindoos, will serve to show, with vivid clearness, both the debasing nature of heathen rites, and the zeal and energy of our missionary, whose spirit, like Paul's, was stirred within him when he saw the people wholly given to idolatry.

18th February: Saturday.—Early this morning I observed crowds of people passing along the road. I at once remembered that to-day was

the new moon, or Sivarathary day, and that these people were going to Trivellore, a Hindoo shrine, for the feast. I came into my room, and knelt down and prayed to the Lord whether I should go to Trivellore and preach to these poor, benighted heathens of the folly and sin of idolatry, and of the one thing needful. Afterwards I waited a little, and then consulted my wife, and also asked brother Abel Michael if he would accompany me thither, as it is always advisable to go to such places in twos. I and brother Abel started off and reached Trivellore at half-past four, p.m., by train. As soon as we got down, we went off to the village, preaching in four different places till it got dark. Great crowds heard us, and we distributed many handbills. We then returned to the station-house, where we slept for the night, and in the morning went off again to the village, and saw the poor pilgrims by thousands, some bathing in the tank, and others going to the temple; and I preached in six separate places till twelve o'clock (noon), to great multitudes of Brahmins, Sudras, Pariahs, &c. I had to roar in order to be heard, as the congregation was thronging and noisy, as is to be expected. But I am thankful to say they did not attempt to lay their hands on us, and may God be pleased long to favour us with the reign of the British Government. I preached as long as I was able both in Tamil and Telugu. All this time we had to eat nothing more than a little bread and plantains. Trevellore this day was a hell on earth; the streets were worse than a dunghill; dirt and filth were trampled on everywhere in the village; large quantities of sugar and lumps of jaggery were thrown into the tank by the people while making their ablution, who gave plenty of money, &c., as alms to the Brahmins. Brahmins and railway people are the most fortunate in this affair, who doubtless made some thousands of rupees, and we poor ambassadors of Christ were starved and roared out the Gospel. May the bread thrown on this great water, O Lord, be soon found out to be for thy glory.

It had been repeatedly urged by Mr. Doll, that it would be desirable in the interests of the Mission, that Coopoosawmy should be publicly ordained, and set apart as a Missionary to the heathen. We were assured that this would have a good effect in regard to his preaching and teaching among the natives, who are disposed to hear with more attention one who is regarded as accredited and authorized to impart religious instruction. Accordingly he has recently been publicly ordained at Madras.*

In regard to the Day and Sunday Schools conducted in connected with our Mission at Poonamallee, we are happy to say they continue to present many interesting and encouraging features. One great difficulty in carrying them on has always

* A sketch of the early life and conversion of our missionary has been recently published by the Baptist Tract Society, entitled, "Coopoosawmy Row; or, How a Brahmin Youth became a Christian Missionary." Price ½d. each, or 25 for one shilling.

been the unwillingness of parents, who value their caste, to allow their children to go to schools where outcast children are also received. This hindrance has been partly overcome by the appointment of a moonshee or caste teacher, who is employed to teach the children secular knowledge only, leaving the religious teaching to our missionary and his assistant—Abel Michael. The prejudices of the parents are thus conciliated, while no compromise of Christian teaching is allowed. On visiting the day school, on June 28th, Mr. Doll found 37 children in attendance, consisting of caste children, Mahommedans, and Pariahs, whom he examined in grammar, spelling, dictation, and arithmetic, in Tamil and in English. Various portions of Scripture were read, and others repeated from memory. The same features apply to Mr. Thomas' school, at St. Thomas' Mount, though that is on a smaller scale.



MR. ANDRIESZ.

CEYLON.

Colombo.—The reports from this branch of the Mission have been less frequent of late. Mr. Andriesz seems better gifted to labour than to report the results of his labours. There was a similar reluctance, it will be remembered, on the part of Mr. De Waas, who relinquished his post rather than comply with this reasonable requirement of the Committee.

Having, therefore, received no extracts from the diary of

Mr. A., since our last Periodical Paper was issued in April, we have but little to add to the information there given.

