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St. Thomas' Mount Station, Madras.

Missionary—Mr. Henry Noble.

School Teacher—J. Manicum.

Palaveram, Out Station.

Assistant—

Nazareth-pooram.

Two School Teachers.

Poonamallee.

Mr. Abel Michael, *Native Preacher.*

Two School Teachers.

CEYLON:

Missionary at Colombo—Mr. Andriesz.

Missionary at Ambepussa—Mr. De Waas.

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REPORT.

"Lo, I am with you to the end of the world," are the gracious and inspiriting words which our great Captain and Lord has left on record for the encouragement of all His faithful labourers to the end of time.

In presenting the Seventeenth Annual Report of our Mission, we would call to mind those last utterances of our Divine Master before He left this lower sphere for His throne on high, for the encouragement of ourselves and all the friends of scriptural effort in the gospel field, to persevere in their work of faith and labour of love. That our Lord is mindful of His promise, and that the labours of His servants are not in vain in Him, we think we have reason thankfully to say, is evidenced by the measure of blessing attending this Mission. Upheld by His strength, and directed by His Spirit and Word, the work has been carried on through another year, with a good measure of success abroad, and increasing interest in the Mission amongst the Churches at home. It is true we have had clouds and sunshine, discouragements and encouragements; but the sunshine has been in excess of the clouds, the encouragements greater than the discouragements. On the whole, the past year has been one of the best, if not *the* best in the history of this Mission. The plant continues to grow and to bear fruit, and its roots are striking more widely and deeply. Watered by the prayers of its friends, and nurtured by their earnest efforts under the promised blessing of the Most High, it shall increase and grow to a tree, under the branches of which many a bird of paradise shall find shelter in the wilderness, pending its flight to the Eden above.

In giving some account of the Lord's gracious dealings with the Mission during the past year, we feel assured that our friends will see reason to unite with us in these expressions of thankfulness and confidence—thankfulness for the past, and confidence as to the future. Ours is but a little

one amongst many larger agencies of a similar kind, but it is carried on in strict accordance with what we believe to be apostolic doctrine, precept, and example, according to our reading of the Word of God. The success attending the labours of our devoted agents, all things taken into account, will, we think, bear comparison with that of other similar efforts. At all events, let us thank God, take courage, and persevere in seeking to extend the kingdom of our dear Redeemer amongst the heathen.

INDIA.

First as to India. During the year ten members have been added to our Native Mission Church at St. Thomas' Mount by baptism; these being converts from heathenism, the fruit of the labours of our beloved brother Henry Noble, our missionary. Others also, attendants on the means of grace, are thought by him to give very hopeful signs of being awakened from the death of ignorance and sin.

At Poonamallee, four converts have been baptized by our Brother Doll, and are now comprised in the Native Mission Church there, an account of the formation of which was given in our last Periodical Paper. Readers of our last Annual Report may remember the statement there given of the resumption of this station, after an intermission of about two years duration of but very partial occupancy. Abel Michael, the present resident agent, is a zealous and devoted labourer, of whom Br. Doll, our Superintendent, speaks in warm terms; himself most assiduously taking the oversight of affairs, examining and baptizing converts, and directing matters in general. We earnestly join with our brother Doll in his prayer that their united labours, by Divine grace, may be productive of much good, and of this we are persuaded; we have already the earnest, as recorded above in the baptism of four converts, several other persons being considered by our brother to be hopeful enquirers. He anticipates a rich harvest of souls at this station; so may it prove, by the blessing of Him who gives the increase arising in connection with the labours of his devoted servants.

Two new day schools have been commenced during the year; one at Poonamallee, now consisting of forty scholars, the other at Palaveram, having about the same number of children in attendance. We have now four day schools con-

nected with our Mission in India, viz., the two just mentioned, and those at Bullock Lines and Nazareth-pooram, the four comprising an aggregate attendance of about two hundred children. These are taught to read the Word of God, and to sing Christian hymns, with other elementary branches of a plain education. Many of them can read the Bible fluently, and some can repeat whole chapters from memory,—attainments wholly acquired by them in our schools. When it is remembered that these are the children of heathen idolators, or of Mahommedan zealots, nursed in the ignorance and degradation attending those antichristian systems—to have brought so many of them under the influence of Christian teaching is surely a result which the friends of our Mission will duly appreciate, and for which we have cause to be truly thankful. For as the entrance of God's word gives light to the soul, we may most assuredly believe that by God's blessing great good shall result to these children in future life from their early Bible teaching, and through them we may reasonably and confidently hope to others also. Thus the good seed of the kingdom, cast on the waters by the instrumentality of our Mission, shall be seen in its fruits after many days.

Our Mission Chapel at Bullock Lines, St. Thomas' Mount, has been considerably improved by the addition of various conveniences, and the enlargement of the surrounding enclosure. The Government having, on the application of Br. Noble, kindly granted an addition of land on both sides, and at the back of the Chapel, giving thus an area of 60 feet square; the whole has been fenced with a good brick wall, a vestry added to the Chapel, a shed put up for school accommodation, and the baptistery rebuilt with some minor improvements. The whole expense amounts to about £20, of which the Committee forwarded two-thirds, Br. Noble undertaking to raise the remainder by local subscriptions. It is proper to note with thankfulness the liberality of the English Government in India with respect to this grant of land for the erection of a Baptist Chapel thereon,—so different from the conduct of English rulers eighty-four years ago when the East India Company refused to allow a Baptist missionary even to set his foot on British territory in India.

We have lost one of our agents by death during the year, Moses Murryan, latterly teacher of the school at Nazareth-

pooram, but previously employed at other places. He had been connected with our Mission about seven years, and was an active and faithful labourer. Our brethren Doll and Noble testify of him that he was an earnest and sincere Christian man—a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. His end was peace, and the large assemblage of Christians of all classes that attended the interment of his mortal remains bore ample testimony to the respect in which he was held during his life. The vacancy in the school at Nazareth-pooram, occasioned by our brother's decease, will, we hope, be shortly filled up. We have also to ask that the Lord will send us a good, efficient Christian teacher for the school at Poonamallee, and a Native assistant preacher to aid Brother Noble in his itinerating and other work.

We now proceed to give some extracts from the journals of our missionaries as illustrative of their labours, and further showing the amount of success with which the Lord has graciously favoured them.

St. Thomas' Mount Station.

Five times during the year Brother Noble has been privileged to lead native converts in "the path which Jesus trod" Respecting these interesting occasions, the following remarks occur in his journals:—

"These baptisms have greatly cheered my heart. They are happy seasons. Our baptismal services are well attended, and I trust are the means of making some impression on the minds of those present. We only baptize those whom we have reason to believe sincere from our own knowledge and observation of them. Two approved candidates, baptized March 31st, had been known to us well for two and three years. On this occasion seven had applied for baptism, but the other five it was thought best to defer for further trial and observation."

