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A Prayer.

O God, pardon what I have been, sanctify what I am, order what I shall be; and Thine shall be the Glory, and mine the Eternal Salvation, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Jews.

O merciful God, from Whom all good counsels and all just works do proceed: we beseech Thee to provide justice and mercy for the suffering people who are called by Thy Holy Name, and to guide in judgment the counsels of the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts." Hagg. ii.4.

I think we are too ready with complaint In this fair world of God's. Had we no hope Indeed beyond the zenith and the slope Of yon gray blank of sky, we might grow faint To muse upon Eternity's constraint Round our aspirant souls; but since the scope Must widen early, is it well to droop, For a few days consumed in loss and faint? O pusillanimous Heart, be comforted, And, like a cheerful traveller, take the road, Singing beside the hedge. What if the bread Be bitter in thine inn, and thou unshod To meet the flints? At least it may be said: "Because the way is short, I thank Thee, God." E. B. B.

Editorial.

Readers of the Gleaner are reminded of the Special Mission at Christ Church, Galle Face, which will (26.) begin soon after this number reaches their hands. If we believe, as one has said, that "Christ actually meant prayer to be the great Power by which His Church should do her work," let us see to it that those of us who are at a distance do not miss this opportunity of "helping by prayer."

In a sermon at Westminster Abbey last year, the Bishop of London, preaching on "the Voice of Authority," in answer to which we pray," used the following illustration. "Our late aged Queen in her last years had on one occasion to open the new Town Hall at Sheffield. It was thought well she should not leave her carriage, so electric wires were fastened to a golden key fitting into the lock which she could turn as she sat. By an act of faith as it were, she turned the key, and slowly, surely, at some distance away, the gates of the Town Hall opened. We cannot see the wires which connect our prayers with Heaven's gate, but a Voice we trust says. Turn the key; ask and ye shall have; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened."

There is a World around us in desperate need, which waits to be helped by our prayers: there is a God above us with infinite grace, Who waits for our prayers; there is a Church, of which we are members, called to this high office, waiting to be roused to a sense of its responsibility and power, by our prayers. Shall we not respond to the call which is so often repeated in our Services—"Let us pray?"

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser's friends will be glad to know that except for the suffering entailed by a rough voyage the news of them is good as far as England. Mr. Fraser is in Hospital under the care of Sir Patrick Manson, and his case is not regarded as hopeless by the doctors. Mr. Fraser asks for our continued prayers.

The terrible typhoon in the China Sea has brought desolation and distress to many hearts and homes. A telegram reports that the Bishop of Victoria was on his yacht at the time and has perished. The Right Rev. J. C. Hoare is well known in C. M. S. circles, having worked as a C. M. S. Missionary before his elevation to the episcopate.

It is only a few months since Bishop Hoare passed through Colombo with Mrs. Hoare and their children on his way to Hong-Kong, to resume work after furlough. During the few hours his ship was in Colombo he kindly assisted at the morning service in St. Peter's Church, Fort.


The Mission at Galle Face Church.

Arrangements for this Mission are now practically complete. The Missioners, the Rev. H. Pakenham-Walsh and the Rev. C. R. Burnett, are to arrive from India (26.) on Saturday, 13th inst., and will give an address to the church-workers the same day. Mr. Pakenham-Walsh will preach at the usual services on Sundays 14th and 21st, and each day during the week at 7:30 a. m. and 6 p. m., whilst Mr. Burnett will hold special services for children and young people on the two Sundays at 8:30 a. m. and each day during the week at 4:30 p. m. Sectional Meetings will also be held which will be duly notified. A letter from Mr. Pakenham-Walsh, intended for the church-workers, contains such valuable counsel for all labourers in the Lord's Vineyard that it deserves a wider circulation than he intended, and is given overleaf for the benefit of readers of the Ceylon Gleaner.

A. E. D.
My dear Fellow-Workers,

It is such an uplifting joy to me to feel that you in Colombo are earnestly preparing the way of the Lord and making His paths straight. Whenever I kneel to pray for your Parish, and to implore God's blessing on the forthcoming Mission, I feel that I kneel with you, and that your earnest intercessions are mingled with mine. It will be indeed a joy to come to know in the flesh those with whom I have thus laboured in the spirit—and the Apostle's words in Rom. I. 11, 12 will I hope be fulfilled in my own experience.

And now as the great conflict approaches, I would call you, and myself, to redoubled effort. Let us 'watch and pray'—watch our own lives—own thoughts, words, and deeds—and the springs of our action, that we be not only no stumbling-blocks to others, but that we bring bright examples for others to follow. Much in the coming Mission will depend on how you and I live through the few weeks that remain.