At the third annual meeting of the Mission in Ceylon, held at Colombo, on the 6th of February, a report was read by the superintendent, which contains the following interesting particulars:—

"Brother Andriesz devotes his entire time in faithfully discharging his duties to the Lord, by visiting and speaking to the people around the principal districts of Colombo. He sows the seed broadcast, for he not only visits the people in their houses, but he has both to speak and to preach to many a careless sinner in the streets. The discouragements he meets with in the prosecution of his work, are great and many. Some would not only refuse him admission into their houses, but would actually refuse to hear him under any circstances. On one occasion, a Romanist heaped insults upon him with the foulest language, in the public streets, because our missionary was suspected to be the writer of a tract, wherein the absurd doctrines of the Church of Rome were exposed; 'by such acts,' said the Romanist, 'you assume to be more enlightened and holier than our priests.' On another occasion, in visiting the workshop of a shoemaker, the master of the shop—a great opponent of the Gospel, and a rigid Roman Catholic—as soon as he saw our missionary approaching, called upon one of his assistants to take the position of a preacher, and deliver a mock sermon. It was very eloquently [fluently] done, and consisted of a series of abuse against Protestants in general, and Baptists in particular."

The week-day services are held at Marandham, Slave Island, Pettah, New Bazaar, and Washer's Quarter, nearly all of which are well attended.

In addition to the Singalese service on Sunday afternoons, conducted by Mr. Jayawardine and other brethren, a Portuguese service has been commenced on Tuesday evenings, which is carried on by some of the members of the Mission church. This is a pleasing and encouraging feature, for in proportion to one's love of the Gospel is the desire for its dissemination.

A service is also regularly held at Cramer's Lane, in a bungalow, in the middle of a large garden. The attendance

on Sundays is about 25; on Thursdays, 20. The Sunday School in connection therewith numbers 40 children.

No additions have been made to the church since the last report, although there are several applicants for baptism. Great discretion is necessary on the part of our missionary in this respect; for among so ignorant a population, many offer themselves for baptism from unworthy motives, and without any due regard to the nature and solemnity of the ordinance. We have before commended Mr. A. for the care he has exercised in this respect; yet, careful as he has been, some have "crept in unawares," who have disturbed the peace of the infant church. Thus early after his settlement as pastor, has our missionary not only had to "warn the unruly," but by the voice of the church to excommunicate at least one from their midst, whose antecedents should have been more carefully examined before his admission.

Since the formation of this church, moreover, a difficulty has arisen as to the amount of governing power vested in our superintendent, Mr. Vincent VanGeyzel, for whose indefatigable and gratuitous services we cannot feel too grateful. Being himself a member of the English Strict Baptist Church, at Colombo, some of the members of the Portuguese Church demurred to his friendly guidance of its affairs, and even to some extent to the supervision of the labours of our missionary,—notwithstanding that the rules of the church read at its formation distinctly recognized such power. Under these circumstances, Mr. VanGeyzel sought the direction of the Committee, offering even to resign his post, rather than occupy an unwarrantable position.

The matter having been laid before the Committee, a resolution was passed, expressing their fullest confidence in Mr. VanGeyzel, and delegating to him, as heretofore, full power to direct the affairs of the Mission, including the oversight of the labours of their missionary, and the arrangement of his preaching engagements.

In conveying this resolution, the church has been reminded that support implies control, and that until they are able to occupy an independent position, they must not object to this. The church has clearly a right to hold church meetings for the purpose of regulating its own internal affairs: this is fully conceded. But Mr. Andriesz, being not only *their pastor*, but *our missionary*, has various engagements to fulfil

apart from his pastoral duties, with which it is not in the province of the church to interfere. This, it is hoped, is now clearly understood.

The Day School is still conducted by Mr. Jayewardine. There are 31 children in attendance. His reports are of a satisfactory character, though these have not been so frequent of late. The specimens of writing received, show that the scholars have been well instructed in this branch of education.

The increasing duties of the school rendered assistance necessary, which has been kindly supplied by Mr. VanGeyzel and Mr. Smith, who occasionally give lessons in geography to the scholars. Mr. Andriesz has also devoted much time to the Day School; but as a permanent assistant has been recently engaged, Mr. A. will again be able to devote his full time to mission work.

