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Also three School Teachers.

POONAMALLEE, MADRAS.

Native Pastor—MR. ABEL MICHAEL.

Also two School Teachers and an Assistant.

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Native Pastor—MR. J. C. P. ARULAPPEN.

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REPORT.

IN the present age there is an increasing tendency to view Foreign Missions from a commercial standpoint; as if moral and spiritual results could be faithfully tabulated in proportion to the amount of money expended. Now, while we believe that wherever true Gospel Missionaries have set their feet, sooner or later God has set His seal upon their work; yet, as in nature "the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain;" so in missionary operations, the faith and patience of God's servants are tested, in order to quicken their devotion, and increase their earnestness in prayer; that the blessing may be more manifestly His own, when His promise is fulfilled, and the wilderness and the solitary place are made glad for them, and the desert rejoices and blossoms as the rose.

The work of the past year has not been free from discouragements; yet at the same time, there has been much cause for gratitude and joy, in the success which the Lord has graciously granted. But as on this occasion we have the presence of our beloved Brother Doll, the Superintendent of the Mission in Southern India, who will be able to speak from long personal knowledge and practical direction of its affairs, the duty of the Secretaries in preparing the Report has been lightened, while the interest of our friends will, doubtless, be increased.

Visit of Mr. Doll.

For twenty-one years, Mr. Doll has been the faithful Superintendent of the Mission in Southern India, during which period we have had testimony upon testimony as to his fitness for the work; and have been, perhaps, as familiar with him as it was possible to be by correspondence. But having long desired to see him face to face, and believing that a personal visit from him would tend to awaken greater interest in the Mission among the churches at home, we have ventured to invite him to this country, feeling assured that our friends will fully justify the course we have taken, and that the best interests of the Mission, both pecuniary and otherwise, will be abundantly promoted thereby.

INDIA.

Our oldest Mission Station is that at St. Thomas' Mount, Madras, where there is an English Baptist Church, a native church, a non-caste school, and two caste schools, one for boys and the other for girls. Our staff here consists of Jacob John, the native pastor; Mary Ann, his wife, who is engaged in teaching and zenana work; and three school teachers.

The following extracts from monthly reports will illustrate the general character of the work at this station.

St. Thomas' Mount.

"The work of preaching has been carried on during the month. Palaveram, Sydapet, Palavathangal, Meenumpaukum, and other distant villages have been visited, and the precious seed of the incorruptible word has been sown at these places. The glad tidings of salvation to poor sinners through that Man that eateth with sinners, have been proclaimed in the highways, bazaars, streets and lanes of the cantonment. We have been favoured with large congregations of eager listeners to the truth as it is in Jesus. On several occasions there have been displayed evidences of serious impressions made on the minds of the people. At times some have followed the preachers with enquiries after further instruction. We have hopes that some of these may ultimately be brought to Jesus. A large number of tracts and handbills, English, Telugu, and Tamil, have been distributed to, and eagerly received by, the reading portion of the congregations.

"The Church work has been carried on regularly during the month; the members have attended regularly.

"The Sunday-school is doing well. About 35 children attend every Sabbath day, and a good number of them are Hindoo caste children. They also remain for our Tamil worship. These children are well acquainted with a simple catechism, portions of the Gospels, and the Book of Proverbs.

"We have now about 35 children in the non-caste school, 25 boys in the Hindoo caste boys' school, and 40 in the Hindoo caste girls' school. These schools have been visited by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, a Government official. The Boys' schools are to be examined by the Government Examiner about the end of July, and the Girls' School by the Inspectress of Schools about the middle of October next."

POONAMALLEE.

At Poonamallee, as mentioned in our last Report, we have acquired an excellent place of worship, by an amicable arrangement with the English Baptist Church, which meets in the same building at a different time of the day. (Public worship is commenced at a much earlier hour in India than in England, owing to the excessive heat at noon.) The building has been purchased in the name of the Superintendent, and will shortly be put in trust for the Strict Baptist Mission.

The native pastor here is Abel Michael, and there are three school Teachers.

Respecting this station Mr. Doll reports:

"*Evangelistic work.*—During this month the preaching of the glorious gospel has been carried on in several places, both in and out of the Cantonment; in villages five and six miles distant from our Mission station. The names of the villages are Meypoor, Malliampankum, Namen, Cothempankum, Pettah, Peedoolacoopum, Theroomashee, Pareewalkum, Coopem, Darcogen Tode, Mangandoo, &c., &c. The preaching in the Poonamallee district is done regularly once a week; the number in attendance on the preaching occasions is generally from fifty to a hundred people of different Hindu castes. Sometimes the number of hearers is very much larger. It is a pleasure to see large numbers of heathens gathering around the preacher as he unfolds the plan of salvation through Jesus the only Redeemer and Mediator between God and man. At some places interesting conversations or discussions have been held in the midst of large crowds of eager listeners. In other places, the antiquity of the religion of Jesus has been questioned, and this has been proved by our preacher, by placing Jesus the God-

man as appearing in the fulness of time, just midway between time past and time to come, and who still reached eternity past, and reaches eternity in the future.

"Our preacher, Abel Michael, has been visited at his house by several persons, for the purpose of enquiring more fully into the truths of the gospel; while on the other hand, he has been harrassed and persecuted by some heathen neighbours who try to defame him. But for all this, may the Lord further and bless His own cause.

"The Sunday Services and Cottage Prayer Meetings have been regularly conducted and well attended. They have been seasons of much profit and pleasure.

"The Sunday School and Day Schools have been held as usual and carefully looked after and visited. The teachers are working diligently. We have 42 children in our Day Schools, namely, 28 boys, and 14 girls. At Sunday School we have 20 children, and at the Day School 28 children.

"At Mailcherry School we have 25 children. This school is doing satisfactorily.

"These schools have been examined, the station visited, and the Lord's supper administered to the churches, which are doing satisfactorily."

Zenana Work

Has been regularly carried on by Mrs. Jacob John, as far as health and strength have been permitted. We quote the following from some of her reports :—

"Our zenana woman has been carrying on her work; she has visited some thirteen houses during the month. Among the many Hindoo females who have heard the precious word of God read and explained from time to time, there are three women who have expressed real desire to become the followers of Jesus. But one of these, a young widow of the Mudali caste, is very anxious to come out for Christ; but being connected with a large family circle, she is at a loss how to come out and make public profession of her faith in the Redeemer, Christ the Lord. She is longing and praying for deliverance; she listens very attentively to what is read and taught her, and has learned a great deal of truth, and sings the Christian lyrics beautifully. Our zenana woman is also instructing three other young women, who were once scholars of our Day-school, but who are now young mothers themselves. They still well remember the Scripture lessons they once learned in our school.

'It is,' says our zenana woman, 'hard to be patient, when we are eager for immediate results; but we thank God for what we are permitted to see of the power of His word, and endeavour to take courage.'"

Christmas Treats

Have now become quite an institution at our Mission Stations, and the return of the festive season is looked forward to by both adults and juveniles. It would, doubtless, do our hearts good to witness the happy gatherings at this season; but the graphic descriptions sent by our missionaries enable us almost to realize the scenes described. In connection therewith the presents sent by our kind friends nearly twelve months since were distributed. The joyous occasions are thus referred to :—

"On Saturday, 26th February, 1887, the schools, consisting of some 125 children, their parents and friends, assembled at 4 p.m., in a hired bungalow. Among those present were Mrs. Doll and family, and Mrs. Chatterton and family from Madras. The children enjoyed themselves immensely with innocent sports, such as races, jumping, climbing the greased pole, &c., &c. At 5 o'clock the schools were marched into the bungalow and took their seats. The proceedings began with singing of a Christian lyric in Tamil by all the children. Brother Jacob John, the native missionary, gave a brief account of the work of the Mission at this station. He stated, that according to the custom of the country, several grown up girls have left the school for the purpose of getting married. We have three schools, as stated below.

"The non-caste school has 48 children. They read the 2nd and 3rd books, poetry, and Luke's Gospel, &c., all in Tamil, and do arithmetic and dictation.

"The Hindu caste boys school has 35. They read English, 1st and 2nd books; Tamil, 2nd and 3rd books, arithmetic, dictation and poetry, grammar, geography, spelling, copy writing, and so on.

"The caste girls' school contains about 40 children. They read 2nd and 3rd books, do arithmetic, dictation, &c., all in Tamil. They are also taught needle-work and cutting. All the children of these schools are taught to learn and sing Christian lyrics, and Christian instruction is the chief thing attended to. He further stated, that the Scriptures are daily taught, to which he gives personal attention; that the schools are inspected by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, and that last year the schools received a grant of Rs. 56 3a. 3p. compared with Rs. 14 received the year preceding; that the Sunday Schools and the church were doing satisfactorily, and that the zenana work, an interesting and important branch of our Mission work among the caste Hindu females was steadily conducted, and that Mary Ann, our Bible-woman, met with very great encouragement, as she was gladly and heartily welcomed, and the instruction im-

parted from the Holy Scriptures was so much prized and appreciated by the caste women.

