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Missionary—Mr. Henry Noble.
Assistant—Mr. Abel Michael.

Nazareth-pooram.

M. Murryan and two Teachers

Mooglebaukum

J. Manicum, *Teacher.*

CEYLON:

Mission Superintendent—Mr. V. Van Geyzel.
Missionary at Colombo—Mr. Andriesz.
Missionary at Ambepussa—Mr. De Waas.

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Chadwell-street Chapel.—MR. HAZELTON (*Pastor*), and the two Secretaries to the Mission.

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Avenue Chapel, Camden Town.—MR. EVANS (*Pastor*), and MR. T. WAKELIN.

Hill Street Chapel, Dorset Square.—MR. G. W. SHEPHERD (*Pastor*), and MR. BARRAT.

Also MR. CHARLES MASTERSON, Pastor at Little Alie-street Chapel, MR. JAMES GRIFFITH, Pastor at Hope Chapel, Bethnal-green, and MR. HENRY BROWN, late of Bethesda Chapel, Lever-street.

REPORT.

THE spread of the gospel must ever be earnestly desired by every Christian whose soul is in a healthy state; and while devoutly acknowledging that "power belongeth unto God," it is alike the duty and the honour, both of individuals and of churches, to seek to diffuse the gospel of their salvation.

As the Committee of the Strict Baptist Mission, we deem it our highest honour, and not merely as a test of obedience to our Lord and Master, to be identified with him in the extension of his kingdom in the world,—concealing no truth, perverting no ordinance, nor seeking popularity at the expense of fidelity to our convictions of his plainly revealed will.

Accepting as we do the commission given by our Lord in its *entirety*, while we rejoice in every effort that is made to "*teach* all nations" the truths of our common Christianity, we proceed with the order of the commission, and "*baptize*" those who have been made disciples; nor do we omit its latter clause, which refers to the laws of our heavenly King, but "teaching them to observe *all* things whatsoever he has commanded," without presuming to divide essentials from non-essentials, believing that what he has not prescribed he has proscribed, and that while "he who shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, shall be accounted least in the kingdom of heaven," those who do and teach them, shall be accounted great.

In reviewing the labours of the past year, we take encouragement from the fact that our Mission is gradually but surely gaining the confidence of the churches at home. If ministers will kindly assist in making the Mission better known, we venture to predict that none of the domestic institutions of the churches will suffer thereby. It is specially pleasing to witness the amount of zeal evinced by the scholars in most of our Sabbath-schools where their efforts are properly directed. It

will be seen by the Treasurer's balance-sheet that a large proportion of our funds is derived from this source.

We therefore make our earnest and special appeal to every Strict Baptist Church or Sunday-school that has not yet taken any part in this great and Scriptural undertaking, either to give us an annual collection or permit us to hold a Public Meeting for the advocacy of its claims—employ some active friends to collect subscriptions, &c., on its behalf, or allow us to introduce a few Missionary Boxes into your Sabbath-school; or, better still, will you, by several or all of these means, help to support and to extend the labours of the Strict Baptist Mission as several of our churches and Sabbath-schools have been doing for many years past?

In those cases where by long association with any other Missionary Society it may be considered undesirable to withdraw altogether the support hitherto given, the Committee venture to suggest whether the Annual Subscriptions and Donations might not be divided between the two Missions as is the practice at present of a few of our Strict Baptist Churches.

A most interesting meeting of scholars connected with Sunday-schools contributing to the Mission, was held on Tuesday, April 25th, at Keppel-street Chapel. A free tea was provided, to which ample justice was done by upwards of 500 children, after which Mr. James Woodard, of Ilford, president of the Mission, took the chair, and addresses were delivered by Messrs Styles of Islington, and Evans of Camden Town, and a felicitous and appropriate lecture was delivered by Mr. John Box of Soho, on "India and the Hindoos," illustrated by dissolving views, most successfully exhibited by Mr. Cooper, Jun., son of our esteemed Treasurer. The utmost order prevailed, and the gathering, which was a most crowded one, was universally felt to be a complete success.

But leaving our zealous supporters at home, let us glance at the moral and spiritual harvest-fields abroad, commencing with our first sphere of labour—

INDIA.

We have the satisfaction to state that the work of the Lord here is steadily progressing, notwithstanding some discouragements referred to in our missionaries' reports.

THE MISSION CHAPEL, ST. THOMAS MOUNT,

is now completed in a neat and substantial manner. An interesting account of the opening services held January 29th, was given in our last Periodical Paper. The cost has exceeded the original estimate, as it was found absolutely necessary to make it more substantial than was at first intended. Verandahs and other appliances, not originally contemplated, have also been added. The whole cost of the building and appurtenances, however, (irrespective of the ground which was granted by the Government,) has not exceeded £75, of which £55,* in all, have been voted by the Committee, the remainder having been raised on the spot by the exertions of Mr. Noble. The chapel is in a central position, with the baptistery in front, which occasions various comments from heathens and professed Christians of all classes. Mr. Doll says:

"The erection of the chapel has indeed greatly helped to establish the status of our denomination, and largely added to our usefulness. The Tamil services are held regularly (including prayer-meetings) in the chapel; the English church also hold their services and prayer-meetings in the building, and bear their own expenses of lighting the place. They number 15 members, and since they have met for worship in the Mission Chapel, their congregation has considerably increased. They have a Sabbath-school of about 20 children, which also meets in the chapel, and is managed by Brother Griffiths, their deacon. I must not fail to observe that the present building at St. Thomas' Mount has caused no little amount of excitement at that station."