The Sunday School is still favoured with much prosperity. There are now 13 teachers and 84 scholars. The following account of the anniversary gathering, extracted from the *Colombo Examiner* newspaper of the 26th November, may at least be taken as an impartial record of this pleasant meeting:—

"The Third Anniversary of the Strict Baptist Mission School was held in Keyser-street Baptist Chapel, Colombo, Ceylon, on Sunday, the 20th November, when three services were held, and sermons preached in connection with the school. In the morning the service was conducted by the Rev. J. Scott, in the afternoon by Mr. J. Wydeman, and in the evening by Rev. F. D. Waldock. On Thursday evening, the 24th instant, there was a tea meeting for scholars and their friends at the schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers by a few of the scholars. After this, a public meeting was held in the chapel, under the presidency of the Rev. Mr. Waldock; when the Rev. Mr. Andriesz engaged in prayer, and a report of the school was read by Mr. F. W. Smith, the secretary, which showed that the school consists of thirteen teachers and eighty-four scholars —being an increase of twenty-four scholars since the previous year. The scholars' contribution during the year for the Mission was £5 16s. 3d. Several pieces of poetry were recited by about seven or eight scholars, amongst others by a blind lad (who received his education, orally, entirely in this school), to the entire satisfaction of the audience.* Prizes were distributed by the chairman to the best scholars, and suitable addresses were given by Captain Miller, C.R.R., Mr. J. S. De Silva, Quartermaster Hall, Mr. G. B. Leechman, and Mr. V. VanGeyzel. The meeting was closed with prayer by the chairman.

We have received copies of the hymns sung on the occa-

* This dear lad has since been baptized by Mr. Andriesz.

sion, and the prizes distributed were exceedingly liberal, consisting of a large number of handsome Sunday School reward books, sent from England for that purpose.

The following extracts from the Report will be read with pleasurable interest:—

"With due ascription of praise to Him who alone can give increase, we are happy to say that two of our scholars have recently begun to inquire the way of salvation, and one of them has found peace by believing in Christ. We hope that the other also will, ere long, find the preciousness of that Saviour who casts out none that come to him. Besides, one of the scholars was found sufficiently fit to take a junior class, and since his promotion to that rank he has been very attentive and diligent in his duties. Truly God, even our own God, hath blessed us, and we thank him and take courage for the future."

The report further states that a prayer meeting has been established "as another means of inducing those of the children who are seriously impressed with religious truth to seek the Saviour while he may be found."

Respecting our missionary operations in India, Mr. Doll writes as follows:—

"Our schools are gradually enlarging, and becoming an important branch of our labours. We require a good female teacher for the girls, and an efficient Christian master for the boys. If Coopoosawmy is to devote two to four hours daily in the school, his preaching work must necessarily be restricted thereby. The numerous villages in our mission-field need constant care and attention, and it would be a pity to neglect that part of our labour which is, I think, the primary and main object of the Mission. We need more help, more funds, and the prayers of God's people. Will not the Strict Baptists in England come to our assistance, particularly those who are blessed with the good things of this life? Will they not sustain those who are actually engaged in the battle against idolatry and sin? If we had the means, we might employ six or seven agents more as preachers and teachers. We require as many. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

Mr. Doll then goes on to speak of a Thomas Gabriel, whom he calls a dear native brother, and whom he strongly urges that we should engage as our missionary for the Telugu country. He says in a subsequent letter, dated July 22nd, "I have once visited this Telugu country myself. It is situated north of Madras, along the sea coast, comprising hundreds of villages and thousands of people. It is already prepared for us, as hundreds have, through the labours of Brother Gabriel, come under the influence of the Gospel, many of whom have been converted to God through his instrumentality, and await baptism and organization into

churches of Christ. Although some distance from Madras, this new field can be expeditiously reached by steamer. I believe this to be an opportunity presented to us by God, and it would be a sad thing if this providential opening should not be accepted. I have strong confidence in the integrity and faithfulness of Brother Gabriel, and I strongly recommend the project as worthy of your deliberation, adoption, and action. You would thus have a mission among the Telugus, as you have already among the Tamils of India. All this may seem to some enthusiastic and difficult of performance, but I merely give you the bare facts of the case."

It will be seen from this statement that a strong appeal is made to us to extend this Mission into new districts, and to occupy new ground, and yet the extent of our resources is too limited to admit of our doing so with confidence or prudence. It only, therefore, remains that we should seek by all means in our power to increase our funds, so that these providential openings may be responded to, and our sphere of operations enlarged. This particular opening is one which every way commends itself to our judgment and sympathy. Here is a faithful native Baptist ready to be employed, and a field of operations respecting which we may say that it is "white already unto harvest." We do not need to urge our friends to liberality, as they have already shown it for years; but we ask them to make the Mission known to persons and in places where it is not already supported, and to obtain for us new subscribers wherever they can. We are happy to say this appeal from Madras does not come to us without a practical proof of the interest the friends there take in the good work, and their readiness to co-operate in its support. Since our last annual meeting, Mr. Doll has formed an auxiliary to our Mission in Madras, as the friends in Colombo had already done, and subscriptions at the rate of 9 rupees per month, or £11 per year, are already promised. This should surely stimulate our efforts here in England to meet their appeal as far as we can.