"After this the girls sang a couple of verses of a Christian lyric, which was followed up by two more verses being sung by the boys.

"Then our native missionary made a few remarks on behalf of the native church and schools, and placed garlands of flowers on the necks of the Superintendent of the Mission, and the ladies who were present. Mr. Doll responded. He spoke of the kindness of the Committee, the Sunday-school children, and Christian friends at home and abroad. He also addressed words of encouragement to the preacher, teachers, church-members and friends.

"Afterwards, Mrs. Chatterton, who very kindly presided in the absence of her husband, the Deacon of the English Baptist Church, Chintadrepett, and who was unavoidably prevented at the last moment by pressure of official work from giving his attendance, gave away the presents of garments, handkerchiefs, boxes, dolls, pencils, slates, copy-books, jackets, caps, &c., &c. Garments were also presented to the poor widows of the native Church.

"This was followed up with the distribution of fruits, &c., to all the children. Then Mr. Doll, the Superintendent, offered prayer, and pronounced the benediction.

"Afterwards, Mr. Doll tendered hearty thanks to Mrs. Chatterton for her presence and kind services in the chair, and this was supported by three cheers and clapping of hands by the teachers and children.

"The children dispersed after singing a Christian lyric.

"We are truly grateful to the Lord for His goodness, love and mercy to us and our Mission, and thankful to all our friends for their sympathy, interest, and support as regards our humble labours in this heathen and idolatrous land, for the glory of God, the conversion of sinners, the spread of truth, and the extension of Christ's kingdom. Lord, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven."

The Tinnevelly District,

The scene of the labours of our young missionary, Mr. W. A. Doll, Jun., has been full of encouragement, and attended with much blessing.

We have here six stations, with six preacher-teachers and two assistants, besides our missionary, Mr. W. A. Doll, who superintends the entire district where the work is developing on every hand.

Chapels

have been erected at Elliarapunnie, Mallaputhor, Kun-

gankulam, Kovalakunnie, and Muthenary. The last three have been built wholly or in part by the natives themselves. At Kovalakunnie, for instance, the land was given by a good man named Peter, who with his friends afterwards contributed of their substance, partly in cash and partly in kind; the freewill offerings consisting not only of money, but of grain, fowls, and even a buffalo calf. These were sold, and the proceeds devoted to the building of the chapel.

In our last report, p. 17, reference was made to the baptism of seven disciples at Kungankulum, and the formation of a church by Mr. W. A. Doll. It is very pleasing to find that these good brethren have, at their own expense, built themselves a little chapel, the opening services of which are referred to by our Missionary as follows:—

"This chapel, which was decorated with plantain trees and flowers, was opened for the worship of Almighty God on November 14th, 1886, after a public service of dedication.

"In the evening some 120 men, women, and children assembled in and outside the chapel. We sang a thanksgiving lyric; Samuel, teacher, prayed earnestly at the throne of grace, and I gave an address showing the perfect and spotless life of Christ from the manger to the cross, His matchless love, and how He was the dwelling-place of God's people before the mountains were brought forth, or ever He had formed the earth and the world. Another hymn was sung; deacon Maselamoney of Kungankulum offered earnest prayer: a third hymn was sung. After this V. Jesudas (superintendent school-master) sang a few selected hymns and lyrics, and closed with the Lord's prayer and benediction."

At Muthenary also the generosity of the native Christians has been displayed in a similar manner. Referring to this Mr. W. A. Doll says:—

"I am sure the Committee and Superintendent will be glad to hear that our Christians of this village are busily engaged in building the walls of the new chapel, and preparing materials for the roof. The chapel will be shortly completed.....The Christians of this place say that they felt strongly directed by God to build a place to worship Him, and so they have accordingly obeyed from love to Christ and His cause. They have cheerfully built this chapel for His glory and the extension of Christ's kingdom."

SCHOOLS

Are another important feature of the work.

V. Jesudas reports :—

"Went to Nalatamputhur and established a new day and night school. The people of this village support the teacher. I opened the school with singing and prayer."

Mr. W. A. Doll remarks :—

"I have much pleasure to report that there seems to be a decided improvement in our village schools, both as to attendance and progress. Our persistent efforts and those of the teachers are securing satisfactory results. Much is also due to the efforts of our Inspecting School-master, V. Jesudas, who goes about from school to school, examining the pupils and directing their studies. Our schools have been in operation during the year with a good attendance of boys and girls, the great majority of whom are children of our Christians. The Bible is made a regular class book. Such a Christian education, elementary though it be, cannot be in vain, but will bring forth fruit a hundred-fold in God's own good time.

"The older children and adults are taught to read the Scriptures, to commit to memory verses from the Bible, and learn to sing a large number of our Christian hymns, (in Tamil metre.) These hymns they delight to sing, not only in school, but also in their homes to their parents and friends, and thus they spread Christian truths in their respective homes. We look forward to [the time when many from these boys and girls will come forward to confess the Saviour. Early training is nearly always productive of conversion, under the blessing of God, and power of the Holy Spirit.

"A new school has been opened at Nalatamputhur, four miles from Koilpati. The children of this village themselves support the teacher.

A school has been recently established at Puthoor, one or two miles from Koilpati, on the road to Elavarasananthal. The people of this village also support the teacher. We intend opening another school at Koilpati to train teachers, if the people fulfil their promise to support the teacher Samathas Naiker, who has passed his middle school examination. The people of Koilpati have promised to give Rs. 7 monthly, and I trust they will do so. A building is wanted: Rs. 50 will be sufficient to raise a temporary building of thatch roof and mud walls.

The Deputy Inspector informed me that a building must be erected, or our school will not be examined. Our school is at present held in a dilapidated muddum or native rest-house. We look upon our *Christian* schools as second in importance

only to the preaching of the Gospel, as the truths of God's holy Word are being instilled in the hearts of the young.

"Night schools have been started for the purpose especially of keeping up the education of boys who had to leave school and for those who have to work in the fields during the day, and earn their living."

Out-door Preaching

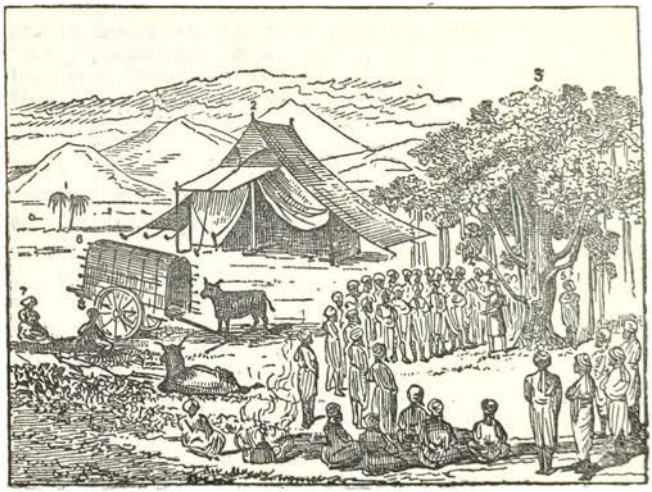
Is another principal branch of the work, in which our missionary takes great delight.

"We, as usual, begin by singing lyrics; and a large crowd of people gather around us, and when we find a good crowd we preach to them the story of the cross, and explain the gospel to our hearers, and earnestly entreat anxious, guilty, and burdened sinners to come to the Saviour. Wherever we go numbers of people are eager to listen to our message of love and peace, which we proclaim through the cross of Christ.

At all these gatherings we largely distribute tracts. These are most eagerly sought for by the listeners.

The following quotation from *The Olive-Branch*, with the illustration annexed, will familiarize our friends with some of the

Scenes in the Tinnevelly.



"From the foregoing illustration, our friends will be able to realize some of the scenes of the labours of our young missionary, Mr. W. A. Doll.* He thus refers to his having repeatedly used the tent which the Committee recently purchased, and which is especially serviceable in the district in which he labours.

'We used the tent on the 12th June, when Mrs. Doll and my children were present at the baptism. Three or four of our Christians put it up with ease in half-an-hour, and it is taken down in less time. It is very pleasant living under a tent, especially when pitched under the shade of a margosa tope, or grove of trees. And one's thoughts are carried back to the time when Abraham and our forefathers lived in tents; mixing up sacred feelings with the romance of tent life. I find the tent very useful for my tours, baptisms, &c. I heartily thank our Committee and home friends for the gift of the tent, which is a great boon to me. The tent, with my cooking utensils, and other articles of furniture are put into a bullock cart, and conveyed from station to station, and are ready for my use in half-an-hour's time. I have also used the tent for the baptisms at Kursilputty and Malaputhur, and for a marriage ceremony at Elavarasananthal.