Let us also watch for others, watch your opportunities of helping souls, looking not every man on his own things but every man also on the things of others. Try and use your influence during these weeks to make your friends and acquaintances at least willing to "come and see," do not disappoint another, but watch in order to help, support, and with humble love correct one another.

And then let us pray, "Give yourselves to prayer." Plan so as to get more time to pray, and strive to be more earnest and real in prayer. Let God fill you with a great "passion for souls," and ask Him to fill me and my fellow-worker with it too.

If we can only pray as we ought, souls will be saved. Learn all you can about the needs, the circumstances, the temptations, the difficulties of those for whom you pray. Nerve yourselves for real agony and contest of prayer not for any easy sleepy word-making or repeating of names and petitions, but a laying hold on God after the manner of Abraham pleading for Sodom.

Surely when we are pleading for souls to be rescued from the awful horrors of hell, we should not plead less earnestly than we would if we knew that on our pleading depended the preservation of Colombo from such a typhoon as swept Hongkong, such an earthquake as devastated San Francisco and Valparaiso. What joy will it be to know that we have helped by our prayers the eternal salvation of many souls!

As the Mission approaches make a habit of ejaculatory intercession. Pray for the people as you pass as you walk and drive through the streets, for those you meet at business and in pleasure. Let the whole of the Parish be embraced in a network of fervent prayers "everyway bound with gold chains about the feet of God."

"And for me (for us) that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel.... that therein I may speak boldly as I ought to speak."

Bidding you goodbye till we meet if the Lord will, at Colombo.

I remain, your friend

The Missioner
(Signed.) Hérbert Pakenham-Walsh.

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The Metropolitan at Cotta.

On Saturday morning, September 8th, the Metropolitan visited the C. M. S. Station at Cotta. His Lordship was accompanied by the Lord Bishop of Colombo. A pandal had been erected just inside the Mission Compound and the approach to the Church had also been decorated. Those present to extend a hearty welcome would have been far more numerous had it not been holiday time for the schools. Their Lordships were met by the Revs. R. W. Ryde, G. S. Amarasekara, and D. L. Welikala, Messrs. A. S. Perera, D. Rodrigo, Anolos Perera (church officers), and D. H. Wijesinghe (Liyanwela) and D. J. Wijesinghe (Nugegoda), catechists.

Divine service in Sinhalese was held in the Church which was, considering it was a week-day service and holiday time, well filled by those who had come from various parts of the district. The Rev. G. S. Amarasekara read the first part of the service, and the Rev. R. W. Ryde the concluding portion: the first lesson was read by the Rev. D. L. Welikala and the second by the Rev. H. B. Goonatilake. The last named acted as Metropolitan's chaplain, the Rev. G. B. Ekanayake as chaplain to the Bishop of Colombo.

The Metropolitan preached from the first chapter of St. John's Gospel, verses 35-40, dealing specially with the words, (1) What seek ye? (2) Master, where dwellest Thou? (3) Come and see. After prefatory remarks expressing the pleasure it gave him to see once more the faces of old friends, and his thankfulness to God for good reports received from time to time of their progress in the faith and in grace, his Lordship reminded us of the need of definiteness of aim, first for ourselves and then for the good of those around who are seeking they know not what. Further, what blessing to men the search of Christ will bring! And then in answer to His invitation, how delightful the time spent in conscious communion with Christ here earth beholding His glory by faith and hereafter in heaven beholding Him face to face.

Service over, many friends adjourned for a short time to Mr. Ryde's verandah for an opportunity of greeting the Metropolitan, who after a short visit to Mrs. Dowbiggin's bungalow also, left for Colombo at 10.45 a.m.

While we regret that the visit to Cotta was such a brief one, we are very grateful that amid so many engagements this one found a place in the Metropolitan's programme.

R. W. Ryde.

Cotta District.

It was not long ago that we recorded the death of Mrs. Ekanayake of Cotta at the age of 91. On August 2, to the oldest Christian, as far as we know, of the Cotta District the home-call came. Abeyratne Lama Etenie widow of Attygalle Abeyratne, Muhandiram, of Madapata had reached, it was believed, the ripe old age of 105. She was one of the most respected and influential residents in the village, and she and her late husband had proved themselves practical supporters of Mission work. Her husband's family was the first-fruits of Madapata unto Christ and nearly all the Christians there are descended from them. Years ago her first cousin accompanied into exile the last King
of Ceylon. Her youngest son, for 25 years a teacher under the C. M. S., died a fortnight before her at the age of 66. The late Lama Etinie was a devout Christian and preserved most of her faculties to within a few months of her death. The Rev. J. H. Wikramanayake of Mampe conducted a short service at the Walawa and also at the family vault.