The Mission is, Mr. Doll says, "getting better known by the people, who ask for schools for themselves and their children, so that seven or eight additional agents might be usefully employed as preachers, teachers, and colporteurs in various districts with good effect. For this some 70 rupees (£7) per month would be necessary. This seems a large sum, but see how much good it might do! If this cannot be done, and ten

rupees (£1) per month more can be given, another village school can be opened immediately.

We need say no more than these extracts present, to commend the subject to the prayerful consideration and liberal aid of our friends and subscribers generally. The Committee can only employ such funds as are entrusted to their care, and it rests with them to say how far they will supply the means which are necessary for enlarging the operations of the Mission. It will be understood that a balance in hand is always necessary, in order to be prepared to meet the expenditure already authorised, the salaries of the missionaries being of course sent in advance to India and Ceylon. This being the case, it will be found that our present nett income only suffices to meet our present expenditure. We court enquiry into the mode of carrying on our present operations, feeling sure that it will be found economical and worthy of confidence. We have no paid officers, we occupy no expensive premises, and all the money raised is expended in the mission-field, and not in this country, with the sole exception of such expenditure as is required to make the Mission known, and to report its operations and progress from time to time.

To our kind friends, Mr. Doll and Mr. Van Geyzel, who act as our representatives in India and Ceylon, our best thanks are due, and are hereby given, for their disinterested and unwearied services during the past year.

Our balance sheet will show what our friends in various churches and Sunday schools have done to render aid during the past year, and the important assistance received from the auxiliaries at Colombo and Madras To every individual, from the oldest to the very youngest who has helped us, we tender our hearty thanks. It is the Lord's work, and to all who cooperate in his cause, whether at home or abroad, he will render tenfold. We are glad to report that various friends in Cambridgeshire, at the instance of Mr. Dann, of Chatteris, who has warmly exerted himself on behalf of this Mission, have become regular subscribers. We trust they will continue and extend their useful aid. An interesting meeting was held at Chatteris, on behalf of the Mission, in June last. On that occasion our friend Mr. J. T. Briscoe attended as a deputation from the Committee. Strong testimony was borne to the soundness of the principle on which the Mission is founded, and of its special points of difference from the large missionary operations, by a minister of another denomination who

spoke from personal knowledge of the labours of missionaries abroad. We cannot but feel that this independent and unsolicited testimony supplies a strong confirmation of the view we have so often expressed on previous occasions on this subject.

Another interesting meeting was held at Deptford, in the month of March, for the purpose of introducing the Mission to the church and congregation under the care of our esteemed brother, Mr. Anderson. We are glad to report so cordial a reception as was then given to the objects of the Mission, and trust that other churches will be found to follow the example of the friends at Deptford. We need not say that we gratefully appreciate the kind aid rendered, year after year, by our old friends and fellow helpers in various places in London and the country, and especially those who have advocated the claims of the Mission, and solicited subscriptions for its support. This is not always a pleasant work, and we are, therefore, the more anxious to acknowledge such service when rendered. By this means we hope to be able to dispense with that common adjunct to all religious and benevolent societies—a paid collector, and yet to be able to increase our funds from year to year.

We have also to acknowledge with many thanks a kind grant of £5 5s. from the Proprietors of the *Gospel Herald and Voice of Truth* to the funds of the Mission, which we have received during the past year.

Our young friends in the Sunday-schools have as usual done well, under the stimulation and guidance of their teachers and superintendents, and it is interesting to hear of very small sums freely given in this way by those who are thus being trained to habits of liberality and self-denial by which the cause of Christ may benefit in years to come. We cannot refrain from calling attention to the great and continuous increase in the contributions from the Sunday school in connection with Soho Chapel, as an example of what may be done by systematic co-operation on the part of the superintendent and teachers of our Sunday-schools generally.