Cottage Prayer Meetings.

Mr. W. A. Doll remarks:—

"We hold really delightful meetings for prayer in the various huts of our church-members, and I can assure you they are oftentimes refreshing. I thank God for this. The Lord is blessing His own cause here, blessed be His holy and great name, among His saved people."

Baptisms.

From Mr. W. A. Doll's report for June, we extract the following interesting particulars of baptismal services recently held.

"*June 12th.*—"We have great cause for joy and thanksgiving in the addition of thirteen (five men and eight women) new members to the little church at Kungankulam. The candidates were under Christian instruction over a year.

"The progress made by the candidates, and the good spirit manifested by them, have been highly gratifying, and has given us much joy and cause for praise and thankfulness that these candidates have been taught of the Spirit to feel their need of

*Fig. 1 represents two palm-trees; 2, the tent; 3, a Banian tree; 4, our missionary preaching; 5, his native assistant; 6, the bullock-bandy; 7, the drivers; 8, a fire, for boiling a kettle.

the Saviour to save them from their sins. They have found Jesus, as they hope, to the saving of their souls. Earnest prayers have been offered that Divine grace would work mightily in their hearts, and in many others; and God has graciously answered our unworthy prayers. They related their experience before the church, which made my heart thrill with joy, as I listened to them telling in simple, clear, and firm voices, the way in which God had led them to Himself, and their desire to follow Christ in baptism, and henceforth to be identified with the people of God. The church-members, deacons, and preachers unanimously agreed that they should be baptized and added to the church.

"The goddess '*Vulyamah*' of the heathen temple in this village, to which our Christians in their unconverted state used to offer sacrifices of cocoa-nuts, fowls, flowers, sheep, etc., was rooted up and cast into the well in the compound of the temple, and the temple converted into a kitchen for the use of me and my family. The goddess was a hideous image of earthenware, and painted with red, green, and yellow; in diameter, one and a-half feet; in length, two and a-half feet. How true is the Divine word, 'They shall cast their idols to the moles and the bats!'

"The candidates were baptized in the name of the Triune Jehovah. A large number of persons were present as usual, led by curiosity, some of whom came from a distance. Everything passed off in a pleasant and satisfactory manner, and the spectators were very quiet and attentive. It was pleasing to see an open-air baptism attended by so serious and orderly a company of heathens. All present seemed impressed with the solemnity of the rite; many were so affected that they could not help weeping. The newly-baptized Christians were received into the fellowship of the church, and the Lord's supper was administered. I expected to baptize some others, whom I believe to be converted people; but various causes have prevented them from coming out and confessing their Lord openly by baptism. I trust, however, they will come soon. These baptisms will, I am sure, gladden the hearts of our dear brethren, etc., in England, and show them that the Holy Spirit is working slowly and mightily in these dark and benighted villages, and that the Lord has not left Himself without witnesses from time to time. Pray for us, that we may have many such occasions for praise and thanksgiving. God's holy name be praised! The Lord bless us, and all our Mission workers, the Committee and friends of our dear Mission, helping us to be faithful in all things, realizing fully our great privilege as co-workers with Jesus.

"Gurubathan, of Elavarasananthal, presented two male candidates for baptism and also two male candidates of Kursilputty

(Athemal and Nalamal, mother and daughter, both Naikir women) were examined by us. Divine service was held in my tent, when some thirty-five were present. We then proceeded to the tank, west of the village, and I baptized the four candidates. They were received into the church, and the Lord's supper administered."

Mr. Doll, writing July 3rd last, quotes, from a letter he had recently received from his son, the following interesting account of the baptism of fifteen more converts at Kungankulam, in the Tinnevelly district. Mr. W. A. Doll says:—

"We went to Kungankulam last Sunday. Seven women and eight men were baptized. It was a grand sight and solemn service. The tent was pitched close to the Hindu temple, and was a real service to us."

These are some of the triumphs of the gospel in this favoured district, inhabited by the poorest of the people. Unfettered by the trammels of caste, they listen to the simple truths proclaimed by our Missionaries, and by the blessing of God receive them into their hearts. The fruits of righteousness soon become apparent. They do not hesitate to profess their faith in a scriptural manner and testify their sincerity by their utter contempt for the idols they formerly worshipped.

"Respecting the cases of Ruth (the Brahmin widow) and Samathas, Naikir, who received the truth into their hearts, and who desired to be baptized and added to the visible church on earth: they were carefully examined and joyfully accepted by the church, and on the 14th July they were immersed in the name of the triune Jehovah.

"A great crowd of people were present at their baptism. It was a solemn spectacle. The service was impressive; many more have been quickened and stirred, and are enquiring about the way of life.

"These facts cause out hearts to overflow with thankfulness and praise to our God, to whom alone belongs the salvation of His chosen people. We want more of the Holy Spirit, His quickening and life-giving power, His abiding and sanctifying influence.

"We urge you, dear friends, to pray for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the churches and the people; it is our one great need, a shower of blessing. Oh, if we had the power of Elijah's faith and prayer that the blessing might descend into the hearts of the people in the Tinnevelly, Madras, and Ceylon mission fields;

nay, and wherever the Gospel of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ is faithfully preached! A spirit of increased earnestness and devotedness has been manifested by many of our members by building chapels, and granting pieces of land to erect places of worship, for the worship of God, for the lifting up of Christ and Him crucified, and for the ingathering of the Lord's own wandering ones."

"*June 19th.*—As it got late on the 12th instant, our Christians invited Mrs. Doll to come and spend another day with them. Mrs. Doll, myself, and our two children, visited Kungankulam on this day. Our tent was pitched under a margosa tree. Divine services were held; Mrs. Doll spoke to the women, and urged them to be steadfast, and bring up their children in the love and fear of the Lord. She also addressed the children. We spent the day there, and also visited the village of Alamputty, about a quarter of a mile distant, and held a prayer-meeting at Samuel's house there. We spent a delightful day, and returned home late in the evening.

"*June 26th.*—I visited Kursilputty, accompanied by Jesudas. My tent was pitched in a tamarind tope or grove, 200 yards from the village. Many heathens visited me."

A Young Man in Training.

It is very pleasing to find that the son of one our preachers in the Tinnevelly is growing up in the good ways of the Lord—having been a member of the church at Elavarasanthal since its commencement about three years ago. He is now twenty years of age, and is desirous of qualifying himself for usefulness in connection with the Mission by improving his education at Madras or elsewhere. The Committee have consented to this, and he will not only be placed in a position to attend a suitable school, but will be under the care of the Superintendent of the Mission, and be initiated into Mission work. This we regard as a pleasing step in the right direction—the very moderate expenses of which have been voted by the Committee.

Zenana Work.

From Koilpati, the Bible Woman reports:—

"From 21st March to 20th of April, 1887.—Went to the house of the caste women at Koilpati; held prayer-meetings, and spoke to them about Jesus. Taught the school children reading, writing, arithmetic, needlework, &c.

"I will just add that they seem to be very eager to learn.

As there was never before a school for girls kept in this village by any mission, they appreciate it, and I trust they will still continue to do so.

"The women also are eager to hear the parables and other portions of Scripture. Our village schools are not as prosperous as we could wish, because many of the parents are very poor and do not know how to value education, but make their children work daily in the fields, and bring in grain, etc., as wages for their families to live on.

"The Government Deputy Inspectors of Schools, who are heathens, are also a great bar to pupils of Christian schools making advancement in education."

Mr. W. A. Doll adds :—

"The Bible woman under Mrs. Doll's superintendence is a Christian woman. She always speaks to her heathen sisters about the great love of Jesus, and of the trueness of the Christian religion. She often visits the caste people, and is heartily welcomed into their houses. Though we cannot see immediate results, yet the seed is being sown, and will, we trust, spring up and bring forth fruit, in the Lord's own good time, and by His power and blessing. It is so nice to see her start off early in the morning or evening, to tell the glad tidings of salvation to her fellow women, who are illiterate, and do not know the preciousness of a loving Saviour."

Java Armamal, the Bible woman, reports:

"Conducted the Day-school, taught the children reading, writing, and needle-work.

"A small building is essentially necessary where they may be taught better, instead of at my house. There is hardly room in our small hut.

"Visited the heathen caste women at the Police lines, blacksmiths' and carpenters' huts, and read and spoke to them about Jesus and His great love for poor sinners. They asked me to come often, and bring nice little Bible stories and read to them. Mrs. Doll has given me a book in Tamil, "The Women of the Bible;" and also promised me other little books to read to the women and girls of Koilpati.

"We pray God will convert and add a large number of His own chosen ones to our churches."

Preachers' Monthly Meeting.