The Mission at Nellore.

From August 24-26 Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Eddy held a three days Mission at Nellore, Jaffna. For some time before their arrival, daily Prayer Meetings were held in the Church and the Girls' Boarding School, asking for God's blessing and hearts made ready to receive Him, and the solemn time of conviction and blessing which was given to us during the Mission days proved the willingness of our God to hear and answer prayer on Friday and Saturday 24th and 25th. There were five services held: a Prayer Meeting at 7 a.m., Morning Meeting at 9.30 a.m., Men's Meeting at 2:30 p.m., Women's Meeting at 3 p.m. and Evening Meeting at 6 p.m.

From the first all the meetings were well attended but at each evening service the Church was crowded. A selection of hymns and lyrics had been printed together in a small book, to be used during the Mission, so the singing was always hearty and full.

It was a great disappointment that Mr. Eddy was not able to take a more active part in the meetings. He spoke at the first morning prayer meeting, but after that his throat became so bad that he was obliged to give up all speaking during the rest of the three days, the addresses being given by the Tamil missionaries who had come from India with him.

On Sunday, Holy Communion was administered at 7 a.m. followed by the usual Sunday morning service at 8, the sermon being preached by one of the missionaries. At 2.30 a Children's Service was held at which Mrs. Eddy gave a most delightful object-lesson on Rom. vi, 23 which will we trust be long remembered by the children, and "grown ups" who were present. It was very pretty to watch as Mrs. Eddy, while trying to explain the "free gift of eternal life" offered a rupee to any child who would come up to her and ask for it. For some seconds not a child moved, none of them believing her offer to be a true one, but at last one little girl very shyly, very timidly, left her seat and walked up to Mrs. Eddy. Being asked what she wanted she whispered "a rupee" and to her great surprise the promised coin was at once put into her hand, while the other children present repented of their lack of trust in the promise given. Invitations had been given to all the mission workers to stay in Nellore during the Mission, and a large number availed themselves of the hospitality thus offered to them. The women were entertained in the Girls' Boarding School, while the men were provided for by the Rev. W. Backus.

The Women's Meetings were taken by Mrs. Eddy in the big school-room of the N. G. B. S., but all the other meetings were held in the Church. The addresses given were very much appreciated, and we believe that many a one entered into a fulness of life in Christ Jesus, which was before unknown to them. For what we do know of blessing received we are very thankful, but still more for what, as yet, we do not know, for we believe that the result of these three quiet days apart with God will be seen all over the district. God grant it may be so to His glory and honour.

Tamil Convention at Kandy.

For some time past we workers unto the Kingdom of God among the Tamils of Ceylon had been praying for a special blessing and had been looking expectantly to the visit of our friends from India, for the answer to our prayers. The August Gleaner contained the announcement that their arrival was shortly expected and towards the middle of August, the Rev. T. Walker, Mr. G. S. Eddy, Mr. Panmanantanam and Mr. Mosheek Peter arrived in Kandy. To meet them were gathered from the Tea Estates up-country, from Colombo, Galle and Negombo, a crowd of expectant souls—Catechists and Evangelists, Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses and Bible-women, as well as a number of Christians from local congregations.

Today the Tamil Convention is an event of the past, but we are persuaded that its results remain, are being seen, and will be increasingly seen as the days go by. How shall we record the events of those days? From Wednesday morning until Sunday night the three meetings daily were thronged by attentive hearers.