Mr. Noble, in his reports of various dates says:

"The churches, both Tamil and English, are very thankful to the dear friends of the Mission for providing them with a place in which to meet and observe the ordinances of the Gospel in a scriptural manner. Our Tamil services have been regularly held in the chapel on Sundays and Thursdays, and have been interesting and encouraging. Many of the children and a few of the adults residing at Nazareth-pooram attend these services. We have also open-air preaching near the chapel one evening during the week, through which means many of the passers-by hear the Word of Life. Our English Church also worship in the chapel three times a week, and their services are becoming more interesting than they were at the first. The congregation is generally pretty fair, considering the mistaken notions that people entertain of us as a body. There are

* £2 only of this amount were specially subscribed for the purpose; £53 having been voted from the General Fund.

among those that attend, a few enquirers. The pure doctrines of the discriminating grace of God are preached."

The Mission Church at St. Thomas' Mount

Has increased from three (its number of members in June, 1875) to thirteen in September of the present year; eight of whom have been added since the date of our last Report. Seven of these had been previously baptized elsewhere; the other, a young man, was baptized by Mr. Noble on the 23rd July last. We regret that exclusion has been necessary in one case, namely that of John Lazarus, Mr. Noble's assistant, of whom previously such a good report had been given. With regard to the state and progress of the church, Mr. Doll says:—

"The little Mission Church is doing satisfactorily; the members are in love and harmony, and growing in grace under the pastoral care of our brother Noble."

From Brother Noble's report, we extract the following under this head:

"*Dec.*, 1875.—I am glad to be able to state that four baptized believers have joined our little Mission Church here. We number at present nine in church fellowship.

April, 1876.—The members of the church are being taught, and, I trust, built up in the glorious doctrines of the blessed Gospel; and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper is observed once a month.

May.—Two baptized believers have been added to the little native church, making an aggregate of ten at present on our church books, exclusive of John Lazarus, from whom it was our painful duty to withdraw some time since.

July.—I was privileged to baptize on the evening of Lord's-day, July 23, a young man who had been for some time past attending our services. The evening being fine, a large number of persons, both English and native had collected in the vicinity of the chapel, who, on the service commencing, drew near to witness the scene. The service was conducted wholly in the Tamil language. Afterwards the same evening, the church re-assembled for the purpose of admitting the newly baptized brother into church fellowship and to break bread.

August.—The Lord is not unmindful of us here; our littile church is gradually increasing. Our last baptised brother holds on his way, and there is some hope of other members of his family coming out also. A man who was baptized some 18 years ago at Chittoor has applied for admission to our church. He seems to be sincere and professes belief in our distinctive principles: all being favourable, we shall admit him in our next breaking bread day."

The school at Poonamallee having greatly declined, owing to the influence of other schools in that locality, Abel Michael, formerly teacher at Poonamallee, is now stationed at St. Thomas' Mount, as assistant to Mr. Noble, in place of John Lazarus.

Poonamallee.

This station is visited periodically by Mr. Noble and Abel Michael, for the purposes of street preaching, house to house visitation, and tract distribution.

Purleh Kimedy.

No intelligence whatever has been received during the year, either by us or by Mr. Doll.

Schools.

Our schools at Nazareth-pooram and Mooglebaukam are doing well, but they greatly need better buildings wherein to assemble; these we hope will in due time be supplied. Concerning the progress of the children Mr. Doll, says:

Jan., 1876.—The improvement at Nazareth-pooram is indeed very great and satisfactory, taking into consideration the difficulties with which Mr. Noble has had to contend. Outcast children, the offspring of chucklers and scavengers, who never knew what a letter was, or even saw a book, can now read the Book of the Christian's God and lisp the Saviour's name and sing His praise. Is not this work—is not this progress? Old ones too are seen sitting on a level with the children, and listening with eagerness to the simple and wonderful things contained in the Gospel of God.

At Mooglebaukum, the progress of the work in the school is very encouraging. The preaching of the gospel is regularly maintained here as at Nazareth-pooram, and the missionary and teachers are gaining the confidence of the people.

Mr. Noble in his recent Reports makes repeated mention of the encouraging state of things at these schools. The following are selected from similar statements.

"*Jan.*, 1876.—The school at Mooglebaukum is doing very well; the children can read and sing pretty well, and I am glad to find them always clean and orderly. There is much improvement in the school at Nazareth-pooram; the children have made remarkable progress; the elder ones can read the Scriptures, and answer plain questions in the same, and have also much improved in singing. In listening to these little half-clad urchins, I have been led to hope that some of the little creatures, at least, may yet adorn the doctrines of the gospel, and prove bright gems in the Redeemer's crown."

The following account of a "School Treat" given by Mr. Noble, will especially interest our Sabbath-school friends.