Mr. W. A. Doll reports :—

"I have started a preachers' monthly meeting. When we get together, each teacher gives an account of his work, and we sing and pray and talk about matters in our Mission stations. The first meeting was held just before I took Mrs. Doll and the

children to Ootacamund, and the occasion was a most interesting one. Our preacher-teachers in the villages visit scores of hamlets during the month, and boldly preach the gospel to hundreds of heathens. Thus the light of the precious gospel is spreading far and wide into the distant scattered villages beyond our centres. We have had cases of special encouragement when candidates have applied for baptism, viz., in the villages of Kursilputty and Kursakulam. The Brahmin widow and the naikers have heard the gospel during our tours, and they ask that teachers may be sent to instruct them in the Holy Scriptures and in the true religion. I have had letters from the more intelligent class of the people, and respecting whom I am very hopeful.

"We had most interesting conversations with many of them while on circuit, and at the Mission Cottage, where they have called in numbers to see Mrs. Doll and me, so as to hear more about God and Jesus, and to beg of us to baptize them, and to send them teachers to instruct them more in the ways of God.

"The people have expressed astonishment to see Christianity coming into the dark and remote places of the Tinnevelly district, to give light and life to them that are in the region and shadow of death, and I trust and pray this will tend in every way to give the people confidence, and be an inducement for secret disciples like Nicodemus to confess Christ and declare Him as their precious Redeemer."

Persecution for Christ's sake.

The remarkable conversion and consequent persecution of a widow belonging to the highest or Brahmin caste, is thus reported by Mr. W. A. Doll:—

"A Brahmin (widow) convert visited Mrs. Doll and myself. She desired to be baptized and added to our church. She said that since she had embraced Christianity she had been driven from the house of her relatives, and turned out of her caste and people; that she is trusting in God her Saviour; that God has heard her cries, and delivered her out of her many troubles, trials, and persecutions from her relatives and friends. Several tried to injure her and to deprive her of the family property, to which she was the rightful heiress. Even her father was against her, and wanted to deprive her of her share. In making his will, he said he had only one child, (daughter) *i.e.*, the younger daughter, who remained a heathen. But according to the English law, Ruth, (for that is her name now) the Brahmin widow convert and the eldest child, got her portion. She prayed to God to give her a portion, so as to get her daily food and raiment without begging, or being dependent on anyone. God heard her, and granted her desire and prayers. She quoted

this portion from God's Holy Word: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things will be added unto you.' This shows us that God is a covenant-keeping God. He will never leave, He will never forsake His people who put their trust in Him.

"Her persecutions have been great, and she has been subjected to great indignities. Many of her relatives and friends spat in her face, beat her with a dirty broom, and even threatened to do other things to injure her; but she meekly bore, saying, 'Our Lord Jesus suffered on the accursed tree, and had his precious side pierced that His enemies might be forgiven; and shall I not by His grace and love suffer for Him?' That God's people are as precious to Him as the apple of His eye there is no doubt, and these heathen persecutors are not injuring our afflicted sister, but are fighting against God and His glorious cause. God will indeed bring them to judgment, if they do not repent of their deeds. She freely forgives them, and prays that God will graciously forgive them, and convert them by His grace and Holy Spirit, and bring them from darkness to the glorious light of the gospel, even as He did her, a poor lost sinner. She further said, that she felt happy after, by the grace of God, forsaking idolatry, and embracing Jesus, whose religion is the true religion. She pressed for baptism, but I asked her to wait a short time, and that I would comply with her request after consultation with the church, &c. She took leave, and returned to Kursakulam. She now preaches the gospel, through the atoning sacrifice of Christ, to her neighbours, and entreats them to forsake their blind ways, and seek the grace and kingdom of God and His righteousness."

The School Treat

For the several stations in the Tinnevelly district, was held at Mr. W. A. Doll's Mission cottage, on the 22nd January last. He thus reports the interesting proceedings:—

"First,—Teacher Samathas, Naiker, of Kursilputty, accompanied by his school children and converts, sang a Christian lyric, accompanied by native music, walked in a line to our Mission cottage, and presented Mrs. Doll and myself with limes, flowers, &c. We thanked them, and spoke a few words of encouragement and of thankfulness to God for His great mercy in sparing our lives to meet each other on this joyful occasion.

"Second,—V. Jesudas and the night school children of Koilpati followed after No. 1 left.

"Third,—Teacher Samuel, accompained by his day and night-school children and congregation, of Alumputty and Kungankulam visited us after No. 2 left.

"Fourth,—Teacher Gurubatham, with his members and con-

gregation and school children visited us, and presented us with limes, flowers, and an address in Tamil, after No. 3 left.

"Fifth,—Teacher Murryan, with his members and congregation and school children, came next after No. 4 left.

"Sixth,—Teacher, Suvisasoomuthoo, accompanied by his members, congregation, and school children, after No. 5 left.

"After this I made them all sit down in order, on the ground of the compound attached to our Mission cottage. The Teachers, with their church members, congregations, and school children, in blocks Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The children of each station sang a Tamil lyric, in rotation. The lyrics were sung nicely and sweetly, which does the teachers much credit; they also recited verses from the Bible by heart. Prayer was offered. Upon conclusion of this, the sports commenced. The children of Koilpati, ten in number, pulled at "tug-of-war" with ten children of Elavarasananthal; the former gained the day by pulling the latter over the mark.

"Then came the children of Malaputhor and Elliarapunnie. The former gained the day by pulling the latter over the mark.

"Then came teachers Murryan and Suvisasoomuthoo, against teachers Gurubatham and Samuel. The former were pulled over the mark by the latter.

"The children also ran races a distance of one hundred yards, and two children out of each school gained small prizes by running in first at two races. Other games were also played, and enjoyed by all present. There was roars of laughter at seeing them falling down, and over each other, in trying to do their best to win the prizes of slates, pencils, books, &c., &c.

"The children of each station marched up with their teachers to the table under the pandal erected for the occasion, and which was decorated with plantain trees, festoons, flowers, banners, &c., where Mrs. Doll and I sat. Peas, fruit, sweets, &c., were given to each of them by us. They did justice to them. After the treat of peas, &c., the children sat down in their places, and the children who passed the government grant examination were called up, and Mrs. Doll presented them with special gifts of garments, jackets, caps, handkerchiefs, pens, pencils, cases, beads, &c., while all the rest of the children received something of the articles mentioned.

"We closed by singing and prayer offered for God's blessing.

"Some 700 adults and children were present."

CEYLON.

Wellewatte.

In our last Report we recorded the prosperity of the Church here, the addition of sixteen members, and the happy seasons experienced,—Mr. Noble remarking, "It

was indeed 'like a little heaven below.'" This state of things, we regret to add, did not long continue. The great adversary was permitted to sow discord among the brethren. Some of those who had been the most active and useful, after having professed to renounce the errors of Arminianism, returned to them again, and opposed the doctrines of free grace as preached by our missionary Mr. Noble, occasioning much dissension and strife, until ultimately separated from the church; whilst a heresy of a still graver kind was embraced by one of the members, namely, the specious doctrine of "conditional immortality," or "life only in Christ." By perverting a great and glorious truth, the advocates of this doctrine in Ceylon, as in England, deny the immortality of the wicked, and consequently everlasting punishment; the solemn curses of God's righteous law are trifled with, and licence is given to sin.

Mr. Noble has thus been placed in very painful and trying circumstances, and needs our sympathy and prayers; for error is not destroyed by excluding the individuals who hold it. It often happens, as in this case, that those who are farthest from the truth are the most zealous in promulgating their opinions. Tracts have been circulated far and wide, and much evil is being done. With a view of checking this, Mr. Noble has asked us to prepare a reply to the tract that has been circulated; and we are happy to state that our good brother Mr. Shepherd, of Dorset Square, has kindly undertaken this important work.

Opposition of another kind has also been experienced by this little church, namely from the Ritualists in the immediate vicinity of their place of worship; and it is not surprising that an idolatrous population should be more easily fascinated by ritualistic display, than by the simple worship of the Baptists. The natural result has been that Mr. Noble's congregation has so diminished, that it has been deemed advisable to make Slave Island the principal station, and Bambalapitiya a sub-station. The latter, it will be remembered, is a suburban health resort, inhabited by a migratory population, who stay there but a short time, and then return to the capital. This was another difficulty in the way of enlarged success;

but we trust, by God's blessing, and with renewed energy, the cause will now revive.