The speakers reasoned of sin, of responsibility, of hindrances to God's work in the hearts and lives of His workers. The need of Conversion as the first essential to true service for the Master was dwelt upon and insisted upon all through the meetings, and by all the speakers. At one meeting all of us were reminded of the awful responsibility incurred by God's workers. The sin of blood-guiltiness from which the Psalmist (Ps. 51, 14) prayed to be delivered was very solemnly brought home to us all, and one was constrained to ask "Oh Lord, who is sufficient for these things? How many souls will be required at our hands in that day? Do we realize the awful responsibility of standing between God and immortal souls? Would to God that we could get a deep-seated grasp of our real position in this respect! Then would a fire burn in our hearts that would lend a warmth and power to our work which would be almost irresistible." Other essentials of true and fruitful service were insisted upon with all loving earnestness—the need of daily communion with the Master in prayer, and the reading of the Book of Books—the necessity of avoiding the many snares and hindrances to true spirituality, the cares and ambitions of the world—the love of ease and self-indulgence. As these many points were dwelt upon, one and another acknowledged his or her sin in one respect or another, and more than once many were crying together for forgiveness. How our hearts yearned over these souls, and how the prayer burst forth that the all-seeing One would make it deep and real, honest and sincere. Sunday night, the last meeting, was one of testimony, and many rose and acknowledged God's goodness in bringing them to repentance, and registered resolutions which by the grace of God we trust will mean a fresh influx of power, the real spiritual vitalizing power of the Spirit of God, into many a corner of the vineyard, and among many a group of Tamil people. But to this end still are needed the persevering, constant prevailing prayers of God's people. And these I would earnestly bespeak on behalf of all who attended the meetings in Kandy.

THOS. S. JOHNSON.
Forty Hours in the District.

Strengthened spiritually by the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting of September 3rd, and physically by the unwavering hospitality of the Galle Face Mission House, a journey by train along the coast where the gorgeous light of the tropical full moon fell on the Indian Ocean brought the writer to the Rest-house at which he was to spend the night. For those who do not know the Island and its ways it may be said that Rest-houses are inns under Government control, where sleeping accommodation at fixed prices and meals by arrangement may be had. The sea's restless "chime" was not exactly a lullaby, and at every waking moment (of which there were not a few) kept up the thunder of its breakers on the shore. A start at 7:30 and a ride of 12 miles on the two-wheeled steed brought the town of A. to sight. No Christian place of worship relieves its darkness and most are content to have it so. A hurried visit to the Catechist's, a charge to the Rest-house Kooper to have breakfast ready by noon, and another 4½ miles on to a tea estate, owned by an old Trinity College friend. Here the nearest Pastor (whose parsonage is 10 miles off and was left at 3:30 A.M.) is waiting. Then converse and prayer in the Conductor's house and tangible evidence that the Metropolitan of India and Ceylon and the honoured predecessor of our Bishop here, has arrived is before our eyes in the shape of greenery that will go to decorate the Church at Moratuwa. The striking spirit lately abroad in Colombo amongst the carters has penetrated here, and the coolies shew their disapproval of a rise in the price of estate rice. Enquiries ensue after this member and that of the little flock. Next a move is made to the new School; new as regards opera­tion if not as regards building. Begun on May 2nd, its monthly publication of the Christian Literature Society. The teacher was greatly cheered on being the master, once a yellow robed priest of Buddha, is remained faithful. The recently arrived Buddhist was left and a somewhat rocky course pursued. In one more eastward ho! on the bicycle, until the high road rose boldly straight up a hill, according to the warning of a villager, who said "The hill you crossed, sir, is nothing to what is coming." Up and up, nearer, and nearer to the splendid reservoir from which the City of Colombo is supplied with water. Three miles by the cyclometer and then just as breakfast begins to appear a remote fact in the past, and dinner rather a remote prospect, a messenger appears with a note "A man to help you on the road" and resigning the bicycle to his control, and all responsibility about the way to his guidance, at length a friendly planter's bungalow is reached. "Six months since last you came" they had said a week before and it was an unusual occurrence to be there twice in one week. No other padre had visited them meanwhile, how many of our fellow-countrymen in Ceylon have no pastoral visitation. Then something from GOD'S Word, and prayer nearer close the day, and the water in the brook at the foot of the hill induces sleep until at some dead hour a musk rat seeks to digest after his fashion a copy of "The Life of Faith" and the leg of the toad-world must be thrust into the front door of his house.

Next morning the request is made of the padre "Can you play 'Fight the good fight' our boys at School like the tune so much. Thanks to a good mother who roused him up to practise in his youth, the padre can, and one tune leads on to another, until it is time to start off to inspect another School on the way to the Railway Station. For about four months each year the School cannot be held, so feverish is the district and so high the river, but the Catechist and his sister are doing their best, and not in vain either. A few words about speaking to God in prayer, a few hymns, a look at the School register, and off once more. Beside the road run the pipes from the reservoir, and it is one man's duty daily to walk a ten mile section, to notice if excessive moisture on the road betrays a leak. The Missionary traces a parable here about loss to the daily supply of grace. The last stage on the homeward journey is along the toy-gauge of the Kalani Valley Railway, in company with one who has been appointed station master at a station established in connection...
with a new scheme for improved policing of the Island.
This Station Officer is the son of an honored father, a
Government official, each Sunday to be found, thank
GOD in his place in GOD'S House. The Missionary
hears the record of a week’s crime committed within a
small radius of the police station, and wonders what
things really are like in places where the force of the
law is less. The young Officer acknowledges that he
needs wisdom from above to unravel my stories of crime
that come before his notice, and the two part, realizing
that they are working at different ends, so to speak, of
the same stick, the one to prevent and the other to
detect, the wickedness that must abound where there is
not the knowledge of GOD.