"On the evening of Thursday, the 8th of April, the children and elder scholars, with their teachers and friends, assembled at my house, where a plain repast was provided for them in open-air. After prayer and the singing of a few school lyrics, they all sat down with faces beaming with delight to do justice to what was placed before them. This part being ended, and thanks returned to God the Giver of all good, a few more lyrics were sung and a prayer offered; the children moved off in file, giving a salaam or salute as they passed. There were present belonging to both schools about 70 persons, and a happy season it was."

It should be stated that this "school treat" was given from money sent over by our dear friends at Keppel-street in the early part of this year.

A few years since, a box of clothing was sent by the united exertions of our Sunday-school friends; and we are happy to learn that a similar project has been again commenced. Contributions either in money or materials for clothing these almost destitute children, will be gratefully received by either of the Secretaries of the Mission, or by Mr. Wakelin, the superintendent of Keppel-street School, 30, Robert-street, Hampstead-road, London. Cotton prints, chintz, and similar fabrics are specially suitable, with strong toys, or any other little presents that generosity may prompt.

With regard to the Nazarethpooram Sabbath-school and preaching services, Mr. Noble says:

"The service on the Lord's-day forenoon comprises both Sunday-school and preaching service. A service is also held here late on Wednesday evening for the convenience of those who are all the day engaged at their various occupations. Both services are encouraging, particularly the latter, which assumes more the character of a Bible Class than otherwise."

Itinerating Work.

Besides the regular Lord's-day and week night services at Bullock Lines, Nazareth-pooram, and Moodlebaukam, brother Noble, with his assistant, visits adjacent villages to preach the gospel, expound the Scriptures, distribute tracts, and converse with the inhabitants. The following extracts from his monthly reports refer to this important part of his work:

"*June*, 1876.—During the past month, village, street, and bazaar preaching, reading the Scriptures, and tract distribution, have been pursued much as usual, and on some occasions the gatherings have been large and interesting."

"*August*, 1876.—During the month many of the adjacent villages have been visited, where the Word of God has been read, and remarks made thereon to such as were willing to listen. Houses have also been visited, and the like course pursued, and all has been supplemented by the distribution of gospel and doctrinal tracts. On the whole a desire to hear the Scriptures read, and to receive the silent messengers, was evinced. Paleveram was one of the places visited; it is a military station, about three miles distant from St. Thomas' Mount. Here we found two or three men who had been baptized in Burmah, whence their regiment had lately returned. I hope to visit this place frequently, as I believe there is an opening for a good work here."

Visit of a Brother Missionary.

Our good brother has been favoured with a visit from a brother missionary, Mr. Bullard, of the American Telugu (Strict Baptist) Mission, who is stationed at Allore in the Madras Presidency, but a considerable distance from St. Thomas' Mount. He thus refers to this event:

"Mr. Bullard, of the American Telugu Mission, accompanied by Mr. Doll, paid us a visit. After hearing the children of our Nazareth-pooram School sing and read the Scriptures, and putting a few questions to them, he addressed all present in the Telugu tongue. He afterwards expressed his satisfaction with the progress the children had made, and promised on his return home to send small presents to a few of the children who had made the best progress. Mr. Bullard also attended our English service the same evening, when he gave us some very interesting missionary intelligence. We expect another of the Nellore brethren up shortly: it is very encouraging to meet these good men who hold views in harmony with our own, and to hear of the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom; it tends to cheer us up a little."

In relation to this visit and the promised rewards, Mr. Doll says:

"Mr. Bullard was much pleased with his visit, and has since sent me a letter, in accordance with the contents of which, at his expense, presents were given to the three elder children. Two boys received each a Telugu Testament and a coloured handkerchief, and one girl received a Telugu Testament and a coloured print petticoat.

Translation of Tracts.

Concerning this very useful department of missionary labour, Mr. Noble says in his report for June:

"We have lately translated into Tamil, the English tract, "What is Conversion?" which is now in course of distribution, having been published by the Madras Auxiliary Baptist Tract Society. Another tract on baptism is being translated, and I trust the time is not far

distant when we shall have a goodly number of our doctrinal and gospel tracts translated into the Tamil and Telugu languages, and thus supply a want that is greatly felt by us now."

Health of Mr. Noble.

The health of our brother Noble has been a little affected in the hottest part of the year; he had also sickness in his family at the same period. One of the native teachers has been laid aside by fever for a short time, but for the most part the statements on this matter have been favourable. Our esteemed brother Noble always closes his monthly report with an earnest request for the prayers of the friends of the Mission "*at home*," as thus:—

"We crave an interest in the prayers of our dear home friends who feel an interest in this little Mission, for the Lord's blessing on its operations."

We trust our friends in their petitions for the extension of the kingdom of Christ, do specially remember this their own Mission, and our brethren as desired in particular.

Extension of Operations in India.

Our zealous and warm-hearted brother, Mr. H. F. Doll, the esteemed superintendent of our affairs in India, is continually urging upon us the great necessity that exists for the extension of our operations in India, by taking up fresh stations, four new openings for which having presented themselves to his notice during the past twelve months, and all with most pressing claims for immediate attention.