Yet amidst all these discouragements, Mr. Noble says:

"I am led to reflect on the many circumstances which have combined to make up the whole of the past, some of which were pleasing, whilst others were painful. The fact that some who began the year apparently full of earnestness and zeal have halted by the way, is certainly cause for grief, and of such it may be said, 'They went out from us, because they were not of us.' At any rate we know that if they were included in the covenant of grace they will eventually be brought effectually to the feet of Jesus. But instead of dwelling longer on these painful circumstances of the past, I would turn to the bright side of the picture, and exclaim, 'What hath God wrought!' for *there never was, I believe, a time when the doctrines of free and sovereign grace had such an influence over the minds, and I trust the hearts too, of the people of this island, as at the present moment;* for these precious truths which we hold dear have been disseminated far and wide, and I hope and trust that the time is not far distant when the truth shall be powerfully manifested in the ingathering of a rich harvest of precious redeemed souls."

At Slave Island

The work has been carried on with increasing vigour, as is testified by the following recent report:—

"The work in all its branches has been pursued during the past month, and on the whole, yielded me encouragement, and was acknowledged to have been attended with blessing to others. Many old places and friends have been visited, and I found the people willing to listen to the message I had to deliver, though it was 'the old, old story' again. The doctrines of free and sovereign grace have been explained to such as manifested a change of heart; and though these precious but unpopular truths have been repelled by some, they were generally listened to with apparent interest, and by some few, I believe, received as Gospel doctrines.

"The Services on Sundays (English and Tamil) have been regularly held, and were more encouraging, and, I trust, beneficial to those who attended them.

"The Bible Class, on Thursdays, has been held, and has been a source of good to all who availed themselves of the same, and especially to the young.

"The Band of Hope on Saturdays, has also been well attended, and it was pleasing to witness the interest evinced by the children in the cause of total abstinence. Nearly all the scholars in our Sunday Schools (English and Tamil) are members of the Band of Hope.

"Our Sunday Schools, notwithstanding much opposition, are doing well, and I trust they hereafter may prove as a nursery to the Church. I have already a few enquirers after truth, and I trust these may in a short time confess Christ by baptism.

"Our Day School (Anglo-vernacular) is particularly encouraging. There are eighty-three names on the list, and the daily average attendance was about fifty during the past month. The average would have been higher, but for the large number of sick scholars. One of my daughters (who knows Tamil), as well as myself, help in the school.

"We have also a Night School for Young Men who are employed during the day; and this also is becoming encouraging. The hours of attendance are from 6 till 9 p.m.

"Besides the work in Slave Island, Colombo and its vicinities have been visited, and the gospel preached, and tracts distributed in the streets, bazaars, roads, railway stations, wharf, and jetty, and many other places, as Bambalapitiya, Kollupitiya, and Wellewatte, with their vicinities. And thus the seed of the word has been sown beside all waters, trusting in the Lord for a blessing."

Jaffna.

This interesting field, referred to in our last Report, though not then strictly in connection with the Mission, has occasioned us considerable anxiety during the year. The good brother, (Asseervatham) who commenced the work, is still labouring with much success, yet amidst great opposition from the American Congregationalists, with whom he was formerly connected. Having been established there for about sixty years, their opposition is not to be wondered at; nevertheless, as they are working in harmony with the Church of England and with the Wesleyan missionaries, why should the Baptist denomination be unrepresented?

We cannot but admire the self-denial of Asseervatham, who immediately after his conversion and baptism by Mr. Noble, returned to his native land to proclaim the good news of salvation to his fellow countrymen. (It may here be explained that he attributes his conversion to the Lord's blessing on Mr. Noble's ministry; for although he had been nominally a Christian for many years, and employed as a catechist, yet he knew nothing of the power of divine grace until in the good providence of God, he was brought under Mr. Noble's ministry. Two of his brothers also received similar blessing, although

they are not similarly gifted to proclaim the gospel.) Up to the present time, however, Asseervatham has not been employed by us. The only connection we have had with the Jaffna Mission is rather informal. On learning that Mr. Knight had procured his discharge from the army, and had gone to Jaffna to assist Asseervatham, with little or no provision for his support,—after having received a satisfactory account of his conversion, and good testimonials respecting him,—we employed him on probation at a small salary, awaiting the result of Mr. Noble's visit to Jaffna before taking any further action. Shortly after this, Mr. Knight tendered his resignation. In the meantime, we received a communication from the American Congregationalists, pointing out that in their judgment the field was fully occupied, and that it would better become us to open a station in another part of the island where no mission existed. We received their deputation kindly, and at once opened what proved to be a lengthy correspondence with Mr. Noble, putting him in possession of all the statements which had been made to us. This correspondence has occupied much of our attention, and occasioned deep anxiety. We have no wish to act otherwise than with the utmost Christian courtesy towards the missionaries of other societies, and we accredit them with the same desire towards ourselves; yet the providence by which we have been directed to this place (see the *Olive-Branch* for February last) is so marked, that we have resolved not to neglect the work to which the Lord has already set His seal, and where converts, whose spirituality has been well tested, have for many months been awaiting baptism.

Mr. Noble has, therefore, been requested to visit Jaffna, to baptize the candidates and form them into a church, with Asseervathum as their Pastor, whom we have agreed to employ as our Missionary on probation. This resolution having but recently been communicated to Mr. Noble, we cannot at present give further details.

Christmas and other Gifts.

Mr. Noble, of Colombo, acknowledging the receipt of his case on the 29th of December, gives the following account of the distribution of the gifts:—

"On the evening of the 1st of January (new year's day) the school children assembled at Bambalapitiya, and after enjoying a feast of cake, tea, &c., we had the pleasure of distributing amongst them the toys and other useful articles so kindly sent for them by our dear friends in England. It would have been a source of great pleasure to the donors to have witnessed the joy beaming on the faces of the dear children, indicating the feeling of gratitude within, as they each bore away his or her treasure. I have on their behalf to thank all the dear friends who contributed thereto."

Mr. Noble took to Jaffna a large quantity of the clothing sent for the poor children, whose delight and gratitude he thus reports :—

"There are three villages adjoining each other, and we are in the centre. Many of the inhabitants are very poor, and but little cared for, and there are a large number of children; and to about fifty of these, who attend regularly at our school, we gave articles of clothing, &c.; and the degree of gratitude manifested by these poor little creatures on the receipt of these articles can scarcely be conceived. We have about sixty children, and hope shortly to increase the number, as there are yet many who do not attend, and the parents are so ignorant of the advantages of education that they do not care to send their children. In fact, many adults do not attend our services for want of proper clothing. There is indeed a large field for labour in and around this spot."

We must hasten to bring our Report to a close; but we should be wanting in loyalty to our beloved Sovereign were we not to refer to the

JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN

As celebrated by some of our Mission Schools; being conscious of the numerous blessings which we owe, under God, to Victoria, and believing her to be the best Queen that ever occupied the British throne.

Our missionaries' journals have the following incidental allusions to this great event, which has passed off so happily.

Mr. Noble, writing from Ceylon says :—

"Though far away from the land of my birth, I have not lost all feelings of patriotism, and therefore cannot refrain from expressing the pleasure I have recently felt in observing the general expressions of loyalty to our beloved Queen, as manifested alike by all the various nationalities composing this colony as they presented themselves before the Queen's Representative,

the Governor, on the afternoon of the 28th of June, that having been the day appointed for the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign.

"The most interesting, if not conspicuous, in that vast motley gathering on the Galle Face, on that particular occasion, were the children of the various denominational Sunday-schools, as they marched in procession to the place of rendezvous, headed by their respective banners, and accompanied by pastors, superintendents, and teachers. On arriving at the place appointed for the review, this juvenile army was drawn up in contiguous columns, facing the Governor; and at a given signal the band struck up the National Anthem, accompanied by the thousands of little voices; and that being ended, the air resounded with cheers for the Queen, proceeding from the huge motley mass assembled.

"Then came the grand review. As each school marched past the Queen's Representative, the children cheered lustily, and moved on to their respective places.

"And *not least* in that vast assembly were those marching under the banner bearing the inscription, '*Strict Baptist Sunday Schools.*' And on that auspicious occasion it was indeed pleasing to witness the display of loyalty to the reigning Sovereign of our beloved country, as manifested by all nationalities alike, on the Jubilee of our Queen's peaceful and prosperous reign, for which we have reason to be thankful.

"But, on the other hand, how painful to think of the few in that vast assembly who are truly loyal to the gracious Sovereign of all, and whose sceptre is righteousness!

"It is, however, to the true-born citizens of heaven, blessed to look forward by faith to a never-ending Jubilee, to be enjoyed by them without weariness and fatigue; for 'there shall be no more curse,' and 'they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.'"

The Temperance Jubilee Demonstration.

Our Band of Hope.

"It was a somewhat imposing sight, to witness the children of our Band of Hope, as, on the afternoon of the 20th, they formed up outside our School-room at Slave Island. The children were dressed in white, with blue sashes, and headed by a banner of the same colours.