And now we leave this cause in your hands for another year; satisfied that in its support you will find your reward. The command, the promise, and the purposes of God are all connected with efforts like these, to extend his kingdom in the earth. Let us, therefore, abound in this work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance in hand last Audit				102	3	11½
Collected at last Annual Meeting				1	10	0
Individual Subscriptions, per List				24	6	8
Keppel Street Chapel.	Collections	8	0	0		
	Sunday School	34	19	11¾		
	Subscriptions & Donations per Mr. Coller	15	18	6		
				58	17	8¾
Soho Chapel, Oxford Street.	Collected by Mrs. Hall	2	6	0		
	Sunday School (18 months)	40	17	10		
				43	3	10
Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell Street.	Subscriptions & Donations, per Mr. Corney, Mr. Shepherd Mr. Jackson and Miss Evans			21	4	3
Salem Chapel, Meard's Court, Soho.—Sunday School				3	0	0
Wilderness Row Chapel, Clerkenwell.	Sunday School, per Mr. Whittaker	8	17	0		
	Collected by Mr. Eaton	1	3	1		
	Ditto Miss Dilley	0	13	0		
				10	13	1
Bethesda Chapel, Lever Street.—Sunday School				1	12	2¼
Carmel Chapel, Pimlico.—Sunday School				1	15	0
Johnson Street Chapel, Notting Hill.—Sunday School				3	15	6
Homerton Row Chapel.—Sunday School				1	17	6
Carmel Chapel, Woolwich.—Sunday School				1	11	9
Zion Chapel, Deptford.	Sunday School	7	0	0		
	Collection	2	5	6		
				9	5	6
Dacre Park Baptist Church				1	1	0
Foot's Cray.—Sunday School and Friends				7	10	0
Tunbridge Wells.	Subscriptions	2	12	6		
	Boxes	1	2	0½		
	Collection	2	13	1		
				6	7	7½
Sturry, Kent.—Collected by Mr. Hancock				5	12	4
Croydon.—Per Mr. Piggott				0	10	0
Sharnbrook, Beds.—Baptist Church, per Mr. Peet				2	0	0
Tring, Herts.—Some Friends, per Mr. Corney				7	0	0
Zion Chapel, Chatteris.—Collection (less expenses)				1	1	0
Profit on Drafts to Ceylon				1	14	3
Donation from Proprietors of "Gospel Herald and Voice of Truth."				5	5	0
				£322	18	2

We, the undersigned, have examined the above

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Expenses of last Annual Meeting	0	12	0
MADRAS :—Payments to Mr. Thomas and Coopoosawmy Row; Rent of Mission Premises; Tracts; Superintendent's postages; and miscellaneous expenses (per Mr. Doll)	107	4	0
CEYLON :—Payments to Mr. Andriesz and Mr. Jayawardine (per Mr. VanGeyzel) and wages of servant for cleaning Mission Premises	86	9	9
Printing Annual Report, Periodical Papers, &c., &c.	8	3	6
Missionary Periodicals for Sunday-schools	3	9	11
Mission Boxes	1	2	3
Postages to India and Ceylon, Stamps, &c.	3	12	11½
Minister's Expenses	1	0	0
Balance in Treasurer's hands*	111	3	9½
	£322	18	2

accounts, and find the same correct. Sept. 30, 1871.

(Signed) JOHN CORNEY,
S. TOONE.

* Exclusive of £100 invested in Bank.

ANNUAL MEETING,

Held at Soho Chapel, Oxford-street, London, on Tuesday Evening, Oct. 3rd, 1871.

MR. JOSEPH WILKINS in the Chair.

Mr. J. T. BRISCOE opened the Meeting by prayer.

Moved by MR. S. MILNER, seconded by MR. D. CRUMPTON, and carried unanimously:

"That the Report now read be adopted and circulated, and that the persons whose names have been read by the Secretary (names on page 2) be the Committee and Officers for the year ensuing."

Moved by MR. HAZELTON, seconded by MR. ANDERSON:—

That this meeting rejoices in the existence of the Strict Baptist Mission, as a means of spreading the Gospel in full accordance with the revealed will of Christ: and, recognizing the scriptural simplicity of its plan of operations and the economy of its working, desires for it continued prosperity and success in its fields of labour in India and Ceylon.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. JOSIAH BRISCOE, seconded by Mr. G. PEARSON, and carried also unanimously:

"That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Chairman, for his kindness in presiding, and to the Friends at Soho Chapel for granting the use of the chapel."

Collections, Subscriptions, & Donations.