The following words of our brother refer to one of these openings for further usefulness to our Mission:—

"Christianpettah, a native Christian village, was once the scene of the labours of a native Christian—a Strict Baptist brother. On his demise some years back, troubles arose, and ever since they have been without a pastor or leader, and consequently were compelled to join the Church Missionary Society about three years ago. These poor people having heard of us, wrote to me, requesting that we should send them a missionary and school teacher, as they long to come back to the good old ways, and to have their children educated."

With reference to this and other applications to himself of a similar character, equally pressing, our brother adds:—

"These I regard as remarkable instances of providential openings, loudly calling for the earnest sympathy and hearty co-operation of all Strict Baptists with the efforts of the Strict Baptist Mission, which can alone meet the spiritual cravings of the people referred to above."

We most earnestly hope that these words penned by our good brother will have their due effect on all our Strict Baptist friends who may read or hear them. Most gladly will we respond practically to these very urgent appeals, when men and means by the good hand of our God upon us as a denomination, and the contributions of His people to His treasury, shall enable us to do so.

CEYLON.

Colombo.

This branch of the Mission appears to be in a peaceful and hopeful condition. The Reports, however, particularly those of Mr. Andriesz, are in arrears, though we are daily expecting fresh information.

On Sunday evening, March 12th, Mr. Andriesz had the pleasure of administering the ordinance of baptism,—the candidate being a blind young lady, about nineteen years of age. She had been nominally a Presbyterian, but attributes her conversion to the blessing of God on the labours of Mr. Andriesz.

Mr. Van Geyzel, the superintendent of the Mission in Ceylon, says:

"But although it has seemed fit to the Lord to deprive her of her natural eyesight, still He has been graciously pleased to give her spiritual sight, by a conversation which Mr. Andriesz had with her during his missionary visits to her house, and after her conversion, when Mr. A. read to her those portions of Scripture regarding her duty to submit to the ordinance, she yielded without any controversy, just like a person who was able to see and read the command. How strange is the work of the Spirit!—Did I say "strange?" How glorious and effectual is what I mean! Under any circumstance how natural it is for the new-born soul to cry out,—

> "Hinder me not, ye much-loved saints,
> For I must go with you—
> Through trials and through troubles too,
> Still I must go with you."

Her baptism was an affecting sight. Crowds came to witness the ordinance, merely because she was blind. Mr. Andriesz preached on the subject of baptism from 2 Kings v. 13."

It seems that our brother Shepherd's able defence of the "Distinguishing Doctrines of the Strict Baptist Denomination" has found its way over to Ceylon, and provoked the ire of Mr. Stevenson, the open communion Baptist minister

there, who preached a sermon against the Strict Baptists, which appeared in the *Ceylon Observer*, respecting which Mr. Van Geyzel remarks:

"It is too late in the day now, for Mr. S. to make the natives of Ceylon open communionists. Almost all the Baptists in Ceylon are strict in communion. . . . The army of the Lord in this respect are valiant, strong, mighty."

Ambepussa.

This station, which lies between Colombo and Kandy, about 36 miles from the former place, is occupied by Mr. De Waas. The inhabitants are entirely different from those of Colombo, being sunk in heathenism and vice. Hence the difficulties under which he labours, even in inducing the natives to attend a place of worship. He says:

"For the present I am preaching in the house of an aged Mohandiram (a Singhalese chief); but I am sorry to report that I have not succeeded as yet to gather a fair congregation, as the people being staunch Buddhists are not inclined to form a congregation to hear the gospel message; but I hope that I shall gradually be able to increase my number of hearers by visiting their houses."

Respecting this Mr. Van Geyzel remarks:

"I am visiting his station pretty often, with the view of helping him to get up a permanent congregation, for which there is every likelihood. It is not an easy matter for him to establish a congregation so soon as Andriesz could. The latter is labouring among the nominal Christians, hence they do not scruple to attend a place of worship; but the former is labouring in the den of the heathens, and I am correct, I believe, in saying that the suburbs of Ambepussa were not hitherto occupied by any Mission agents, therefore the work at the outset is difficult and discouraging; but by God's help, we have reason to believe we shall overcome all difficulties. The congregations are increasing, and many are listening to De Waas, now without the usual sneers. I addressed myself to the people on one Sunday afternoon, from the words 'This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.'"

A few extracts from the journals of Mr. De W. will give a more comprehensive idea of his labours. After relating how he had silenced some cavillers, he says:

"Another man happened to see a tract in my hand about the "New Birth." He questioned me, "What is the meaning of being born again? Is it to be born again after our death in another world?" "No," I said to him; "you are to be born again in this world; it is not after death, but while you are living." So he asked me to explain the nature of the new birth, so I said, One who is born again

experiences a conviction of sin in the heart, a repentance and a change; and this change is manifested by mortifying the sinful deeds of the flesh. He then said that his "Bana-book," or his sacred-book also taught about the new birth. I then asked him to explain to me the teaching of the sacred book concerning the new birth. He followed my course of explaining the new birth, but he found the difficulty of explaining the conviction of sin by telling that he is to mortify the flesh by deeds of merit. By this it is seen that Buddha never knew anything about the new birth. I showed him the absurdity of Buddhism; I could see the words were pricked in his heart, and hope the interview will prove profitable for him."