The baptized comprised five males and five females. Four of the whole number were from the village of Nazareth-pooram, where, in addition to the school there carried on, much labour has been bestowed, a weekly preaching service having been carried on there for a long time, and many had been the prayers offered for a blessing on the Word preached. Country ministerial brethren having outlying village stations to supply, will be able to sympathise with Brother Noble in the joy that these results of his labours occasioned him.

Intelligence respecting our Mission work having repeatedly appeared in the *The Gospel Herald and Voice of Truth* and the *Pearls* during the year, in addition to that given in our periodical paper, it may here suffice to append the following verbatim copy of our Missionary's Report for August of his work at St. Thomas' Mount and out stations:—

"*General.*—The general aspect of the work during the past month has, on the whole, been encouraging. The somewhat great and attentive gatherings have on some occasions caused me to rejoice. We have endeavoured, as much as possible, to avoid needless controversy, in which the more enlightened amongst the Hindoos are always ready to join. We have as much as possible confined ourselves to reading and expounding Scripture, which 'is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes.' May this power be manifested in the effectual call unto salvation of many of the poor heathen of the land."

"*Out-door Work.*—Some of the adjacent villages have been visited, where, as also in the streets and bazaars, the Scriptures have been read and commented upon, and numerous tracts distributed. The Gospel plan of salvation has been explained to some hundreds of all castes and creeds. Many have listened with apparent attention and interest where Jesus has been lifted up as 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life,' while others have gone away scoffing and jeering. Still, on the whole, there has been cause for thankfulness to Him who must give the hearing ear, as well as the understanding and believing heart. Some have acknowledged the truth of the Gospel, and on one occasion a man and his wife expressed their desire to become Christians; of whom I have hope. May God give them and many others the power to become the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"*Public Services.*—The public services have been regularly held on Lord's days during the past month, both in English and Tamil, and the congregations, though somewhat fluctuating, owing to the unsettled state of the weather, were nevertheless, on the whole, more encouraging, which I trust will yet increase; and I have reason to hope that such will be the case."

"*The Churches.*—The little churches (English and Tamil) are still struggling in the wilderness. The former has been somewhat favoured during the past month. Out of six baptized believers who applied for membership four were admitted, and the other two, who were absent from the station, will (D.V.) be received into fellowship during the present month. All these held open communion views till they attended our services, and heard our peculiar views explained; but now the barrier has been thrown down, and they are one with us." I have hope of three or four baptisms shortly, in connection with the Tamil church. May the Lord be graciously pleased to favour us with many real living souls is my earnest prayer."

"*The Schools.*—As is usual at this season of the year, many of the scholars are laid aside with sore eyes, which disorder is at present very

prevalent: consequently the attendance during the past month has not been so good in either school. The progress made in the schools is pretty fair in Scripture, &c. Our Tamil Sunday School is still kept up, and has a fair attendance."

"*Palaveram.*—This place has been visited frequently by me during the past month, and the Scriptures have been read and expounded in the bazaars and streets there, to large gatherings; and a large number of tracts in the Tamil and Telugu languages were distributed. The people generally were attentive, and apparently interested, and this is all I can say on that point. The meetings in the Drummers' and European Veterans' Lines have been held as usual, by Colonel Carnegy and myself, through which means of grace some have, according to their own confession, been benefited. I might remark here, that this is a work more of an Evangelistic nature than otherwise, as the two parties engaged in it do not in point of doctrine altogether agree. There is also a third party, bringing influence to bear upon these people—viz., the Episcopal Methodists—who paint the "Particular Baptists" in the darkest colours. Though these people may not, probably, for some considerable time at least, have sufficient light to embrace fully the true doctrines of the Gospel, yet one great point has been gained; for the people who, two years ago, had such dread of Baptists, believing them to be dangerous people, will now listen attentively to what the Baptists have to say about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We feel much encouraged by the large and attentive gatherings at these meetings. May God's special blessing rest upon this work is my earnest prayer. The school here is doing pretty well; there are about thirty scholars in attendance."

"*The Chapel Building.*—About 20 rupees more are required to complete the work, which I trust will shortly be forthcoming, so that the account may be closed."

"The prayers of the dear friends of the Mission are earnestly solicited for a special blessing on the humble efforts put forth here."

Poonamallee Station.

Since the re-establishment of this Station, the work has been continued with much devotedness, and a good measure of success, by the native preacher, our brother Abel Michael, who has occupied his present position here since May 1st, 1877. So unremitting, indeed, have been his labours, that his health became affected, and during the month of July last he was able to give but partial attendance to his duties. By the blessing of God, however, his health has been restored, and in August he was able to engage in his work about as usual. The school here is doing well, forty boys and six girls being in attendance, with an expected increase; so that a larger place for their accommodation is needed than the one at present occupied. At Brother Doll's urgent request, the employ-

ment of a male and a female teacher, suitably qualified for their work, has been authorised by us for this school. This has become the more necessary in consequence of an opposition school in the neighbourhood being contemplated by the Church Missionary Society.

Brother Doll, writing September 8th, says the little native Mission Church here is "clinging to Jesus, and keeping steadfast to Him who said 'I am the way.' All the members send greeting." There are also several enquirers, including Chella and his wife, mentioned in the extracts from Abel Michael's journals given below, whom Brother Doll has under examination and instruction, with a view to baptism. The extracts will, we think, interest our friends in our good Indian brother and his work :—

"*April* 11, 1878.—This morning I went to a village named Mathoorawadoo, three miles east of our station. I spoke on justification by faith, and not by works. There were some fifty Hindoos, men and women, if not more. They heard me with much eagerness, attention, and pleasure. I was enabled to speak with much power, and Satan seemed powerless. I felt very thankful, and freedom of spirit in prayer. The Lord bless his word with converting grace to these people.

"*April* 12.—I preached this day in the bazaar, from a portion from the New Testament; a very large promiscuous crowd of people heard me. I spoke on the sufferings of Christ. I was not interrupted the whole time, except once, when a man asked me to show him God; to whom I replied by asking him to show me the difference between stupidity and blindness? when a number of Mahomedans in the crowd laughed, and the poor fellow walked away leaving me to continue my discourse uninterrupted.