Gleaners’ Union, Colombo.

The members who came together at the September
meeting at Galle Face had the pleasure of listening to
an address by Rev. J. W. F. Copleston, the Hall being open to the public on both
Sunday mornings, 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m., 20th October, and the 3rd, 4th and 5th
November. By God’s blessing the sale was opened by Mrs. E. A. Blundell, who
presented the Silver Prize to Miss Leslie-Melville, the Hall being open to the public
on both Thursday evenings, 7-30 p.m. and 8-30 p.m., 20th October, and the 3rd, 4th
and 5th November.

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of the sale for the payment of the regular monthly
grants in aid of schools and evangelistic work in
various parts of the Island, principally in Colombo,
and it is always a matter of thankfulness when,
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goodly attendance of purchasers, the gifts etc. provided
of the sale for the payment of the regular monthly
settlement, amounting to Rs.4137; last year the
takings were Rs. 4042.

We are glad to be able to furnish our readers with
an account of the recent Sale of Work, held on Thursday
and Friday, the 6th and 7th September in the
large Public Hall, Colombo. By God’s blessing it
proved even more successful than that of last year, the
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We give, as usual, a list of the stalls and of the helpers at each.
Ceylon Association Stalls.

1. Ladies Working Party: Mrs. F. M. Mackwood who had kindly undertaken charge of the stall, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to Mr. Mackwood’s illness and their consequent departure for Australia. The stall was taken by Mrs. C. O. Mackwood assisted by Misses Amanda Stephen Brown, and J. W. Ferrier, the Misses A. Higgins and L. M. Leslie Melville. Articles for sale were supplied by the ladies attending the Working Party, also several members of the congregations connected with Galle Face Church. Articles were also sent by the members of St. Mark’s Working Party, New Brompton, whose interest has been regularly kept up by the efforts of Miss A. Schon and Miss L. Nelson. A further contribution was sent by Mrs. D. Stewart and her friends of Bedford.

Miss Keith’s Stall. Owing to a recent family bereavement the Misses Keith were unable to conduct this stall as in former years, but Miss Grace Van Dort very kindly took charge, and was assisted by Mesdames Siddle, Ratsey, and Pascoe and the Misses Bawa (2), Siddle, Miall and E. de Saram. Friends of Miss Keith kindly give special subscriptions for the purchase of articles, and a friend in England, Miss Rooke makes the selection and sends in time for the sale.

Refreshments. This year the stall was in charge of Lady Mitchell, who was assisted by Mesdames Waldock, Test, A. G. G. Hyde, F. Mitchell, and Woodman, and the Misses Mitchell (2) and M. Mackwood. Special contributions were kindly given by the Colombo Apothecaries Co. Ltd., Messrs. Miller & Co., and Messrs. Thompson Thomas & Co.

Flowers. Several up-country Station Masters sent supplies of flowers to Miss Mackwood who was in charge and was assisted by the Misses White, Macalpine, and H. Mackwood.

Fish Ponds: Miss G. Oswald Mackwood superintended and was helped by the Misses Booth (2) and Miss Zaiide Esaide. The kind donation of Miss Matilda Dias helped to purchase a number of “fishes,” a record of 250 catches being made the first day.

Bran Pies: were again provided by the Misses de Silva.

Out Station Stalls.

Cotta Boarding School. Mrs. Dowbiggin and Miss G. Hutchinson were in charge of this, the largest stall in the sale, and were helped by Mesdames R. Morison, F. Bois and S. Ross and the Misses Bois, F. Dias Bandaranayake and E. Van Geyzel. Articles were kindly sent from England by Mrs. C. C. Fenn, the Misses Holmes, White, and Wakely; the Peterborough Gleaners per Miss Mills and other friends in England and Ceylon, including former pupils in the Girls’ Boarding School. Rs. 200 of the takings is usually given to the General Fund of the Industrial School.