"In Bohatala," he says, "I am preaching in the house of one Senanayaka, a wealthy and influential man in the village. He is professing the Buddhist religion, and was brought up in that religion, nevertheless he gave his place very cheerfully for me to preach the gospel. Through his influence a large gathering assembles to hear me. I have great hopes that he shall become one of the first fruits of my ministry, and if the Lord is pleased to bless my efforts for his cause, and open the understanding and the heart of this man, great results will no doubt follow. He is a sincere man, and at present he is very anxious to know about truth declared in the Gospel. I ask you to pray for this man's conversion, and for the Lord's blessing on my labours in the village."

We now commend the labours of the year both to our friends whom we represent, and to Him "whose we are and whom we serve," conscious that His blessing alone can make them successful. But remembering also that He has said: "Prove me now herewith, whether I will not pour you out a blessing so that there be not room enough to receive it," we crave an interest in the prayers of our friends both in public and in private, that "the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified." We fervently desire to see periodical district prayer meetings established, and affectionately commend this suggestion to the attention of our friends. And may the Lord pour upon the churches the spirit of grace and of supplication, that "the shower may come down in his season," at home, and that "showers of blessings" abroad may make "the desert to rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

Receipts.				£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Oct., 1875				125	14	10
Collections at last Annual Meeting				12	18	2
Individual Subscriptions				53	13	0
Collection at Juvenile Meeting, Keppel Street				6	2	8
Keppel Street Chapel.	Sunday School	44	12 5			
	Per Mr. Collier	13	1 0			
	Per Mr. Townsend	2	0 0			
	Annual Collections	8	5 4	67	18	9
Soho Chapel.	Sunday School	17	16 2			
	Per Mr. J. Falkner (2 years)	4	7 3	22	3	5
Salem Chapel, Meard's Court.	Sunday School	3	0 0			
	Per Miss Squirrell	2	10 0	5	10	0
Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell St.	Subscriptions & Donations per Mr. Hoddy and Miss Evans	11	10 1			
	Per Master E. Shepherd	1	5 6			
	Sunday School	6	5 0½	19	0	7
Providence Chapel, Islington.—Per Mr. Styles (2 years)				11	19	7
Wilderness Row Chapel.	Sunday School	4	17 6			
	Vestry Box	0	8 10	5	6	4
Bethesda Chapel Lever Street.	Sunday School, per Mr. Robbins			1	18	2
Artillery Street.—Sunday School				3	2	0
Little Alie Street.—Per Mr. Masterson				3	3	0
Dacre Park.—Per Mr. Cole				3	0	6
Zion Chapel, Deptford.	Sunday School	8	3 3			
	Per Miss Stubbins	3	7 6	11	10	9
Homerton Row School, per Misses Gregory & Brown				4	5	0
Avenue Chapel School, Camden Town, per Mr. T. Wakelin				5	10	9
Trinity Chapel, Southwark.—Per Mr. R. Holyoake				0	7	0
Johnson Street, Notting Hill.—Sunday School				4	2	0
Carmel Chapel, Woolwich.—Sunday School				1	9	7
Dorman's Land.—Per Mr. Grigg				1	5	0
Hounslow.—Per Mr. Corney				2	17	6
Sturry.—Per Mr. Hancock				5	6	6
Foot's Cray.—Per Mr. Clark				5	15	0
Thame.—Subscriptions and Collection, per Mr. Woodard				7	0	6
Sydenham.—Ditto ditto per ditto				4	2	6
West Ham.—Per Mr. Woodard				2	2	0
Chatham.—Per Mr. Oliff				1	6	6
Emsworth, Hants.—Per Mr. Coles				0	10	6
Rinstead.—Sunday School				0	3	0
Reading.—Per Mr. Martin				1	15	0
Providence Chapel, Erith.—Per Mr. West				1	10	0
Dover.—Per Mr. Fearnley				12	16	8
Bethel Chapel, Wivelsfield.—Per Mr. Virgo				3	3	4
Sharnbrook.—Per Mr. Russell				1	3	0
				£419	13	3

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Expenses last Annual Meeting	4	17	0
MADRAS.—Payments to Missionaries, and miscellaneous expenses, per Mr. Doll (including £55 voted for Chapel at Bullock Lines)	181	4	0
CEYLON.—Payments to Missionaries, and miscellaneous expenses, per Mr. Van Geyzel	99	10	0
Printing Annual Reports, &c., &c.	16	5	6
Periodicals for Sunday Schools	4	4	3
Missionary Boxes	0	19	0
Postages to India and Ceylon	4	11	3
Postages omitted last year	2	18	9
Ministers' Travelling Expenses	2	10	0
Expenses of Juvenile Meeting	8	14	8½
Baptist Tract Society, for use of Committee-room	0	12	0
Balance in Treasurer's hands	93	6	9½

THE ANNUAL SERMON

Was preached by Mr. J. S. ANDERSON, of New Cross, from Acts xvi. 14,

On Tuesday Afternoon, November 14th, 1876, at Mount Zion Chapel, Hill Street, Dorset Square.

After which, on the Evening of the same day, at the same place,

THE ANNUAL MEETING,

WAS HELD :

Mr. G. W. SHEPHERD, Pastor of the Church at Hill-street, in the Chair.

Mr. G. WEBB opened the Meeting by prayer.