"As they marched off to the place appointed, accompanied by parents, teachers and others, they commenced to sing a temperance march, 'We've enlisted in the army of the brave,' &c. On the Galle Face they met the other temperance organizations. All marched in procession to the Racket Court, headed by the brass band of the C. I. Volunteers, where seats had been provided, and a programme drawn up for the occasion, consisting of addresses,

singing, recitations, &c., closing with the 'National Anthem,' played by the band, and accompanied by the whole mass of the people, including the children. The members of the Band of Hope returned to Slave Island, School-room at about 7 p.m., quite fatigued; but after partaking of tea and other nice things provided for them, through the kindness of the Superintendent and other friends, the children were so refreshed that they most willingly remained till 9 p.m.

"The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner; addresses were delivered by the Superintendent (Mr. Thining,) myself, and others; the children themselves sang and recited several pieces; and the meeting closed by singing the 'National Anthem.' And though the weather for several days previously had been very rough, and attended with frequent heavy showers of rain, the children that day enjoyed immunity from rain. Our children were noted for their good behaviour, close attention, &c., throughout the demonstration; which in a great measure was due to their having been previously trained by the Superintendent, who takes a deep interest in the children's welfare.

Jubilee Service at Poonamallee.

Abel Michael writes to say:—

"A special Jubilee Service was held in commemoration of the fiftieth year of the reign of our beloved Queen, Empress Victoria. All our church-members and the children of our schools were present. Christian lyrics were sung, and fervent prayers were offered for the happiness, prosperity, victory, and long life of our earthly Sovereign. Two days' holiday was granted to the children of our schools."

We have also to thank our numerous kind supporters, both at home and abroad, in the church, in the Sunday-School, and in the family circle. We are pleased to witness the gradual growth of the missionary spirit,—albeit we could desire its more rapid development: for, taking a comprehensive view of Her Majesty's dominions, we recognize the inhabitants of India and Ceylon as our fellow subjects. And is our duty towards them the less because they are separated by distance? Nay, rather let us try to feel the same towards them as if we dwelt in their midst, and beheld the abominable idols which they worship.

May a spirit of Christian enthusiasm be aroused; so that with the immortal Carey we may "*Attempt great things* FOR *God, and expect great things* FROM *God.*"

RULES.

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I. That this association be called the Strict Baptist Mission; and consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, one or more Secretaries, and a Committee composed of members of Strict Baptist Churches.

II. That its objects be—the diffusion of the Gospel in heathen lands, and the formation of churches in accordance with the principles of Strict Communion Baptists.

III. That the following doctrinal basis be taken as representing the principles by which this Mission shall be governed, viz.:—

1. The equality and distinct personality of the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, in the unity of the Godhead.

2. Eternal and personal election unto salvation.

3. The fall of mankind in Adam—their guilt and condemnation—together with their entire and universal depravity, by which they were utterly alienated from God, and are unable, in and of themselves, to turn to Him.

4. Particular redemption by the vicarious sacrifice of Christ.

5. Justification by grace, through faith, by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of Divine truth; and that saving faith is not a legal duty, but the sovereign and gracious gift of God.

7. The absolute necessity for a holy life, as the result of true faith and the evidence of regeneration.

8. The final perseverance of true believers.

9. The resurrection of the dead, and the universal judgment.

10. The everlasting punishment of the wicked, and the everlasting happiness of the righteous.

11. The duty of preaching the Gospel to every creature of the fallen race of Adam.

12. The necessity of baptism by immersion, on a profession

of repentance and faith, in order to church fellowship and admission to the Lord's table.

13. The congregational order of the churches.

IV. That with a view of giving to each congregation, direct control of the operations of this Mission, every contributing church be entitled to send two persons in addition to the pastor of such church, as their representatives to the Committee.

V. That the Committee meet in London, once a month, or oftener when necessary, at such time and place as may be determined upon by a majority of its members present at any such meeting, five (including the chairman) to form a quorum.

VI. That a month's notice be given of any new business intended to be introduced.

VII. That an Annual Meeting be held, at such time and place as the Committee shall determine; when a report of the past year's proceedings shall be read by one of the Secretaries, and the Committee and Officers elected for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number.

VIII. That all meetings be commenced and concluded with prayer.

The Anniversary Services

Were held on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 1887,

AT MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, CHADWELL ST., CLERKENWELL.

THE ANNUAL SERMON IN THE AFTERNOON,

Was preached by MR. H. F. DOLL, of Madras, from Acts xiv. 7.*

THE PUBLIC MEETING

WAS HELD IN THE EVENING.

In the absence of MR. HAZELTON, the President, through illness, MR. S. K. BLAND took the chair at 6.30.

MR. MEERES asked the Divine blessing on the Meeting.

After an introductory address by the Chairman,

MR. BRISCOE read an abstract of the Report;

MR. WAKELIN read a list of the Officers proposed for the ensuing year; (see p. 2.)

MR. E. MOTE presented the Financial Statement.

MR. JULL, of Cambridge, moved:

"That the Report—an abstract of which has been read—be adopted, printed and circulated, under the direction of the Committee; and that the Brethren whose names have been read, be the Officers and Committee for the year ensuing."

MR. MASTERSON, of Brighton, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

MR. DOLL gave an interesting address, showing the difficulties which he and his fellow workers had to contend with,—the evils of caste, the superstitious prejudices, and abominable idolatry of the heathen; but also how greatly the Lord had blessed their labours. (See the "OLIVE-BRANCH" for November.)

MR. BOX gave a brief address, and moved a resolution of sympathy with the President of the Mission in his illness, and consequent absence.

After a vote of thanks to the Secretaries, and also to the Friends at Chadwell-street, the Meeting was closed in the usual manner.

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* This may be obtained, price 1d., of Mr. Wileman, 34, Bouverie-street, Fleet-street; or by post from Mr. Briscoe, 28, Banner-street, Finsbury, E.C.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, October, 1886		129	17	10½
Collections at Annual Meeting		19	2	6
Received for January Dividend on £496 5s. 8d. Consols., less tax		7	3	11
" " " " " " for July, 1887 ...		7	4	6
" " " " for Sale of £100 Stock		101	7	6
Individual Subscriptions		20	1	0
KEPPEL STREET CHAPEL. Subscriptions	9 7 6			
Sunday School	51 5 11			
Annual Collection	2 10 6	63	3	11
SOHO CHAPEL. Subscriptions, per Mr. Russell	7 16 9½			
Sunday School, per Messrs. Russell and White	20 0 8	27	17	5½
MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, CHADWELL ST. Subscriptions, per Mr. Abbott	19 2 11			
Sunday School "	13 5 8	32	8	7
ZION CHAPEL, DEPTFORD. Subscriptions, per Miss Stubbins	4 7 3			
Sunday School, per Mr. Armstrong	20 0 0	24	7	3
ABERDEEN.—Academy Street Sunday School, per Mr. Douglas		0	10	0
ADDISON PARK.—Sunday School, per Mr. Goudy		0	9	9
AKEMAN STREET, TRING. Collections, Mr. Butcher	20 10 6			
Subscriptions, per Miss Butcher	0 10 0	21	0	6
ALIE STREET. Pastor's Bible Class and Sunday School, per Mr. Sears	7 11 7			
Subscriptions...	4 11 0	12	2	7
AMERICA. Per Mr. Burnam	10 3 3			
Per Miss Felton	5 0 0	15	3	3
AUSTRALIA.—*Sydney:* per Mr. Beedel, less expenses		26	3	3
CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOLS. Per Mr. Burrows	4 7 6			
Mr. Doll's Cottage	0 10 0	4	17	6
AYLESBURY. Per Mr. Bland	2 2 8			
Bible Class, per Mr. Fuller	1 12 6	3	15	2
RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.—Per Mr. Bland		2	0	0
BRADFIELD, ST. GEORGE, SUFFOLK. Per Mr. Dixon ... 2 years, 1886	1 10 0			
1887	1 10 0	3	0	0
OLD BRENTFORD.—Sunday School, per Mr. Fromow		8	17	9
CAMBRIDGE. Sunday School, per Mr. Jull	2 11 8			
Collections, &c.	3 1 10			
Mr. Jull	0 5 0	5	18	6
PIMLICO: CARMEL CHAPEL.—Sunday School, per Mr. Wright		2	0	0
CHATHAM.—Per Mr. Casse		2	18	6
CHELMSFORD.—Per Mr. Burgess		2	2	6
CHESHAM. Collection, per Mr. Bland...	4 19 9			
A Friend, per Miss A. M. Butcher £1 0 0. Cottage 1s.	1 1 0			
Collected by Miss A. M. Butcher, per Mr. Evans ...	5 10 0	11	10	9
COLLEGE PARK.—Sunday School, per Mr. Riddle		3	15	3
CLAPHAM: WIRTEMBERG STREET.—Sunday School, per Mr. Stevens ...		10	10	0
COLNBROOK.—Sunday School, per Mr. Howse		2	10	0
CRANSFORD, SUFFOLK.—Sunday School, per Mr. Bland		0	10	0
DACRE PARK.—Sunday School, per Mr. Cole		2	5	5
DALSTON. Sunday School, per Mr. E. James	4 0 0			
Subscriptions	2 0 0	6	0	0
EBENEZER CHAPEL, BRIGHTON. Subscriptions	12 0 8			
Collections	5 5 9	17	6	5
HILLINGDON. Per Miss Ash	1 17 6			
" "	0 17 4	2	14	10
HOPE CHAPEL, BETHNAL GREEN.—Sunday School, per Mr. Copeland ...		3	0	0
Carried to opposite page		£603	16	5

OCTOBER 16th, 1886, TO OCTOBER 20, 1887.