Sinhalas Female Teachers’ Training School: (Cotta.) The stall was in charge of Miss K. Gedge assisted by Mrs. Powell, Miss M. R. Gedge and Miss Barber. Fancy articles and needlework were received from Miss Whitney, Woking, and the Misses Gedge, Croydon. The proceeds will be devoted to the support of the students in training, who now number, including 5 probationers, 18. This special Training School meets an urgent need by sending forth to labour among the young, a number of Christian Teachers who will have many and great opportunities of soul-winning.

Cotta: The Rev. R. W. Ryde also had a small stall, his object being to raise sufficient to provide the salary for a year of a teacher in a newly opened estate school. In response to a circular sent to friends in England and Australia asking each to contribute two or three frocks, white afternoon-tea cloths etc., several of his relations and friends sent not only articles for the sale, but also money contributions, so that by the time the sale closed three-quarters of the amount desired had been received.

The Sowers’ Band Stall. The usual C. M. S. Ladies’ College stall was not held this year owing to Miss Whitney being in England, but the little Sowers’ Band table which the College girls have each year for general missionary work was very successful. The table was under the management of Miss Browne and Miss Rooke and they had as their helpers Miss Irene Johnson and Miss Beatrice Harris. This year the receipts more than doubled that of any previous one. Rs. 85. 25 will be set apart as usual to provide prizes for the Kandy Ragged School children, and for material for next year’s work, and with the remaining Rs. 60 it has been decided to support one of the Chinese village schools under the Church Missionary Society. The work provided for the stall was done partly by the boarders of the College at their fortnightly working party, while a number of articles were contributed by various day girls.

Colombo Tamil. This stall dropped out last year, but was revived this year by Mrs. W. Booth and Miss Franklin, who were assisted by Mrs. Ingles. The articles sold were contributed by Miss Chamberlain, Miss E. Buchanan and by members of the Gleaners’ Union, Clough, Ireland, and by Miss Whitlock of Tunbridge Wells. The proceeds will go principally towards the founding of the proposed Home for Converts and Enquirers (Tamil) and towards the Borella Girls’ Boarding School.

Baddegama. This stall was held by Mrs. Simmons assisted by Mrs. Ronald Ferguson, Mrs. Brown, and Miss Townsend. A large board with “BADEGAMA” in white letters on red ground was kindly given by Mrs. Brown. The greater proportion of the articles for this well stocked stall were supplied by the ladies of the St. Luke’s Hackney Missionary Working Party. The Misses Mayor, whose father was the first missionary at Baddegama, still continue to send to the sale yearly, several articles, made by themselves and friends. There were also several pretty articles in brass work and embroidery from Cairo. The articles which were not sold will be disposed of at sales to be held in various centres in the Baddegama district, the proceeds being divided between the Evangelistic, Educational, and Native Church Funds.

Dodanduwara: In the absence of the acting Manager, the Rev. R. H. Phair, Mrs. Pole Fletcher kindly superintended the stall, being assisted by Mrs. Notley and Miss Myra Toussaint. The articles displayed for sale consisted of beautifully carved articles in teak, satin, madun and jak woods. The proceeds will go towards the general fund of the Industrial School.
KANDYAN ITINERATIONS:

Central Kandyan Itineration. Mrs. E. B. Creasy was assisted by Miss Ferguson and the articles for sale were supplied by the Working Party at St. John's Monastery, Co. Dublin, and were sent by the Misses Evans and Newton.

Western Kandy Itineration. Miss M. S. Gudge was assisted by Miss Curtis and the Rev. W. G. Shorten, the articles for sale being supplied by Mrs. Lionel Lee, of Canterbury, Miss E. L. Williams of Cork; Miss Andrews of Hertford; the Misses Leaf of Worthing; Mrs. Muofy of Hitchin; and Miss S. C. Lloyd of Stoneport. Some bog oak curios were also received from Miss Evans and Miss Williams. Miss Curtis and other friends made a fine oak curios were also received from Miss Evans and Miss Shamrock drapery for decorating the Stall.

Northern Kandyan Itineration: presided over by Mrs. J. W. Cary and Mrs. C. E. Stevenson. The goods sold were beautifully worked brooches, studs and knickknacks made of silver chuckrams, the obsolete coinage of Travancore. This is the first time that Anuradhapura has been specially represented at the Sale.

The Entrance. We are much indebted to Sapper Willis R. E., Gunner Benfield R.G.A., L. Corpl. Hayden (Worcester), and Signaller Bird for their kind help and for the manner in which they mounted the flags in the porch etc.

The G.O.H. Band was in attendance on the opening day by kind permission of the management and an excellent programme of music was gone through. For the second day several friends kindly arranged an impromptu programme which was much appreciated. The piano used was lent by Messrs. Cave & Sons.