Keppel-street Chapel, London.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Ashlin	3	3	0
Mr. S. Milner	1	0	0
Mr. H. Cooper	1	0	0
Miss Haines	1	0	0
Mr. Dinham	1	0	0
Mr. Smith, Watford	1	1	0
Mr. Pearson	1	0	0
Mr. Long	0	12	0
Mr. J. Collier	0	10	6
Mrs. Sweitzer	0	10	6
A Friend	0	10	6
Mr. C. Smith	0	10	6
Mr. Gaze	0	10	6
Mrs. Gaze	0	10	0
Miss Jane Gaze	0	10	0
Miss Louisa Gaze	0	10	0
Miss Colls	0	10	0
Mr. Russell	0	10	0
Mr. Low, donation	0	6	0
Mr. Parker	0	5	0
Miss Kelsey	0	5	0
Mrs. Raiment	0	4	0

Soho Chapel, Oxford-street.

Sunday School per Mr J. Falkner (18 months)	40	17	10
Subscriptions, per Mrs. Hall:			
Mrs. Arnold	0	10	0
Mr. Falkner	0	10	0
Mrs. Falkner	0	10	0
Miss Falkner	0	3	0
Miss J. Falkner	0	3	0
Mr. Hall	0	5	0
Mrs. Hall	0	5	0

Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell-street.

PER MR. CORNEY.

Mr. Shelton	1	1	0
Mr. J. W. Franklin	1	1	0
Mr. John Hodges, Jun.	1	1	0
Mrs. Dalton	1	1	0
Mr. John Corney	1	0	0
Mr. Hazelton	0	10	0
Mr. J. Earle	0	10	6
Mr. W. Horton	0	10	6
Mr. Cane	0	10	0
Mr. Sidders	0	10	0
Mr. Walter Abbott	0	10	0
Miss Corney	0	10	0
Mrs. Leyhair	0	10	0
Mrs. Toussaint	0	8	0
Mr. Jonathan Toussaint	0	6	0
Mrs. Smith	0	8	0
Mrs. Comb	0	5	0
Mr. Elliston	0	5	0
Mr. Pullen	0	5	0
Mr. Sawyer	0	5	0
Mr. R. H. M.	0	5	0
Mr. Mote, Sen.	0	5	0
Mr. E. Mote	0	5	0
Mr. Wm. Mote	0	5	0
Mr. Toms	0	5	0
Miss Page	0	5	0
Mrs. Knight	0	5	0
Mrs. Hawker	0	5	0
Mr. Dickens	0	4	4
Mr. Fricker	0	4	4
Mr. Smith	0	4	4
Mr. Pryke	0	4	0
Mr. Woodrow	0	4	0
Mr. Clutterbuck	0	4	0
Mr. Cobb	0	4	0
Mr. White	0	4	0
Mr. Clinch	0	4	0
Mrs. Avery	0	4	0
Miss Codd	0	4	0
Miss Laurence	0	4	0
Miss Toone	0	4	0
Miss Wilks	0	4	0
Mr. Thomas Miller	0	3	3
A Friend	0	2	6
Miss Nelson	0	2	6
Mr. Burrell	0	2	6
Mrs. Hoddy	0	2	6
Mrs. Davis	0	2	0
Mr. Waller	0	2	0
Mr. Doggett	0	2	0
Mr. Jeffs, Sen.	0	2	0
Miss Edwards	0	2	0
Mrs. Acre	0	1	0
Mr. Neil	0	1	0
W. C.	0	1	0

PER MR. MARTIN JACKSON.

Mr. Bushnell	0	4	3
Mr. Shepherd	0	4	0
Mr. G. Burrell, Jun.	0	4	0
Miss Hills	0	4	0
Miss Redgrave	0	4	0
Miss Smith	0	4	0
Miss Dobson	0	4	0
Miss Banister	0	4	0
A Friend	0	0	10
Mr. Stevens	0	1	0