			Brought forward	£603	16 5
HORNSEY.—Sunday School, per Mr. Goodhew				0	8 0
HOUNSLOW.—Per Mr. Jeffs		2 years		6	10 0
IPSWICH: BETHESDA.	Per Mr. Kern	2 years, 1886	3 1 0		
		1887	1 17 3	4	18 3
LEICESTER.—Per Miss Webster				3	5 0
LYNTON ROAD.—Sunday School, per Mr. Collins				0	10 6
MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, HILL STREET.	Bible Class, per Mr. Wilson		2 10 9		
	Subscriptions		8 15 6	11	5 6
NEW CHURCH STREET, BERMONDSEY.	Sunday School		2 17 6		
	Subscriptions per Mr. Meeres		1 0 6	3	18 0
PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, READING.	Per Mr. Martin		3 0 0		
	,, Rose	2 years	4 0 0	7	0 0
RAMSEY.—Per Mr. Kevan				4	4 0
RICHMOND: SALEM CHAPEL.	Per Mr. Robinson		2 2 0		
	Sunday School		2 8 0		
	Nett results of Meeting		1 3 0		
	,, ,, Lecture		2 2 0	7	16 0
SHEFFIELD.—Per Miss Potter				0	12 0
ST. NEOTS.	Collections. (2 years)		6 19 6		
	Sunday School ,,		6 11 11		
	Per Mr. Ekins ,,		2 0 0	15	11 5
STRATFORD: GURNEY ROAD.—Per Mr. Davis				2	17 0
SYDENHAM.—Per Mr. Tarry				1	5 0
THAME.	Collections		5 2 9		
	Sunday School, per Mr. Tarry		2 6 3	7	9 0
TOTTENHAM.—Sunday School, per Mr. Johnson				1	11 6
WARBLETON CHAPEL, MOUNT HERMON.—Per Mr. Chapman				0	10 0
WATFORD: BEULAH.	Sunday School		11 5 6		
	Per Mr. Harrington		3 13 6	14	19 0
WEDMORE STREET, HOLLOWAY.—Sunday School, per Mr. Thorn				1	1 0
WELLINGBORO' TABERNACLE.—Per Mr. Dalley				12	6 0
WEST HAM.—Sunday School, per Mr. Oakley				7	0 0
WIVERSFIELD.—Per Mr. Virgo				2	2 0
WOOLWICH: ENON.—Sunday School, per Mr. Abrahams				5	0 0
ZION CHAPEL, CLERKENWELL ROAD.—Sunday School, per Mr. Stone				0	12 5
				£726	8 0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Briscoe's account for Printing Reports, &c. &c.	14	2	0
Postages for the Year	3	10	6
Committee Room Expenses, &c.	1	4	0
Sundries, (including cost of three Boxes and School Requisites for India, Cartage, Insurance, and Dock Dues	4	16	8
Mr. Ash's Expenses of Lecture at Richmond	1	0	0
Remittances to Madras, (including £1 13 0 special for Mr. Doll.)	366	6	11
Remittances to Ceylon	153	15	2
Balance in Treasurer's hands	181	12	9
	£726	8	0

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

C. C. HARRIS,
HENRY COOPER, } *Auditors.*

October 22nd, 1887.

Collections, Subscriptions, & Donations.

	£	s.	d.
Collections at Annual Meeting	19	2	6
Dividends on £496 9s. 5d. Consols	14	8	5
Sale of Consols	101	7	6

Australia.

PER MR. BEEDEL, SYDNEY:

Castlereagh-street Church, collections	10	3	3
Ditto, Sunday-school	6	0	0
Ryde, collections	3	13	3
Smithfield, ditto	2	6	9
A Friend in Adelaide	3	0	0
Mr. Joseph Allen	1	0	0

America.

Per Mr. E. H. Burnam	10	3	3
Per Miss S. M. Felton	5	0	0

Keppel-street Chapel.

Collections after Annual Sermons	2	10	6

PER MR. WAKELIN.

Mr. Cooper (2 years)	2	0	0
Miss Haynes (ditto)	2	0	0
A. R. Granville, Esq.	0	10	6
Mrs. Granville	1	1	0
Mr. Simms	1	0	0
Mr. Sweitzer	1	1	0
Mrs. Sweitzer	0	10	6
Mrs. Dinham	0	10	0
Mr. L. Sweitzer	0	10	6
Mrs. Sears	0	4	0
Sunday-school	51	5	11

Soho Chapel, Oxford-street.

PER MR. RUSSELL.

Miss Arlidge's box	1	2	7½
Mr. Box	0	10	0
M. F.	3	0	0
Per Mr. Falkner, A Friend	0	5	3
Mr. Falkner	0	5	0
Mrs. Pritchard	0	2	6
Mr. Freeman	0	5	0
Mr. Simpson	0	5	0
Mrs. Chappel's box	0	6	5
Mrs. Thorne	0	5	0
Miss Arlidge	0	5	0
Miss Phillips	0	5	0
Sunday-school	20	10	8
A Friend, per Mr. Box, for Cottage	1	0	0

Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell-street.

PER MR. W. ABBOTT.

Mrs. Jas. White	0	5	0
Miss Lawrence	0	8	0
Mr. Woodrow	0	4	0
Miss Morris	0	4	0
Mr. Sharp	1	1	0
Miss Woodward	0	6	0
Mrs. Toussaint	0	8	0
Mr. Earl	0	10	6
Mrs. C. W. Banks	0	5	0
Mr. Golding	0	10	0
Mr. Clinch	0	4	0
Mr. Seager	0	10	0
Mr. Webb	0	10	0
Mr. Fricker	0	10	0
Mrs. White	0	4	0
A Friend	0	5	0
Mr. E. Mote	0	10	6
Mrs. Mote, Senr.	0	5	0
Mr. Hunt	0	5	0
Mr. Pullen	0	5	0
Mrs. Pullen's box	0	9	5
Mrs. Hodges	0	10	6
Mr. Hazelton	0	10	0
Mrs. Hazelton	0	10	0
Mrs. Hodder	0	5	0
Mr. Toms (2 years)	0	10	0
Mrs. Hoddy	0	5	0
Mrs. Goddard	0	10	0
Mrs. Stiff	0	10	0
Mr. Sawyer	1	1	0
Mrs. Sidders	0	10	0
Mr. Abbott	1	1	0
Mr. Ford	0	5	0
Mr. Voysey	0	10	0
Mrs. Nunn, Senr.	1	1	0
Mr. Young	1	0	0
Mr. Manns	0	5	0
Mr. Milbourne (2 years)	1	0	0
Mr. Forbes	0	5	0
Mr. Knight	0	5	0
Mr. Whitehouse	0	5	0
Mr. White	0	2	6
Mrs. Hammond	0	2	6
Sunday-school	13	5	7¼