Moved by Mr. STYLES, and seconded by Mr. BOX :—

"That the Report (abstracts from which having just been read) be received, printed, and circulated as extensively as possible, under the direction of the Committee; and that the brethren whose names have been read, be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to the latter."

Moved by Mr. DEARSLY, and seconded by Mr. BROWN :—

"That the Strict Baptist Mission has special claims upon the sympathy, earnest prayers, and liberal support of all Christians, and especially of the Strict and Particular Baptist Churches throughout the country."

Moved by Mr. W. K. DEXTER, and seconded by Mr. MASTERSON.

"That as we are favoured to live under *the dispensation of the Spirit*, and all success in any Christian effort depends entirely upon *His* accompanying *Grace* and *Power*, it is important and essential that earnest, united, persevering, believing prayer should be associated with every scriptural endeavour to promote, either the temporal or intellectual, the moral or spiritual welfare of mankind."

Moved by Mr. WOODARD, and seconded by Mr. HODDY :—

"That the thanks of this Meeting be cordially tendered to Mr. Anderson for his excellent and appropriate sermon this afternoon; to the church at Hill-street for their kind and hearty reception; to their pastor for so kindly presiding; and to the ministers who have favoured us with their company and help."

Collections, Subscriptions, & Donations.

Collections.

	£	s.	d.
After Annual Sermon	4	5	8
At Annual Meeting	8	12	6½
At Juvenile Meeting.....	6	2	8½

Keppel-street Chapel, London.

PER MR. COLLIER.

Collections after Annual Sermons	8	5	4
Miss Ashlin	3	3	0
Mr. Cooper	1	0	0
Mr. G. Pearson.....	1	0	0
Mr. Simms	1	0	0
Mr. Smith	1	0	0
Miss Haines	1	0	0
Mr. Schweitzer	1	0	0
Mrs. Schweitzer	0	10	0
Mrs. S. Schweitzer	0	5	0
Mr. C. Smith	0	10	6
Mr. Collier.....	0	10	6
Mrs. Milner	0	10	0
Mr. Dinham	0	10	0
Mr. Russell	0	10	0
Mr. Wadman.....	0	4	0
Mr. Sears	0	4	0
Miss Raiment	0	4	0

PER MR. TOWNSEND.

Various small sums	2	0	0

PER MR. WAKELIN.

Sunday School	44	12	5

Soho Chapel, Oxford-street.

PER MR. J. FALKNER.

Amount acknowledged on p. 29 last Report	1	10	0
Mr. John Box	0	10	6
Mrs. Martin	0	10	0
Mr. Freeman.....	0	5	0
Mr. Foster.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Hall	0	5	0
Mrs. Knott	0	5	0
Mr. Simpson	0	5	0
Mr. Thorne	0	5	0
Mr. Falkner	0	5	0
A Friend	0	1	9
Sunday-school	17	16	2

Salem Chapel, Meadʼs-court, Soho.

PER MISS SQUIRRELL.

Mr. John T. Briscoe..... ...	1	0	0
Mr. Kent	0	10	0
Mr. Elgar	0	4	0
Mr. Cursons	0	5	6
Mrs. Ponder	0	2	6
Mrs. Squirrell	0	2	0
Miss Hircock.....	0	2	6
Miss Headland	0	1	0
Mr. Kealey.....	0	2	6
Sunday-school, per Mr. Cursons	3	0	0

Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell-street.

PER MR. HODDY.

Mr. Hazelton.....	0	10	0
Mr. Hodges	1	1	0
Mr. Miller	0	12	6
Mr. Joshua Earles	0	10	6
Mr. Sidders	0	10	0
Mr. Abbott	0	10	0
Mrs. Toussaint (5 quarters)	0	10	0
Mr. Baizley	0	10	0
Mr. Hoddy.....	0	10	0
Mrs. Hammersly	0	6	6
Mrs. Lynn.....	0	5	0
Mr. Pullen.....	0	5	0
Mr. Manns.....	0	5	0
Mr. J. Mote, Sen.	0	5	0
Mr. E. Mote	0	5	0
Mr. W. Mote	0	5	0
Mr. Doggett	0	5	0
Mr. Sawyer	0	5	0
R. H. M.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Hawker.....	0	5	0
Mr. Toms	0	5	0
Miss Brooks and Pupils ...	0	4	4
Miss Norman.....	0	4	0
Miss Hill	0	4	0
Mr. Woodrow	0	4	0
Mr. Fricker	0	4	4
Mrs. Goddard	0	4	0
Mr. Clinch.....	0	4	0
Mrs. Smith	0	4	0
Miss Lawrence	0	4	0
Mr. White.....	0	4	0
Mr. Clutterbuck	0	3	9
Miss Dodson	0	3	0
Mr. Hammond	0	2	6
Widow's Mite	0	2	0
Mrs. Avery	0	1	0

Chadwell-street, continued :

Sunday-school, per Mr. Briscoe	6	5	0½

PER MISS EVANS.

Miss Lovett	0	4	4
Mrs. Mitchell	0	3	0
Miss Evans	0	4	4

PER MASTER E. SHEPHERD.

Various small sums	1	5	6

Providence Chapel, Islington.
PER MR. STYLES.