	£	s.	d.
PER MISS EVANS.			
Miss Elliot	0	2	0
Miss Lovett	0	1	1
A Friend	0	4	4
Miss Dickens	0	2	0
Miss Chapman	0	1	0
Mr. Kates	0	1	3
Miss Fossett	0	1	1
Miss Evans	0	2	6
PER MR. E. SHEPHERD.			
Mr. H. Shepherd	0	5	0
Mr. E. Shepherd	0	4	0
Mr. Jackson	0	4	0
Mr. Smith	0	4	0
Mr. Clutterbuck	0	4	4
Mr. Rolinson	0	4	4
Salem Chapel, Meard's-court.			
Sunday School, per Mr. Curzons	3	0	0
Wilderness-row Chapel, Clerkenwell.			
Sunday School, per Mr. Whittaker	8	17	0
Subscriptions per Mr. Eaton	1	3	1
Collected by Miss Dilley	0	13	0
Bethesda Chapel, St. Luke's.			
Sunday School, per Mr. Brown and Mr. Walton	1	12	2¼
Carmel Chapel, Pimlico.			
PER MR. WALTERS.			
From Miss Wright's Mission Box	1	0	0
Industrial Exhibition	0	2	6
School box	0	12	6
Johnson-street Chapel, Notting Hill.			
Sunday School, per Mr. Rowley	3	15	6
Homerton-row Chapel.			
Sunday School, per Mr. Bellman	1	17	6
Carmel Chapel, Woolwich.			
Sunday School, per Mr. J. Barrat and Mr. A. Adams	1	11	9
Zion Chapel, Deptford.			
Sunday School, per Mr. Buffell	7	0	0
Collections	2	5	6
Dacre Park Baptist Church.			
Per Mr. J. Mote	1	1	0
Foot's Cray.			
Sunday School and friends per Mr. Rogers	7	10	0
Tunbridge Wells.			
PER MR. SALTMARSH.			
Mrs. Izard	0	5	0
Mr. S. Jones	0	5	0
Mrs. S. Jones	0	5	0
Mr. Ellis	0	5	0
Mr. Braby	0	5	0
Mrs. Thompson	0	5	0
Mr. James Rickett	0	5	0
Mrs. Austen	0	2	6
Mr. Stowell	0	5	0
Mr. Saltmarsh	0	5	0
Miss Parris	0	5	0
Boxes	1	2	0
Collection	2	13	1½
Sturry, Kent.			
Collected by Mr. Hancock	5	12	4
Croydon.			
Collected by Mr. Piggott	0	10	0
Sharnbrook, Beds.			
Donation from the Baptist church, per Mr. Peet	2	0	0
Tring, Herts.			
Some friends per Mr. Corney	7	0	0
Zion Chapel, Chatteris.			
Amount of Collection after meeting at Zion Chapel, June 20th	1	16	1
Less cost of printing bills 4s. 3d., expenses of platform 1s. 10d., part of Mr. J. T. Briscoe's travelling expenses, 9s.	0	15	1
	1	1	0
Proprietors of Gospel Herald and Voice of Truth			
Donation	5	5	0
Individual Subscriptions.			
Messrs. J. & E. Tann	0	7	0
Mr. J. T. Briscoe (2 years)	0	10	0
Mr. Green	0	5	0
Mr. T. M. Whittaker	1	1	0
Mr. H. Cousens	0	10	6
Widow's mite, per Mr. Hoddy	0	2	0
Miss Gold	1	11	0
Mr. Gallard	1	0	0
Mrs. Gallard	0	10	0
Mrs. Hurst	1	11	0
Mr. Oliver	0	10	0
Mr. Norton	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Minton	0	5	0
Mr. Hiley	2	17	6
Rev. H. Dowson	1	1	0
Mr. Williamson	0	10	0
Mr. Nash	0	5	0
Mr. Ruffell	0	5	0
Mr. W. Rose	0	10	0
Mr. T. S. Cowell	0	10	6
Mrs. Lagden	1	0	0
Miss E. Jackson	0	8	8
Mrs. Cowell	0	3	0
Mr. Josiah Briscoe	0	10	0
Mr. Topley	0	10	0
Mr. Curtis	0	10	0
Mr. Watson	0	5	0
Mr. C. Wilson	2	2	0
Mr. Webster	1	1	0
Mr. James Page	0	10	0
Mr. Underwood	0	15	0
A friend per ditto	0	5	0
Mrs. Boys	0	5	0
Mr. James Mote	1	1	0
Mr. McRitchie	0	10	0

AUXILIARY, COLOMBO, CEYLON.

Mission Rent, &c., Account.

	£	s.	d.
Andriesz, J. S.	1	1	0
Ball, Edwin	1	4	0
Blume, W. V.	0	5	0
Brodie, R.	0	1	0
Classen, J. P.	0	6	0
Classen, Jun. J. P.	0	3	0
Corner, E. S.	0	11	0
De Kretser, H. E.	0	9	0
De Fry, Geo.	0	2	0
De Kretser, C. L.	0	3	0
De Silva, B. P.	0	12	0
De Silva, C. P.	0	12	0
De Silva, P. D.	0	12	0
Fernando, J. C.	2	4	0
Gabriel, H. D.	2	8	0
Garnier, E. D.	0	6	6
Garnier, F. T.	0	11	0
Jacobs, H. E.	1	7	6
La Brooz, E.	0	4	6
Peterson, E. H.	0	2	0
Rusbridge, E.	0	12	0
Silva Polwatte, J. D.	0	18	0
Silva Polwette, W. C.	0	6	6
Vanderwert, C. D.	0	6	0
Vanderwert, J. H.	0	7	0
VanGeyzel, E.	0	14	0
VanHoff, Jas.	0	12	0
Weinman, W. G.	0	6	0
Wontersz, A. J.	0	12	0
Wydeman, E. L.	0	12	0
Felsiannes, F. L.	0	11	6
Firth, A.	0	11	6
Marthus, H.	0	0	6
Joachims, C. A.	0	6	0
	19	19	6
	16	13	3
	£36	12	9