"*April* 24.—I went to a village called Toolcapettah [*i.e.*, Mahomedan village] three miles on the south-eastern direction of our station. All the inhabitants are Mahomedans, living by cultivation. There are more than 200 houses in this place, with about 1000 inhabitants, and a bazaar. I read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, and spoke from the 5th verse. 'The chastisement of our peace was upon him.' I was enabled, by Divine assistance, to preach for about two hours; there were upwards of fifty Mahomedans that heard me with serious attention, and without any interruption. I set forth man's utter depravity and corruption, man's utter inability to save himself by his own works; but by the precious blood and finished work of Christ, which believed in by any poor sinner he shall be saved, and that such a work is produced by the Holy Spirit alone. Man in his present state is under the terrible wrath of the Divine justice, for his laws are being continually broken, either in thought, word, or deed, and who can bear it? With one united cry of many voices I heard say to me, '*We cannot tell, can you tell us?*' I continued, 'Is God ignorant?' '*No*,' was the reply. 'Is God a liar—a mocker?' '*No*,' was the

reply. 'How then are we to escape this wrath of God, and obtain his favour, and blessing, and eternal life?' 'We cannot tell, said they; you will please tell us.' Then I answered, 'Hear what God says in respect of these poor sinners, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Whosoever feels the need of a Saviour for his lost soul, Jesus Christ is the appointed Saviour, the Surety, the Substitute of all such who trust in him, in whom is eternal life.' The manner in which these men heard and received the Word was wonderful to me; for Mahomedans are generally indifferent, insolent, and abusive. When I was about leaving, it was about 6 p.m., one of them, the head man of the village as I was told, came up to me, took me into one of the minor streets, and advised me in a quiet and courteous manner never to come to their village again, endeavouring at the same time to frighten me. But I fear not; the message I have delivered to them, and the result I must leave to my God. But shall God's word return void?"

"*May* 10.—Preached at Old Poonamallee, opposite the Munsiff's (native magistrate's) Court, where I had a number of Brahmins and others listening to me. I read the 9th chapter of John's Gospel, and made an address on the words, 'Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, we see; therefore your sin remaineth.' I lifted up Christ as the only Saviour of sinners—needy, forlorn, undone. I was heard attentively, and without any interruption."

"*May* 11.—Preached in Chella's (our enquirer's) house. His desire to follow Jesus appears to be daily increasing. Much prayer is being made for his wife. Some of our sisters visit her. Oh may the Lord lead them out by his grace and power."

"*May* 13.—I went to one of the Mangadoo Charies [the Châries of Mangadoo are the hamlets of the village of Mangadoo], the largest of the number. I have never been to this hamlet before. It contains about 500 houses [huts and brick buildings.] I preached in two places on man's lost state, of righteousness, and a judgment to come. I met with very great opposition by a few, and one man threatened to strike me, while some others, kindly disposed, came up and took him away. I am sometimes lost in wonder to think how graciously the Lord preserves me in these distant and strange places, and all alone, from the wicked hands of evil-disposed men—devils incarnate. But in the Lord God of my salvation is my strength and safety. I left this place (*i.e.*, where I first preached, and the man threatened to beat me,) and went to another part of this hamlet, where the people welcomed me cordially, and treated me with courtesy, one bringing me a leaf mat, another a wooden stool, and desired me to take a seat. I sat on the straw mat and read a portion of the Word, and addressed my hearers which were upwards of twenty people. I proved to them the existence of God Almighty, the existence of the soul, and how precious it is in the sight of God—as taught by Christ himself—the depravity of man, the appointed means of salvation through Jesus, and thus introduced Christ, and lifted him up as the crucified Saviour of sinners. They listened with fixed attention, and after I was done they one and all desired that a school should be opened in that hamlet."

"*May* 15.—Visited Chella, and a few other houses."

"*May* 19.—I held the usual services this day for our little Church, also the services at Mr. Walker's. [These latter are held regularly for his household servants, and for poor beggars.]

"*June* 3.—I preached in three places, at the Cantonment, Bazaar, (Commendan Chavady,) and Island-parcherry, on the depraved and sinful state of man, supporting my statements with illustrations, and presented the Great Physician. Two men, a papist and a heathen, expressed their desire to come to my house to be taught further in the blessed truths of Christianity, as they said they had no confidence in their own religions. I cordially invited them, and expressed great pleasure with respect to affording them instruction in regard to Christ and his truths."

"*June* 17.—Visited a few houses, Chella's among them. My mother also followed me. Had profitable conversation with Chella's wife, and Chella also. May the Lord add to His little church such as shall be eternally saved. I then went to Commendan Chavady (a public rest-house for natives), and got into conversation with an old Sanyasee (ascetic), who seemed to be deified, and venerated as such. He is also believed by the heathens to be a diviner and consulter with familiar spirits, thus earning a very good living. I entered into an argument with this man, and proved, from his own religion, books, and the writings of Hindoo sages, the fallacy and trickery of his profession. I was indeed enabled to be very plain and bold. This child of Satan, finding me to be rather more than a match for him, left me alone, and maintained perfect silence ever after. A very large crowd of people collected together, and heard all I had to say. This gave me an excellent opportunity to preach the Gospel, from the parable of the Prodigal Son, to a very large and interested mixed congregation. Returned home at 7 p.m."

"*July* 31.—I am sorry I have not been able to go anywhere, but on feeling somewhat better I have been out visiting some of the houses of our enquirers and others. Had quiet conversation about the one thing needful, especially with one man, a nominal Christian—a Christian by birth. He seemed seriously offended because I told him he was not a Christian; if at all, a very spurious one, if born one, or made one by baptism (sprinkling.) I proved my statements from the Word of God, and asked him to give proofs from Holy Writ. I pitied the poor man, as he seemed to take refuge in such false teaching."

"*August* 10.—I am a great deal better, by the blessing of Almighty God. My wife and children are now quite well. I hope soon to go out to the villages, and on doing so shall send reports. Sick as I am, I have our usual Sunday services. The school continues to keep its present number."

"*August* 12.—I preached this morning in Keilcherry. About twenty pariah villagers heard me attentively. Amongst this number was the village priest, who, after I had stopped speaking, spoke in favour of Christianity, and denounced his own gods and religion, and yet this very man influences the minds of the inhabitants of this village by false religion, and practices the consultation of familiar spirits. I addressed the people here for an hour."

"*August* 13.—This day I preached at Commendan Chavady at great length, exposing the folly of idolatry, and how hateful it is to God. Upwards of forty Hindoos, or caste men, were gathered around me. The crucified Christ was lifted up."

"*August* 14.—Went to the Bazaar, and held a quiet conversation with a few Hindoos.

"*August* 15.—Went to Mrs. G——'s house. I had a long and interesting conversation with this lady, and before leaving left eight English tracts with her on the subjects of Baptism and Communion. She received them kindly. I also visited Chella, and a few others."