Amount acknowledged on page 29 last Report	6	11	4

Collected by Mrs. Dennant and Miss Adams.

Miss Adams	0	2	0
Mr. Adams	0	6	0
Mr. Adams, Jun.	0	1	0
Miss Baker	0	6	0
Mr. Browning	0	5	0
Mrs. Buckland	0	4	0
Mrs. Chisnall	0	6	6
Mrs. Dennant	0	5	0
Miss Dennant	0	1	0
Mrs. Dewell	0	4	4
Mr. Lawrence	0	4	0
Mrs. Lawrence	0	4	4
Miss Manning	0	1	0
Miss Mason	0	1	1
Mrs. Pursey	0	1	1
Mrs. Sidwell	0	3	0
Mr. and Mrs. Smith	0	4	0
Miss Sturgess	0	4	0
Mrs. W. J. Styles	0	5	0
Mr. Taylor	0	5	0
Mrs. Thorpe	0	4	0
Mr. White	0	4	0
Mr. and Mrs. Willey	0	8	0
Mr. A. Willey	0	1	0
Sunday-school, per Mr. Gyles	0	17	11

Wilderness-row Chapel.
PER MR. EATON.

Sunday-school	4	17	6
Mrs. Eaton's Box	0	8	10

Bethesda Chapel, Lever-street.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Robbins	1	18	2

Artillery-street Chapel, Bishopsgate.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Steward	3	2	0½

Little Alie-street.

Per Mr. Masterson	3	3	0

Dacre-park Chapel.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Cole	3	0	6

Zion Chapel, Deptford.
PER MISS STUBBINS.

Mr. Cowell	0	10	0
Mrs. Young	0	5	0
Mr. Ruffell	0	5	0
Mr. Topley	0	10	0
Mr. McRitchie	0	10	0
Mr. Nash	0	5	0
Mr. Freeman	0	5	0
Miss Earnest (Rochester)	0	10	0
Mrs. Josiah Cowell	0	2	6
Miss Stubbins	0	5	0
Sunday-school, per Mr. Nash	8	3	3

Homerton-row Chapel.
PER MISSES GREGORY AND BROWN.

Sunday-school	4	5	0

Avenue Chapel, Camden Town.

Sunday-school, per Mr. T. Wakelin	5	10	9

Trinity Chapel, Southwark.

Per Mr. R. Holyoake	0	7	0

Johnson-street Chapel, Notting-hill.
PER MR. ROWLEY.

Sunday-school	4	2	0

Carmel Chapel, Woolwich.
PER MR. DRIVER.

Sunday-school	1	9	7

Dorman's Land, Surrey.

Mr. Grigg and friends	1	5	0

Hounslow.
PER MR. CORNEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale	0	5	5
Miss Gale	0	4	4
Mrs. Coles	0	4	4
Mr. Cheshire	0	4	4
Mrs. Corney	0	3	9
Mr. Rose	0	2	9
Mr. Finch	0	1	1
Mr. J. Jeffs	0	5	0
Mr. Corney	1	0	0
Sunday-school, per Mr. Searle	0	6	6

Sturry, near Canterbury.

Per Mr. Hancock	5	6	6

Foot's Cray.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Clark	5	15	0

Thame.

PER MR. JAMES WOODARD.

Collections, including profit of Tea Meeting	2	18	7¾
Mr. Elton's subscription	1	1	0
Mr. Marsh's, Sen. do.	0	5	0
Mr. Prosser	0	2	0
Subscriptions from Sunday-school	0	14	7
Mission Boxes:—			
Miss Johnson	0	18	0
Master John Elton	0	9	0
Miss Freeman	0	7	0
Miss L. Mears	0	5	8¼

Sydenham, Oxon.

PER MR. WOODARD.

Collections	1	6	3¼
Collections and Children's box	0	13	7¾
Collections at Chinnor	0	12	6
Boxes :—			
M. A.	0	16	0
M. A. S.	0	3	6
J. B.	0	4	7
W.	0	6	0

West Ham.

Per Mr. Woodard	2	2	0

Chatham.

Per Mr. Oliff	1	6	6

Emsworth.

Per Mr. T. Coles	0	10	6

Rinstead.

Sunday-school	0	3	0

Reading.

Per Mr. Martin	1	15	0

Providence Chapel, Erith.

Per Mr. West	1	10	0

Dover.

Per Mr. Fearnley	12	16	8

Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Per Mr. Virgo	3	3	4

Sharnbrook.

Per Mr. Russell	1	3	0

Individual Subscriptions.