The Committee of the Association are deeply grateful and hereby express their thanks to all the friends mentioned above, and to all others who by gifts of articles for sale, and donations, have contributed to the success achieved. Special mention should be made of Mrs. Greenhorne who kindly collected a sum of Rs. 131.50 and handed same over to the Committee.

Above all we give heartfelt thanks to God our Heavenly Father for all the loving kindness and blessing vouchsafed, and we pray that the money so bountifully provided may under the Divine guidance, be specially owned and blessed by Him in the furtherance of the work of extending His glorious Kingdom in this land,

J. W. F.

Our Contemporaries.

We welcome the first number of "The National Missionary Intelligence" with peculiar pleasure. It is the organ of the new National Missionary Society that sprang into being at Serampore last year, and already records sixteen offers for service in the Mission Field. Its plea for existence is the fact that there are 100,000,000 souls in India who lie beyond the reach of existing foreign evangelizing agencies.

We have also received a number of specimens of the Standard series of Gospel Tracts, copies of which will be sent free of charge on application to E. S. Ewen, 134 Kosciusko St., Brooklyn Borough, New York, U.S.A.

"The Christ Church Monthly" is a pretty, well-got-up magazine with a capital picture of Galle Face Church. Both paper and print are very good, and so is the reading material.

"The Melbourne Gleaner" is largely occupied with "a Forward Movement" and the Members and Friends of the C.M. Association are urged to intercession, voluntary gifts, and interesting others in view of the steady increase in the C. M. S. estimates for 1906.

"The N. India Gleaner" contains an interesting appeal from the Nadia District Council for funds to rebuild 14 brick churches in the District. There is also an account of a Mission at Amsfield conducted by Padri Thsan Ullah, and the Rev. W. McLean, with much blessing resulting.

Ceylon Rubber Exhibition.

The Industrial School at Dodanduwa sent some of their carved work to Peradeniya for the double purpose of exhibiting as a side-show, and of doing a little business with the visitors. The greatest kindness was shown by the authorities in giving facilities for the exhibit. I would take this opportunity of thanking both them and the several friends of the school who gave practical assistance on the ground itself.

The public as a rule know what they want; and we were able, by gauging the opinions of a great number, to learn a few valuable lessons. I therefore consider that not only was the success of our experiment greater than may now appear, but that its practical and immediate advantage to the school is beyond question.

R. H. P.

"The Ceylon Times" says of the Dodanduwa Industrial School Exhibit at the Rubber Exhibition:—

"One of the sides which attracted considerable attention was the C.M.S. Industrial School, Dodanduwa. In a small tent was neatly arranged some very pretty carved wood-work, which included fancy folding tables, cabinets, book-cases of satin wood, teak &c., besides frames, trays, &c., all of the finest carving. Lady Blake, who visited this place, made some large purchases. In fact, almost all the furniture exhibited has been purchased and only awaits removal. An exquisitely carved book-case of satin wood from the old bridge at Peradeniya formed an interesting souvenir."

Items.

The Rev. G. G. Garrett (son of the Rev. J. G. Garrett, of Ceylon) starts for Sierra Leone on September 22. We are asked to pray that he may be vouchsafed much wisdom in taking up a difficult but promising work at Fourah Bay Grammar School.

Miss Board writes:

We are just starting on the building of a new dormitory now at Nellore. We have over 100 now, including our lace class and teachers, and no room for new girls. It is a great responsibility, such a large number, but I cannot find it in my heart to send the little ones back to their heathen homes.

An Appeal.

NELLORE TAMIL PARSONAGE.

An appeal for funds towards rebuilding the Tamil Parsonage at Nellore has been sent to us by the Rev. J. Backus. The Nellore District Church Council decided
in 1904 that the old house was so dilapidated as to be uninhabitable, and as a temporary relief a house was rented for the Pastor until the house could be rebuilt.

After paying the rent for one year, to end of October 1905, the District Council, for lack of funds were unable to continue payment, and the burden of the rent falling on the Pastor has greatly inconvenienced him. It is therefore urgently necessary that the rebuilding of the Pastor's house be proceeded with as soon as possible, and a sum of Rs. 900 is required for the purpose.

Acting on the suggestion of the Rev. J. I. Pickford, chairman of the Jaffna District Council, Mr. Backus is appealing for funds from friends in Colombo and up-country. The Bishop of Colombo has expressed his sympathy by subscribing to the fund, and so far a sum of Rs. 150 has been given by friends in Colombo.