"*August* 16.—Went to Chella's home; gathered his household together; read a portion of Scriptures, and addressed them. Chella seems still determined to follow.

"*August* 18.—Held the usual services. All the members of our little church attended. There were three poor people also present—strangers I mean—who, after Divine Service, said they would come another time, as they desired to hear and learn more of what they have heard; but this must be left to the Lord for to deepen their desires."

"*August* 23.—Visited a few houses in the Sepoy Lines, Chavady. Spoke to the natives. Many of these are Romanists."

With reference to the special contributions placed in our hands for the relief of our brethren during the Indian Famine, we have to state, that the larger portion has been forwarded to Madras. As, however, the scarcity in India occasioned a very considerable rise in the prices of food in the neighbouring island of Ceylon, some assistance from this fund was sent to our Missionaries there, which was acknowledged by them in terms which fully proved that the help afforded was needed and a welcome boon. A portion of your liberality still remains in hand, owing to intimations having been received by us some months ago, that our remittances on this behalf might cease. Friends will remember, in relation to this matter, that a telegram to the same effect was received from India, about the same time, by the dispensers of the Mansion House Famine Fund. It would appear, however, from our most recent correspondence, that our brethren in India are still severely tried, owing to the continued very high prices of food in that land of redundant populations and great calamities. The subjoined communication, whilst testifying, in addition to former acknowledgments of a like kind, to the welcome nature of the assistance already rendered, gives evidence that further aid would be very acceptable. Brother Noble, writing Sept. 18th, 1878, says:—

"Regarding the Famine relief, I feel very grateful to all the dear friends who so liberally subscribed to this object, because it has been to me (and I am certain to others who with me enjoyed the privilege) a real help. In fact I do not know what I should have done with my large family, in these hard times, had it not been for this timely aid. May the Lord abundantly bless and reward our very dear friends, who thus remembered us in our necessity.

"The effects of the famine are still very keenly felt by us here; the prices of provisions have undergone little or no material change since last year, and it is supposed that matters in this respect will not improve until the end of this year. Rice is now selling at the rate of five measures per rupee, whereas, prior to the famine making its appearance, ten and twelve measures could be obtained for the same price. Every other article of consumption is proportionately high."

This statement leaves no room for hesitancy, as to the appropriation of the remainder of our Famine Fund: about £30 are still to be disposed of, and we will act accordingly. The present opportunity is taken of gratefully acknowledging that no diminution has occurred in our General Fund, in consequence of the liberal contributions made by our friends to our Famine Fund. Rather the contrary. And it seems proper, on the present occasion, to call to mind the words of the Apostle, used in reference to similar Christian liberality, exercised in his day, in the case of a similar calamity, viz.:—"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

CEYLON.

THE work of the Lord in the island of Ceylon has been sustained, though amidst many difficulties and much discouragement.

In our last Report we referred to the serious illness of our missionary, Mr. Andriesz, and to the death of his wife. We expressed our practical sympathy towards him under these heavy afflictions, and were pleased to announce in our Periodical Paper last April his recovery and renewed activity. His long affliction, however, and the repeated removal of the church and congregation to other places of worship less suitable than that which they formerly occupied, had had a very depressing effect, and greatly impeded the prosperity of the church; and, although another house has been obtained in the Pettah, near the original place of meeting, it will be some time before the church regains its former position. For the prompt action taken to

enable them to do so, we have received a very pleasing letter from the little church over which Mr. Andriesz presides, signed by, we presume, all the members, twenty in number, thanking us in the warmest terms for our timely interposition.

We further regret to state that Mr. Van Geyzel, the Superintendent, has recently been frequently absent from Ceylon, and has not paid that attention to the affairs of the Mission which he formerly did. A searching inquiry has been made which is not yet fully closed, although Mr. V. G. has abruptly resigned his office after ten years' gratuitous services, for which we have tendered our thanks, at the same time accepting his resignation.

A few extracts from the journal of Mr. Andriesz will doubtless prove interesting. In May last, he refers to his accustomed visit to the hospital. Respecting one of the patients with whom he conversed, he says:—

"Having enquired as to the state of his bodily health, and having heard what he had to say, I asked him the state of his soul. He said that he had been seeking salvation for a long time. I asked him, How do you seek it? He said that he was reading the Bible and praying for it. I then asked him why he sought it. He said, Because he might die, and he knew that unless he sought salvation he would be lost. I told him that the Scripture plainly says, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' I then read to him from John's Gospel, chap. iii., 'God so loved the world,' &c. He sat up as if astonished, and asked, 'What, do you mean to say that people can have the assurance of their sins being pardoned?' I said, By all means; for the Word of God testifies it. I quoted various passages of Scripture where the pardon of sins is pointed out. He then asked me, 'Is there any now in the world whose sins are forgiven?' I said, 'Not one merely, but many.' I then told him of my personal experience, at which he said, 'That is sufficient; that is glorious news.' I spoke further to him, and gave him two tracts."

Other hopeful cases in the same hospital are reported by our missionary—one in particular of a man who was so hardened that he said respecting his soul, "Let it go to the devil," yet, after listening attentively to the conversation of Mr. A. with another patient, allowed him freely to converse with him, and confessed his past sins with some apparent contrition, and said that the previous night he had prayed for the first time. The gospel message was delivered by Mr. A., and various Scripture examples of prayer quoted for his encouragement. Tracts were distributed to those who could read, and to the medical students also.

From a recent letter we are pleased to learn that Mr. A. has another candidate for baptism. The following conversation with Romanists will doubtless also be read with interest:—

"*April 15th.*—Visited Marendahn and Borella. Went to several houses and spoke to the people, some heard me with attention and others with indifference. In one of the houses I was glad to meet a Romanist whom I have seen on various Sundays regularly attending our place of worship. At seeing me he was well pleased, and said he intended to come and see me. I then told him by my coming I had saved him the trouble. He said, myself and my wife come to hear you; it really did good to me, for I see going to my chapel is useless, as I cannot get such plain instructions there. Last Sunday you told us our danger as sinners, but you did not tell us what to do to escape the wrath of God. I then told him that I do not allow any occasion to pass without pointing out the way of escape. Seeing that it did not come to him, as he said, he did not hear, I was now ready to satisfy him on that point. He then said to me, Wait a minute, so that I may call my wife; and when they were seated I asked him, Do you wish to hear what I say, or what the Word of God says on that subject? They said they would rather hear what the Word of God says. I said, You are right; so I read to them from the Acts of the Apostles about the Philippian jailor. I further told them that many enquire for the truth as Pilate did, simply to gratify vain curiosity. I hope your case will not be like theirs. At that they said, It is high time that we should think on these things; if we do not seek now, it will be hard with us when we come to die. I then spoke to them of Christ, who came to seek and save the lost. Then they said, Allow us now to be enlightened on another subject; will not our good works be accepted by God? I explained to them that there is no such thing as good works whilst the heart is unchanged. Various other questions they asked me, which I had to answer. Poor people, they believe what others believe, and do what others do; they cannot go to their ministers, for they have not the patience to hear or to answer; so the only source of their being enlightened is by the missionaries who visit them, though to some Roman Catholics and Buddhists a missionary is an unwelcome guest, but to others they are a source of joy and consolation."