	£	s.	d.
By Balance of last year	11	17	9
Paid house rent for Feb., 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ March 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ April, 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ May, 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ June, 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ July, 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ Aug., 1870	1	15	0
Do. „ Sept., 1870	2	10	0
Do. „ Oct., 1870	2	10	0
Do. „ Nov., 1870	2	10	0
Do. „ Dec., 1870	2	10	0
Do. „ Jan., 1871	2	10	0
	£36	12	9

COLOMBO AUXILIARY *(continued)*.

MISSION FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Andree, A. S.	0	4	0
Cooke, J. G.	0	5	0
Dunlop, R. V.	1	0	0
Ferguson, Jno.	0	10	0
Ferguson, A. M.	1	0	0
Ginger, A. R.	0	5	0
Leechman, W. C.	1	0	0
Leechman, G. B.	1	0	0
Matches, Cap. Barque "Alice Kitson"	0	10	0
Miller, C. R. R. Capt. J. C.	0	5	0
Paul, Capt.	0	8	0
Perera, P.	0	2	0
Schokman, L. F.	0	10	0
Wickremesekere, Modliar	0	12	0
A Friend	0	2	0
Sunday School Mission box.	2	14	8
Juvenile collection, Dec. 1870	1	15	5
Proceeds of tickets sold at a lecture given by Mr. Wydeman	0	15	0
School fees and books sold	0	15	0
Value of a lamp sold	0	18	0
Sunday collection at the Services	2	18	0
	£17	9	1
	5	8	11
	£22	18	0

	£	s.	d.
Carriage to Hospital	0	2	0
S. S. Mission box	0	1	6
Whitewashing the chapel	0	5	0
Silvering Pulpit lamp holder	0	2	0
Shade and holder polishing	0	2	6
Glass for do.	0	3	0
Account book	0	2	0
School table	0	6	0
Glass shade Pulpit (broke)	0	3	0
2 Benches	0	6	0
Rattaning do.	0	2	0
Carriage hire	0	3	0
Repairing lamp	0	0	3
Rug	0	6	0
Candles	0	1	6
Rattaning Chairs and wicks	0	1	3
1 dozen Chairs	2	5	0
1 Clock	1	10	0
School Table	0	12	6
Candles,	0	1	3
Maps	0	5	0
Black board	0	8	0
2 Arm chairs	0	11	0
8 Long benches and rattaning same	2	4	0
Varnishing chairs, &c.	0	6	9
Carpenter for repairing Chairs &c.	0	1	6
1 Long Bench and varnishing	0	3	0
Lamp, thread and candles	0	1	9
Carriage for Mr. Blake	0	2	6
Car. hire for Colly. Subscrip.	0	4	6
Cost of Mission boxes from England	1	3	6
Candles	0	1	9
Bal. for building baptistery	2	11	6
Matting	2	11	0
Oil, &c., during the year	3	15	0
Postages do.	1	11	6
	£22	18	0

MADRAS.

LIST OF MONTHLY SUBSCRIBERS TOWARDS THE SUPPORT OF THE MISSION SCHOOLS AT ST. THOMAS' MOUNT AND POONAMALLEE.

	Annas.
Mr. H. F. Doll (monthly)	4
Mr. R. Tindale	4
Mr. M. A. Coopoosawmy Row	4
Mr. J. W. Borthistle	4
Mrs. Borthistle	4
Mr. J. Elwood	4
Mr. Challis	4
Miss L. Gill	2
Mr. C. Taphause	4

	Annas.
Mrs. Taphause	2
Mr. J. Mitchel	4
Mr. H. Thomas	4
Mr. T. Jacquet	4
Mr. W. H. Haller	8
Miss S. Gill	2
Mrs. R. R. Wale	12
Mr. G. R. Gill	4