The Nellore Christians have a hard struggle to meet their expenses. A special effort among themselves to repair their Church, recently raised nearly Rs. 400, and it will be very difficult for them without outside help to provide the needed house for their Pastor.

Any donations towards this object will be thankfully received by the Rev. J. I. Pickford, Jaffna; Rev. J. Backus Nellore, Jaffna, or Mr. J. W. Ferrier, C.M.S. Colombo.

Kegalle,

The annual Government Examination of the Kegalle Girls' Boarding School was held on Sept. 14th and 15th. Owing chiefly to the illness at the end of last term, we lost nine children who would have been eligible for Examination, had their parents sent them back. This gave us only 25 children to present, but the results were good on the whole.

On Sunday Sept. 23rd, two girls were baptized, one from the Boarding School and one from the house. Both are sisters of earlier converts, who are now with us as workers, and will be able to help their younger sisters. On the same day the infant child of a girl baptized here three years back, and married from this house, was also received into the Visible Church. We regard her as our first "grandchild."

M. S. G.

Request for prayer.

That a suitable Bible-Woman may be found for Kurunegala, in place of one lately transferred to another district.

Our Autumn Reinforcements.

Miss F. E. Henrys, who has been located to Galle to be a fellow-worker with Miss Payne and is expected in October, will be a valuable addition to our staff, as she has been working for the past four years in Tinnevelly, in connection with the Sarah Tucker College and has already learnt Tamil. Moreover Miss Henrys has a knowledge of medicine, which she will doubtless be able to turn to good account among the Tamil-speaking women at Galle.

Miss E. B. Sparrow, who will take up Sinhalese work, writes to say that she hopes to come by the "ss. Eitel Fredrick," starting from Southampton on 30th instant. The Committee of the Ceylon Women's Conference have recommended that Miss Sparrow reside at Kegalle first of all.

Miss A. M. Tisdall will reside at Jaffna and begin on arrival to learn the Tamil language.

Miss E. S. Howes, whose return to Ceylon in May last was vetoed by the doctors on account of her health, writes that she is now feeling so well that she is sure she will not be kept here any longer, but confidently hopes to sail from Port Said either on 15th or 21st inst. She writes from Mount Carmel, to which place she has gone to escape the heat of Jerusalem. Miss Howes' station will be Kandy.

Giving.

The history of the past is rich in examples of munificent giving, and many of the best and most prized possessions of to-day are the gifts of those who in days past have wished to show their devotion to their faith or their country. In England and other parts of Europe there are stately buildings or venerable ruins, the pride and glory of the people of those lands which give evidence of the generous gifts of devout and patriotic men in days gone by.

And we readily recognize that our own Ceylon is not without such evidences of devotion and faith in the days that are past; the magnificent ruins of many a buried city afford abundant evidence that faith and patriotism did not call in vain to the men of the past. Intellect, strength, and wealth were lavishly poured out. Though the living present does not give any such example of devotion in Ceylon still it is manifest that the spirit is not dead.

England and America show in recent days some magnificent gifts by prominent men, the example of which is sure to tell in our midst ere the days pass. The Church in her manifold operations, social, educational, and missionary, has called forth the generous munificence of many a devoted adherent; and millions of pounds are being spent on the erection and upkeep of fabric. Primary, technical and higher education have not appealed in vain to the pockets of those endowed with this world's goods. Orphanages, hospitals, and other avenues of philanthropy too have afforded ample instances of patriotic giving. The millions of the wealthy and the mites of the poor are forthcoming in response to known needs.

Ceylon is not the least wealthy of similar countries in the world, but it is singularly deficient in present day examples of patriotic giving. When the bequests or gifts of a few, connected with Bishopric Endowment, Hospital erection, and the founding of scholarships, are excepted, there are but few gifts which stand out as examples of munificent liberality, or which compare favourably, even when considered proportionately, with the gifts of public men in other countries. It may perhaps be considered that the material bounty of the Government of Ceylon does not leave much avenue for private philanthropic enterprise, but such is by no means the case, as any one acquainted with the religions and moral needs of the peoples resident in Ceylon, would readily concede. May the time soon come when those possessed with wealth in Ceylon, seeing things "as they are" not merely superficially, but with a fitting sense of the great and crying needs, give of their means and take a directive part in such a way as to remove great reproaches from our land. Surely the conscience of no right-thinking man can be easy as he thinks of the thousands of unreached villagers in this land, while the hands of those who would help if they could are tied for lack of means.
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