Respecting our other station, Ambepussa, our information is very scanty. Our Missionary, Mr. De Waas, seems to have misunderstood his instructions, and has been itinerating to various distant places, instead of confining his labours to one locality. His most recent report is for the month of July last. He says:—

"This month I visited the people of Bohatala, Perisyala, Andoopa, and Meerigama, and distributed tracts. I have the opportunity of preaching in the schoolroom at this place. The boys and the natives attend me on Sundays. My absence from the place gave dissatisfaction to the people, and they seem to be very indifferent, not as

formerly, so I had very few attendants this time; but it is not my fault. Now and then they used to put questions. At Meerigama I met a native doctor to whom I gave a tract on a previous occasion. This time I put the question, whether he read the tract? He told me that he was dissatisfied with the tract, because the tract denies the omniscience of Buddha. Seeing that his feelings were hurt by reading the tract, I gave no answer, but just gave him another tract. He took it, and read it in my presence; while he was reading the tract, another man, one of his companions, bade him not to read it. This he did with anger. I then told him not to be so quick in judging a matter, but to judge in a peaceable and calm manner; then he was silent for awhile. On my leaving the place I said, That man loves darkness more than the light. These words very much affected the man.

The interest of friends at home is gratifying and encouraging. An auxiliary has recently been formed at Mount Zion Chapel, Hill-street; their first contribution, which was acknowledged in our last Annual Report, was £43 8s. 2d. This year the amount is considerably increased, public collections having been made. We would respectfully and earnestly urge on all the Churches the importance of forming auxiliaries, and remind them of the suggestion of our esteemed brother, the pastor of the Church at Hill-street, respecting a Missionary Sabbath. We should like this to become a permanent institution amongst us, and we believe it would be a blessing to the denomination.

The church at Akeman-street Chapel, Tring, also generously gave the proceeds of their Anniversary Collections on 31st July last to our Mission, amounting to £12 13s. 3¼d.

The friends at Camden Lecture Hall, where our esteemed brother, George Webb, so long laboured, have recently connected themselves with us, and a contribution has been received from its Sabbath School. A meeting of the friends at Camden Lecture Hall was held on Wednesday, September 26th, our President occupying the chair, at which the operations and claims of this Mission were explained and advocated. After tea—to which the children of the Sabbath School were invited—prayer having been offered, Mr. Burrows stated the object of the gathering; one of your Secretaries gave an outline of the history of the Mission, together with a statement as to its objects and operations; Mr. Toone, one of your Committee, gave an address—principally to the juveniles—further illustrating the history and working of the Mission,

and explaining the mode adopted by the Keppel-street Sabbath School in obtaining contributions for its funds. Brethren Brown, Oakey, and others gave short addresses. The meeting, which was a very pleasant and interesting one, closed with a collection on behalf of our funds. We would be happy to assist in making arrangements for similar meetings at other places, with a view of making the Mission better known amongst our churches, and deepening their interest in its work and welfare.

During the year, four Sabbath Schools have been added to our list of subscribers—viz., New Church-street, Bermondsey; Chatsworth-road, Clapton; through their pastors, our brethren Meeres and Langford; and those at Stoke Ash and Halesworth, in Suffolk, through their pastors, brethren Hill and Suggate.

In conclusion, we would respectfully urge upon the consideration of the pastors and deacons of our Churches, and the superintendents of our Sabbath Schools, the propriety and consistency of contributing to a mission in accordance with their principles, and which seeks to maintain the New Testament order of our Churches abroad. Believing that we have the truth of God on our side, let us not be indifferent to any part of our Lord's revealed will, remembering that He has said, "Whosoever shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

☞ Copies of this Report, Collecting Cards, and Boxes, and all information desired, may be had of the Secretaries, Mr. R. Hoddy, 54, Hemingford-road, Barnsbury, N.; or Mr. Josiah Briscoe, 17, Arlington-square, Islington, N., by whom the smallest donation will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, October, 1878 ...	106	15	4¾
Collections at last Annual Meeting	11	1	6
Individual Subscriptions	44	11	0
Collection at Juvenile Meeting	2	18	2
Returned from Famine Fund	5	0	0
Sale of Photographs	0	6	0
KEPPEL STREET CHAPEL. Sunday School ... 40 14 7			
Per Mr. Collier ... 11 19 0			
Annual Collections ... 6 18 8	59	12	3
MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, HILL STREET	51	5	11
SOHO CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, Per Mr. J. Falkner...	24	7	0
MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, CHADWELL ST. Per Mr. Hoddy ... 14 11 2			
Sunday School ... 8 15 11½	23	7	1½
AVENUE CHAPEL SCHOOL, CAMDEN TOWN, per Mr. T. Wakelin	15	10	9
ZION CHAPEL, DEPTFORD. Sunday School ... 8 3 2			
Per Miss Stubbins ... 2 16 6	10	19	8
DOVER.—Per Mr. Fearnley	12	8	4
FOOT'S CRAY.—Per Mr. Clark	10	4	0
TRING.—Per Mr. Woodard	12	13	3¼
DACRE PARK.—Sunday School, per Mr. Cole	9	11	10
THAME.—Per Mr. Woodard	8	12	10
CAMDEN LECTURE HALL.—Per Mr Harrow	6	18	0
CARMEL CHAPEL, PIMLICO.—Per Mr. Knight	8	13	6
PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, ISLINGTON	5	11	0
STURRY.—Per Mr. Hancock	5	12	11
JOHNSON STREET CHAPEL, NOTTING HILL	4	15	0
SALEM CHAPEL, MEARD'S-COURT.—Per Mr. Cursons	4	0	0
Do. do. Per Miss Squirrell	1	5	0
WIVELSFIELD.—Per Mr. Virgo	3	5	10
SYDENHAM AND CHINNOR.—Per Mr. Woodard	2	13	3
NEW CHURCH-STREET SCHOOL.—Per Mr. Meeres	3	10	6
HALESWORTH.—Sunday-school, per Mr. Suggate	2	12	6
ENON CHAPEL, WOOLWICH.—Per Mr. Abrahams	2	2	0
EBENEZER CHAPEL, CLAPHAM.—Per Mr. Hall	2	11	2
READING.—Per Mr. Martin	2	0	0
TAMWORTH ROAD SCHOOL, CROYDON.—Per Mr. Clutterbuck	2	0	0
ARTILLERY STREET.—Sunday School, per Mr. Steward	1	17	8
ENON CHAPEL, CHATHAM.—Per Mr. Oliff	1	14	8
BETHESDA CHAPEL.—Sunday School, Per Mr. Robbins	1	11	2
BRENTFORD.—Per Mr. Voysey	1	16	4
HOMERTON ROW.—Per Miss Brown	1	17	0
EMSWORTH, HANTS.—Per Mr. Coles	0	14	0
WILDERNESS ROW SCHOOL	1	5	6
DORMAN'S LAND.—Per Mr. Grigg and Friends	0	10	0
WEST HAM.—Per Mr. Woodard	1	12	6
STOKE ASH.—Per Mr. Hill	1	0	0
JIREH CHAPEL, EAST ROAD.—Per Mr. Linsell	0	17	6
	£481	12	1