Mrs. Turner (Sevenoaks)	10	0	0
Mr. Chapman	5	0	0
Mr. F. Butcher & Family	3	0	0
Miss Butcher	1	0	0
Mr. T. Glover	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Briscoe	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Billing	2	0	0
Mr. T. Simpson (3 years)	3	3	0
Mr. T. Webster & Family	2	0	0
Mr. William Webster	0	5	0
Mr. J. P. Webster	0	2	6
Mr. S. Squire, per Mr. Webster	0	5	0
Mr. H. Procter, per ditto	0	5	0
Mrs. Morgan, per ditto	0	5	0
Mrs. Hurst	1	11	0
Miss Gold	1	11	0
Mr. Gallard	1	0	0
Mrs. Gallard	0	10	0
Mr. T. M. Whittaker	1	1	0
Mr. Woodard	1	1	0
Mr. James Mote (2 years)	2	2	0
Mrs. Lewin, per Mr. J. Mote (ditto)	1	1	0
Mr. Ince	1	1	0
Mr. Charles Box	1	0	0
Mrs. Lagden	1	0	0
Mr. E. J. Oliver (2 years)	1	1	0
Mr. Cousens (2 years)	1	0	0
Mr. Houghton (donation)	0	10	6
Mr. Norton	0	10	0
Mr. Thomas Hoddy	0	10	0
Mrs. Boys, per Mr. Clark	0	10	0
Mrs. Rose	0	10	0
Mr. Edwards (2 years)	0	10	0
Mrs. and Miss E. Kitson	0	8	6
Mr. Bloom	0	5	0
Miss A. B. Barton, per Mr. Steward	0	7	6
Miss A. M. Barton, per do.	0	5	0
Mr. S. Brown, do.	0	5	0
Mr. M. Brown, do.	0	5	0
Mr. Pine, do.	0	2	0
Mr. Saville, do.	0	1	0
A Lover of Truth (Norwich)	0	5	0
Mrs. Watson	0	5	0
Miss Mynott	0	5	0
Mr. Avery	0	4	0
Miss Fortnam	0	4	0
A Friend, per ditto	0	4	0

For the Chapel, at Bullock Lines Madras.

Mr. G. Pearson	1	0	0
A Friend at Chadwell-street	1	0	0

MADRAS.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM OCT. 1875, TO SEPT. 1876.

ST. THOMAS' MOUNT.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. G. T. Eddington	9	8	0
Mrs. M. A. Giles	3	0	0
Mr. P. McFarlane	5	8	0
Mrs. J. Wilson	3	0	0
Mrs. H. Gurner	1	10	0
Mrs. M. Dorling	1	10	0
Mrs. J. J. Carthy	1	8	0
Mr. McFarlane, sen.	1	8	0
Mr. J. Crocker	3	0	0
Mrs. S. Wood	1	8	0
Mr. E. Benn	3	0	0
Mrs. Hill	0	8	0
Mrs. Float	0	4	0
Mr. Vaughan	2	10	0
Mr. Moore	0	12	0
Mrs. Redmond	0	6	0
Mr. Rule	3	0	0
Mrs. Buckman	3	0	0
Mrs. Currie	1	8	0
Mrs. Spencer	1	12	0
Mr. Harman	4	0	0
Mrs. Taphouse	0	8	0
A few Friends	2	0	0
Chapel Mission Box	4	3	6

POONAMALLEE.

Serjeant Major Lynch	2	8	0
Miss Plowden	0	12	0
Mr. Foster	6	0	0
Mrs. Illingsworth	6	0	0
Mr. G. R. Gill	1	0	0
Mr. Walker	2	0	0
Mr. Hawkins	0	6	0

BLACK TOWN.

Mrs. S. A. Gill	2	12	0
Mr. W. H. Haller	5	8	0
Mr. W. Pearson	1	8	0
Mr. R. R. Wale	2	0	0

AUXILIARY, COLOMBO, CEYLON.

DONATIONS.	Rs.	Cts.
A. V. Dunlop, Esq.	10	0
R. M. Ferguson, Esq.	10	0
J. Ferguson, Esq.	7	50
G. B. Leechman, Esq.	10	0
W. P. Ranasinghe, Esq.	2	50
W. Walker, Sergeant 73rd Reg.	1	0
J. C. Fernando, Esq.	24	0
Paulus Perera	1	0
A Friend	1	0
Peter Perera	0	25
Friend	0	25
Ditto	0	50
Ditto	0	50
H. Wontersz	0	25

SUBSCRIPTIONS.	Rs.	Cts.
A. B. Claessen	7	0
H. E. De Kretser	7	0
John De Silva	10	0
E. D. Garnier	3	25
Mrs. M. E. Ginger	6	0
I. Van Hoff	5	50
W. G. Weinman	4	0
E. L. Wydeman	6	0
P. D. De Silva	2	50
V. Van Geyzel	2	0
Mrs. N. E. Van Geyzel	2	0
Mrs. Agnes Raffell	0	75

COLOMBO MISSION:—*Balance Sheet, Feb.*, 1875, *to Jan.*, 1876.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	Cts.
Donations	69	0
Monthly Subscriptions	56	0
Bank Exchange on Remittances	81	23
Amount Received Account, Ambepussa Rent	25	0
Amount Received Account, Pettah Chapel Rent	90	0
John Ploughman's Almanacs sold	7	75
Value of tickets sold for 4 lectures delivered in the Chapel	30	24
Balance due	58	29
Rs.	417	51

EXPENDITURE.	Rs.	Cts.
Balance last rendered	196	60
Paid Pettah Chapel Rent from Feb., 1875, to Jan., 1876, at Rs. 15 per month	180	0
Paid Ambepussa Rent, Nov., 1874, to March, 1875	18	33
Cost for John Ploughman's Almanacs and Postage	4	75
Postages during the year for letters and reports	8	92
Sundry expenses and payments for repairs of furniture		
Rs.	417	51