	£	s.	d.
Zion Chapel, Deptford.			
PER MISS STUBBINS.			
Mr. J. Barrett's family box	0	5	9
Mrs. Anderson	0	10	0
Mrs. Cowell, Peckham	0	10	0
Mrs. Josiah Cowell	0	2	6
Mrs. Cattell	0	10	0
Mrs. Topley	0	10	0
Mrs. Norman	0	10	0
Mrs. Brain	0	10	0
Miss Stubbins	0	5	0
Mr. Nash	0	5	0
Mrs. Josiah Barrett	0	5	0
Mrs. Young	0	4	0
Sunday-school, per Mr. Armstrong	20	0	0
Little Alie Street.			
Mr. Sears	0	10	6
Mr. Briscoe	2	0	0
Ditto, Jubilee Gift	1	0	0
Mr. Swan	0	10	6
Mr. Francom	0	10	0
Sunday-school, and Pastor's Bible Class, per Mr. Sears	7	11	7
Old Brentford.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. J. T. Fromow	8	17	9
New Church-street, Bermondsey.			
Mr. Meeres	0	10	6
Mrs. Tiley	0	10	0
Sunday-school, per Mr. Meeres	2	17	6
College Park, Lewisham.			
Per Mr. Riddle	3	15	3
Gurney Road, Stratford.			
Per Mr. Davis	2	17	0
Carmel Chapel, Pimlico.			
Sunday-school, and Friends	2	0	0
Camden Lecture Hall.			
Per Mr. Burrows	4	17	6
Dacre Park Chapel, Blackheath.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Cole	2	5	5
Wedmore Street, Holloway.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Thorn	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Zion Chapel, Clerkenwell-road.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Stone	0	12	5
Tring.			
Collections at Akeman-street Chapel	11	0	6
Mr. Butcher and Family	7	0	0
Miss Butcher	1	0	0
Mr. Glover	1	0	0
A Friend, (In answer to Prayer)	0	10	0
Miss Russell	0	10	0
Aylesbury.			
Pastor's Bible Class, per Mr. Fuller	1	12	6
Collection, per Mr. Bland	2	2	8
Cambridge.			
Collection	3	1	10
Sunday-school	2	11	8
Mr. Jull	0	5	0
Enon Chapel, Chatham.			
Per Mr. Casse ... (2 years)	2	18	6
Colnbrook.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Howse	2	10	0
Ebenezer Chapel, Brighton.			
PER MRS. PAYNE.			
Collection	5	5	9
Collected by Miss E. Gumbrell	0	3	11
Ditto Miss R. Parsons	0	14	3½
Ditto Miss L. Parsons	0	19	5½
Ditto A. Marchant	0	11	3
Ditto Miss Kate Jeeves	0	12	6
Ditto Miss Alice Grey	0	9	6
Ditto Miss E. Groves	0	4	7
Sunday-school	7	3	8
Mrs. Payne	0	10	0
Miss E. Botting	0	6	6
„ C. L.	0	2	6
Two Friends	0	2	0
Reading.			
Providence Sunday-school, per Mr. Martin...2 years	7	0	0
Rattlesden.			
Per Mr. Bland	2	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Chesham.			
Per Mr. Bland	4	19	9
A Friend	0	1	0
Collected by Miss A. M. Butcher, per Mr. W. H. Evans	5	10	0
Ditto for Mr. Doll's Cottage	1	0	0
Lynton Road, Bermondsey.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. J. B. Collins	0	10	6
Bethesda Chapel, Ipswich.			
Mission Box	0	10	0
Miss Bugg	0	18	3
Miss Burrows	0	6	6
Miss Kern, Donation	0	2	6
Per Mr. Kern, 1886	2	1	0
Mr. Sweeney	1	0	0
Hope Chapel, Bethnal Green.			
Sunday-school	1	16	2½
Miss Matthews	0	11	5
Mr. Copeland	0	12	4½
Hounslow.			
Per Mr. Jeffs ..... 2 years	6	10	0
Salem Chapel, Richmond.			
PER MR. ROBINSON.			
Sunday-school and Friends	5	14	0
Proceeds of Lecture	2	2	0
Thame, Oxon.			
PER MR. J. TARRY.			
Collections	5	2	9
Sunday-school	2	6	3
Sydenham, Bucks.			
PER MR. J. TARRY.			
Collections	1	5	0
Wivelsfield.			
Per Mr. Virgo	2	2	0
The Tabernacle, Wellingborough.			
Collection, per Mr. D. Dulley	12	6	0
West Ham.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Oakley	7	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Leicester.			
PER MISS WEBSTER.			
Mrs. W. Webster	0	10	0
Mrs. Morgan	0	5	0
Mr. Proctor	0	5	0
Mr. Tyler	0	10	0
Mr. A. Tyler	0	5	0
Mr. Squire	0	5	0
Mrs. F. Parker	0	5	0
Miss Webster	0	10	0
L. N. W.	0	10	0
Enon Chapel, Woolwich.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Abrahams .....(2 years)	5	0	0
St. Neot's.			
Collection and Sunday-school, per Mr. Ekins (2 years)	15	11	5
Tottenham.			
Sunday-school per Mr. R. Johnson.....(2 years)	1	11	6
Clapham.			
Wirtemburg Street Sunday-school, per Mr. Stevens	10	10	0
Bradfield, St. George.			
Per Mr. Dixon ...(2 years)	3	0	0
Sheffield.			
Per Miss Potter	0	12	0
Hillingdon.			
Salem Chapel, per Miss Ash	2	14	10
Hornsey.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Goodhew	0	8	0
Dalston.			
PER MR. E. E. JAMES.			
Mr. Porter .....(2 years)	2	0	0
Sunday-school	4	0	0
Warbleton.			
Mount Hermon Chapel, per Mr. Chapman	0	10	0
Aberdeen.			
Academy-street Sunday-school, per Mr. Douglas	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Addison Park.			
Sunday-school, per Mr. Goudy	0	9	9
Hill Street, Dorset Square.			
Bible Class	2	10	0
Mr. C. C. Harris	1	1	0
Mr. J. Harris	1	1	0
Mr. C. Wilson ...(2 years)	2	2	0
Mr. B. Wakelin	1	1	0
Miss Gosling.....(2 years)	0	10	0
Miss Smith .....(2 years)	0	10	0
Miss Latham.....(2 years)	0	10	0
Mr. Cobb	0	10	0
Miss Gregory	0	10	6
Mr. Pocock	1	0	0
Watford.			
Beulah Sunday-school, per Mr. Harrington	14	19	0
Cransford, Suffolk.			
Per Mr. Bland	0	10	0
Ramsey.			
PER Mr. S. KEVAN.			
Collection	2	9	0
Salem Chapel Sunday-school	0	8	7
A. & A. Powell's Box	0	2	5
Collected by Miss B. Eldred	0	19	0
Mr. S. Kevan	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Individual Subscriptions.			
Mrs. Knight, per Mr. W. J. Styles	2	10	0
Mrs. Hurst	2	0	0
L. E. Brook, Esq.	1	1	0
Arthur Brook, Esq.	1	1	0
Mr. Hand	1	1	0
Mr. Bonney	1	1	0
Mr. Smith, Eltham	1	0	0
Mr. Winters, Waltham Abbey	0	5	0
Mr. Brodie	0	2	0
Mr. Wileman	0	2	0
Mr. Ponder	0	2	6
Mr. Frost	1	1	0
J. Billing, Esq.	1	0	0
Mr. T. W. Colson	0	10	6
Miss Walls	0	10	0
Mr. Bloom	0	15	0
Mr. W. E. Palmer	0	5	0
Mrs. Galpin	0	2	6
Mr. Sumner	0	4	0
Mr. Spillett	0	2	0
Mr. Ince, Brighton	2	2	0
Stamps	0	2	0
Mr. Woodward	2	2	0
Mrs. Maule, Banbury	0	5	0
Mr. Mattock	0	2	6
Mr. Page	0	10	0
Mrs. Harrow	0	2	0

THE FOLLOWING SUMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE ACCOUNTS WERE AUDITED:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. H. Franklin	1	1	0
Mr. Dearsly	0	10	6
Mount Zion Chapel, Chadwell Street.			
PER MR. ABBOTT.			
Mr. Burnstead	0	5	0
Thank-offering from a Widow, (per Mrs. E. Mote	0	5	0
Foot's Cray.			
Sunday-school, per Mr Clark	6	0	0
Hill Street.			
Mrs. Lett, per Mr. Cobb...	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Hillingdon.			
Mr. Gregory	1	1	0
Pentside Chapel, Dover.			
COLLECTED BY MR. WALL.			
Mr. & Mrs. Scott	2	2	0
Mr. Broadley	1	0	0
Mr. Bradley	0	10	0
Mr. Jones, Sen.	0	1	0
Mr. Jones, Jun.	0	2	6
Mr. Wall	0	5	0
Mr. Scott, Jun.	0	2	6
Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter	0	2	6
Mr. Hagben	0	2	0
Miss Fuller	0	1	0

LOCAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, MADRAS.

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From 31st August, 1886, *to 31st July*, 1887.

	Rs.	cts.
A. M. Ferguson, Esq.	10	0
C. W. Vangeyzel, Esq.	5	0
J. W. Vangevzel, Esq.	5	0
C. H. Pate, Esq.	1	50
W. P. Ranasingham, Esq.	1	0
M. Toussaint, Esq.	7	50
Received at our monthly gathering for Breaking Bread	5	15

	Rs.	cts.
Mission Box No. 1, Bambalapitya	2	10
Ditto No. 2, Bambalapitya	0	34
Ditto No. 3, Slave Island	1	25
Ditto No. 4. Jaffna	1	42
Ditto No. 5. Bambalapitya Sunday-school	2	40
Ditto No. 6, Slave Island Sunday-school	2	50

The amount expended for Chapel servant's wages, lighting, cleaning, bread and wine, for communion, Sunday School Jubilee Tea, &c., &c., is Rs. 87 30 cts.; shewing a balance due to Mr. Noble of Rs. 42 14cts.

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