FROM OCTOBER, 1877, TO OCTOBER, 1878.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Expenses last Annual Meeting	3	8	0
MADRAS.—Payments to Missionaries, and for Chapel at Bullock Lines, per Mr. Doll	173	1	3½
CEYLON.—Payments to Missionaries, &c.	86	4	6
Printing Annual Reports, &c., &c.	11	18	6
Periodicals for Sunday Schools	4	6	11½
Postages and others expenses	7	0	5¾
Expenses, Thame and Sydenham	3	12	0
Expenses of Juvenile Meeting	7	1	6
Books for Missionaries	0	10	10
Balance in Treasurer's hands	184	8	0¾
	£481	12	1½

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

JOHN HARRIS.

October 26th, 1878. I. R. WAKELIN.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

WAS HELD

At Soho Chapel, Oxford-street, on Tuesday, October 29, 1878,

Mr. JOHN BOX in the Chair.

Mr. TOONE opened the Meeting by prayer.

The Report and list of Officers having been read, and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet presented, it was

Moved by Mr. ANDERSON, and seconded by Mr. SEARS :—

"That the Report, abstracts from which have just been read, be received, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the brethren whose names have been announced, be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year."

Moved by Mr. EVANS, and seconded by Mr. SHEPHERD :—

"That as all Truth is immutable, and that it is as impossible to *improve* the Gospel as it is presumptuous in anyone to attempt to *alter* it, this meeting rejoices in the fact—and is devoutly thankful to God on account of it—that the Strict Baptist Mission, formed for the defence and extension of the old-fashioned Gospel, has, notwithstanding many difficulties and discouragements, been able to continue its earnest operations for the comparatively long period of seventeen years; and especially that a deeper interest has been taken in it by the churches and schools during the past year than at any former period."

Moved by Mr. LANGFORD, and seconded by Mr. HAZELTON :—

"That this Meeting, being fully convinced that it is a solemn obligation devolving upon every disciple of Christ, whether young or old, to endeavour personally to promote his kingdom in the world, they also believe that the Strict Baptist Mission has a special claim upon every Strict Baptist church and Sabbath-school for sympathy and aid, either by subscriptions, donations, annual collections, boxes, or public meetings held on its behalf."

Moved by Mr. BROWN, and seconded by Mr. J. WOODARD :—

"That the sincere thanks of the Committee and of this Meeting be presented to the pastor and congregation at Soho; the pastor for so kindly presiding, and the friends for their earnest endeavours to render the meeting successful."

After the first resolution had been adopted, the following interesting circumstance occurred. The Chairman, having stated that the President had been entrusted with a little matter of importance, Mr. J. WOODARD then rose, and observed that he should offer no apology for seeming to interpose at that stage of the Meeting, as his brief statement would perhaps furnish his best apology. It would be in the recollection of many, that at a former meeting he had stated, by request, that it was in contemplation, at the first suitable opportunity, to present to the esteemed Secretaries of the Strict Baptist Mission some small token of the high esteem in which they were held by the Committee and general friends of the Mission, and their deep sense of its obligation to them for their long-continued and entirely gratuitous services, rendered to the Mission as the honoured secretaries thereof. It was now thought that the time had come when that pledge should be redeemed.

Having been assured of the hearty sympathy of the Committee generally, the President personally consulted the respective wives of the Secretaries, and so came to a conclusion as to what would be the most acceptable present to each of them. Thus guided by the clear judgment of the ladies, he had gone with a member of the Committee, and selected a very handsome time-piece for the mantel-shelf of Mr. Josiah Briscoe, and a beautiful copy of Dr. Wm. Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible," in three volumes, for the library of Mr. Robert Hoddy.

In the front of the time-piece was a plate engraved, stating the time and circumstances of its public presentation, and on the inside of the cover of the first volume of the "Dictionary" the President had written a similar statement. Meanwhile, both articles were brought in, and placed before the Chairman, who expressed his admiration of each, and the very great pleasure he felt in then formally presenting them, on behalf of the Mission, to the honoured Secretaries, at the same time expressing his own earnest desire and prayer, and that of all the friends of the Mission, that each of their lives might be long spared to their families, the church to which they belong, and to the Mission.

A few words expressive of surprise and grateful acknowledgment having been offered by Messrs. Briscoe and Hoddy, this very pleasant business was complete.

Collections, Subscriptions, & Donations.

Collections.

	£	s.	d.
After Annual Sermon and at Annual Meeting	11	1	6
At Juvenile Meeting	2	18	2

Keppel-street Chapel, London.

Collections after Annual Sermons	6	18	8

PER MR. COLLIER.

Miss Ashlin	3	3	0
Mr. Smith	1	0	0
Mr. Cooper	1	0	0
Miss Haines	1	0	0
Mr. Simms	1	0	0
Mr. Collier	0	10	6
Mr. C. Smith	0	10	6
Mr. Schweitzer	1	0	0
Mrs. Schweitzer	0	10	0
Mrs. S. Schweitzer	0	5	0
Mrs. Milner	0	10	0
Mr. Russell	0	10	0
Mr. Dinham	0	10	0
Miss Raiment	0	4	0
Mr. Sears	0	4	0
Mr. Wadman	0	4	0

Mount Zion Chapel Auxiliary, Hill-street, Dorset-square.

Mr. G. W. Shepherd	1	1	0
Mr. C. Wilson	2	2	0
Mrs. Wilson	1	1	0
Mr. Tinson and Family	1	1	8
Mr. Headland	1	1	0
Mr. C. C. Harris	1	1	0
Mrs. Harris	1	1	0
Mr. Simpson	1	1	0
Mr. J. Harris	1	1	0
Mr. H. O. Sennitt	1	1	0
Mr. Borrett	1	1	0
Mr. R. Robbins, senr.	1	1	0
Mr. T. Barrat	0	10	6
By Missionary Boxes:			
Mr. G. W. Shepherd	0	12	8
Mr. J. Harris	0	4	0
Mr. Sampson	0	10	9½
By Collecting Cards:			
Mr. G. W. Shepherd	0	17	0
Mr. Sampson	1	3	6
Mr. Borrett	1	2	0
Miss A. G. Harris	2	0	2¾
Miss Sarah Headland	1	0	0
Mr. Simpson	1	7	0
Mrs. Parsons	0	8	0
Miss Latham	0	5	0
Mr. E. Shepherd	0	10	0
Mr. W. Judge and Family	1	0	0

PER MR. J. HARRIS.

Mr. J. Wyld	0	10	0
J. Gregory	0	10	0
Miss Gregory	0	5	0
Mrs. Gregory	0	5	0
Miss Harris	0	5	0
Mr. Wm. Goodby	0	5	0
Mr. G. Oakey	0	2	0
Sunday-school Collection	7	2	8¾
Public Collections in Chapel	16	16	10

Soho Chapel, Oxford-street.

PER MR. J. FALKNER.

Mrs. Martin	1	0	0
A Friend	1	0	0
Mr. Box.....1877	0	10	6
Mr. Box.....1878	0	10	0
Mr. J. Falkner	0	10	0
Mr. Freeman	0	10	0
Mr. Foster	0	10	0
Mr. Simpson	0	10	0
Mrs. Thorne	0	10	0
Mrs. Knott	0	10	0
Miss Phillips	0	2	0

Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell-street, Clerkenwell.

Mr. Hazelton	0	10	0
Mr. Hodges	1	1	0
A Friend	1	1	0
Mr. Sidders	0	10	0
Mr. Baizley	0	10	0
Mr. Abbott	0	10	0
Mr. Miller	0	10	0
Mr. Hoddy	0	10	0
S. C. S. L. O.	0	10	0
Mrs. Toussaint	0	8	0
Mr. Pullen	0	5	0
Mr. Toms	0	5	0
Mr. Sawyer	0	5	0
M. H. R.	0	5	0
Mr. Doggett	0	5	0
Mr. Mote, Sen.	0	5	0
Mr. E. Mote	0	5	0

Mr. W. Mote	0	5	0
Mr. Manns	0	5	0
Mrs. Lynn	0	5	0
Mrs. Hawker	0	5	0
Miss Lovett	0	5	7
Mrs. Harrison	0	4	6
Mr. Fricker	0	4	4
Mr. Clutterbuck	0	4	0
Mr. Baker	0	4	0
Mr. Woodrow	0	4	0
Mr. White	0	4	0
Mr. Clinch	0	4	0
Mrs. Goddard	0	4	0
Mrs. Smith	0	4	0
Miss Hills	0	4	0
Miss Lawrence	0	4	0
Miss Norman	0	4	0
Miss Dodson	0	4	0
Mrs. Mitchell	0	2	6
Mr. Hammond	0	2	6
Mr. Stevens	0	2	0
Miss Slatter	0	1	1
Mrs. Hazelton's Box	0	10	6
Mr. Abbott's Family Box	0	11	2¼
Mr. Pullen's do.	0	10	0¼
Mrs. E. Mote's Box	0	5	0
Mrs. Goddard's do.	0	4	1¼
A Friend's do.	0	2	10½
Mr. R. Hoddy's do.	0	5	11¾
Sunday-school, per Mr. Briscoe	8	15	11½

Avenue Chapel, Camden Town.

Sunday-school, per Mr. T. Wakelin	15	10	9

Zion Chapel, Deptford.

Mrs. Young	0	4	0
Mr. Topley	0	10	0
Mr. McRitchie	0	10	0
Mrs. Josiah Cowell	0	2	6
Mr. Cattell (Bessel's-green)	0	10	0
Miss Stubbins	0	5	0
Mr. Nash	0	5	0
Mrs. J. S. Cowell	0	10	0
Sunday-school, per Mr. Nash	8	3	2

Dover.

Church and Congregation at Pentside Chapel, per Mr. Fearnley	12	8	4

Foot's Cray.

Per Mr. Clark	10	4	0

Tring.

Akeman-street Chapel, per Mr. Woodard	12	13	3¼

Dacre-park, Lee.

Sunday-school, per Mr Cole	9	11	10

Thame.

Subscriptions and Collections, per Mr. Woodard	8	12	10

Sydenham and Chinnor.

Subscriptions and Collections, per Mr. Woodard	2	13	3

Camden Lecture Hall, Camden-town.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Harrow	5	8	0
Proceeds of Tea Meeting	1	10	0

Carmel Chapel, Pimlico.

Per Mr. Wright	8	13	6

Providence Chapel, Islington.

Mr. Adams	0	7	0
Mr. H. Adams	0	4	0
Miss Eliza Adams	0	4	0
Miss Baker	0	6	0
Mr. Browning	0	5	0
Mr. Dickens	0	4	0
Mr. Haslop	0	5	0
Mrs. Lawrence	0	4	0
Miss Manning	0	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. Moon	0	10	0
Mrs. Newell	0	4	0
Mrs. Pursey	0	1	0
Miss Richardson	0	2	0
Mrs. Sidwell	0	1	0
Mrs. Styles	0	5	0
Mr. Taylor	0	5	0
Mr. White	0	4	0
Mr. Willey	0	4	0
Mrs. Wilson	0	8	0
Sunday-school	1	3	0

Sturry.

Per Mr. Hancock	5	12	11

Johnson-street Chapel, Notting-hill.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Rowley	4	15	0

Salem Chapel, Meard's-court, Soho.

PER MISS SQUIRRELL.—1877.

Mr. Kent	0	10	0
Mr. Cursons	0	5	0

Mr. Kealy	0	2	6
Mrs. Ponder	0	2	6
Mrs. Squirrell	0	2	6
Miss Hircock	0	2	6
Sunday - school, per Mr. Cursons 1877	2	0	0
Ditto ditto 1878	2	0	0

Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Per Mr. Virgo	3	5	10

New Church-street, Bermondsey.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Meeres	3	10	6

Halesworth, Suffolk.

Sunday - school, per Mr. Suggate (2 years)	2	12	6

Enon Chapel, Woolwich.

Sunday - school, per Mr. Abrahams	2	2	0

Ebenezer Chapel, Clapham.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Hall	2	11	2¼

Reading.

Per Mr. Martin	2	0	0

Tamworth-road, Croydon.

Per Mr. Clutterbuck	2	0	0

Artillery-street, Bishopsgate.

Sunday - school, per Mr. Steward	1	17	8¼

Enon Chapel, Chatham.

Per Mr. Oliff	1	14	8

Bethesda Chapel, Lever-street.

Sunday-school, per Mr Robbins	1	11	2

Brentford.

Balance of proceeds of public meeting, per Mr. T. B. Voysey	1	16	4

Homerton-row Chapel.

Sunday-school, per Miss Brown	1	17	0

Emsworth, Hunts.

Per Mr. Coles	0	14	0

Wilderness-row.

Sunday-school box	1	5	6

Dorman's Land, Surrey.

Mr. Grigg and Friends	0	10	0

West Ham.

Per Mr. Woodard	1	12	6

Stoke Ash, Suffolk.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Hill	1	0	0

Jireh Chapel, East Road.

Sunday-school, per Mr. Linsell	0	17	6

Individual Subscriptions.

An old Friend and Subscriber, per Mr. Woodard	5	0	0
Mr. F. Butcher and Family	3	0	0
Miss Butcher	1	0	0
Mr. T. Glover, per Mr. Butcher	1	1	0
Mr. Webster and Family	2	2	0
Ditto ditto 1877	2	2	0
Mr. H. Proctor, per do. 1877	0	5	0
Mr. Squire do.	0	5	0
Ditto do. 1877	0	5	0
Mr. Joseph Walker, do.	0	10	0
Mr. W. Webster, do.	0	5	0
Mr. Josh. Webster, do.	0	2	6
Mr. Lenton, do.	0	2	0
Ditto do. 1877	0	2	0
Mr. Collins	2	0	0
Mrs. Hurst	2	0	0
Miss Gold	1	11	0
Mrs. Gallard	1	0	0
Mr. Corney	1	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Briscoe	2	0	0
Mr. Bland .....(2 years)	2	2	0
Mr. Woodard	1	1	0
Mr. T. M. Whittaker	1	1	0
Mr. James Ince	1	1	0
Mr. James Mote 1877	1	1	0
Mr. Joseph Billing	1	0	0
Mrs. Billing	1	0	0
Mr. C. Box	1	0	0
Mrs. Boys, per Mr. Clark	1	0	0
Mr. Joshua Earles	0	10	6
Mr. Page	0	10	6
Mr. Cousens	0	10	6
Mr. Pocock	0	10	6
Ditto 1877	0	10	0
Mr. Anderson	0	10	0

Mr. Norton	0	10	0
Mrs. Fincher	0	10	0
Mr. Sumner	0	6	0
Mrs. Rose	0	5	0
Ditto 1877	0	5	0
A Lover of Truth	0	5	0
Mrs. Nash	0	5	0
Mr. Masterson	0	5	0
Mr. Palmer	0	5	0
Mr. Bloom	0	5	0
Mr. M. Brown, per Mr. Steward	0	5	0
Mr. S. Brown, per do.	0	5	0
Miss A. B. Barton, do.	0	7	6
„ A. Barton, do.	0	5	0
„ E. Barton do.	0	2	0
Miss Mynott	0	5	0
Mr. Edwards	0	5	0
Miss Walls	0	5	0

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

Balance in hand, Nov., 1877	68	17	7½
Forest-road Chapel, per Mr. Dearsly	1	12	9
Soho Chapel, per Mr. Falkner	10	4	0
	£80	14	4½

Returned to General Account	5	0	0
Remitted to Madras	30	0	0
Remitted to Ceylon	15	12	11
Balance in hand	30	1	5½
	£80	14	4½

AUXILIARY, COLOMBO, CEYLON.

Donations and Subscriptions from Feb., 1877, to Jan., 1878.

Donations.

	Rs.	Cts.
G. B. Leechman	10	0
A. M. Ferguson	10	0
John Ferguson	7	50
D. W. Ferguson	2	50
W. P. Ranesinghe	2	50
W. C. Leechman	10	0
Jno. C. Fernando	10	0
B. De Silva	1	0
C. C. De Silva	1	0
S. E. De Silva	1	0
J. H. Earde	1	0
J. M. Elhart	3	0
H. Fernando	1	0
A. Firth	1	0
H. Firth	0	75
B. Gustavus	1	0
J. Hayman	1	50
Mrs. Hayman	1	50
H. E. Jacobs	2	0
L. F. Schokman	2	0
J. Schoonman	1	0
J. Van Geyzel	1	0
J. Van Hoff, junr.	1	0
J. Wydeman	1	25
	Rs. 74	50

Subscriptions.

	Rs.	Cts.
C. E. Albrecht	5	50
A. B. Claessen	6	50
P. D. De Silva	3	0
John De Silva (Polwatte)	3	0
E. D. Garnier	3	0
Mrs. C. E. Ginger	5	0
Mrs. Agnes M. Raffel	3	0
Mrs. Harriet E. Van Geyzel	6	0
V. Van Geyzel	6	0
James Van Hoff	5	50
W. G. Weinman	2	50
E. L. Wydeman	4	0
	Rs. 53	0

COLOMBO MISSION:—*Balance Sheet, Feb.*, 1877, *to Jan.*, 1878.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	Cts.
Donations	74	50
Monthly Subscriptions	53	0
Amount received on account of Chapel Rent, from Feb., 1877, to Jan., 1878	90	0
Bank Exchange on Remittance, in April, 1877	30	56
Amount received from Mr. Andriesz, being Rent of Room in Hill-street house, from Feb. 15 to June 15, 1877, at Rs. 5 per month	20	0
Balance due	33	46
Rs.	301	52

EXPENDITURE.	Rs.	Cts.
Balance last rendered	30	55
Paid Rent of Hill-street House, from 1st Feb. to 30th June, 1877, at Rs. 22 50 cts. per month	112	50
Paid Rent of Kuruwe-street House, from 18th to 30th June, 1877	5	0
Ditto from 1st July to 31st Oct., 1877, at Rs. 12 50 cts. per month	50	0
Ditto Tax for one quarter	2	55
Ditto Pettah House, from 1st Nov., 1877, to Jan., 1878, at Rs. 20 per month	60	0
Paid Charges, Duty, &c., on Box from England on 14th June, 1877	15	25
Paid for Coolies removing Furniture from Hill-street to Kuruwe-street	3	0
Paid for Carpenter, and iron hooks, &c.	2	0
Paid for carriage-hire	4	0
Paid for printing notices, six burners, and chimney	6	50
Paid for postage, and sundry expenses during the year	10	17
Rs.	301	52

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