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Introduction

The year 1909 has been filled with varied experiences in our mission.

Rev. and Mrs. Dickson after nine years of hard work at Tellippalai left in March for America taking their two children with them, expecting to return after a year and a half of furlough.

At the same time Mr. and Mrs. Fritts, who have been in Jaffna College for over three years, and greatly endeared themselves to all, both in the College and the Mission, felt compelled to leave on account of ill-health, not expecting to return. We greatly regret their having to leave us but are sure they will serve the Master wherever they are.

We were most fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ward of the India Y. M. C. A. join our mission and take over from Mr. Dickson the care of the Press, the Training School and Industrial Work at Tellippalai. As Mr. Ward had been in Jaffna College before, he knows the people better than a stranger would.

We were also gladdened by the arrival at different times, of three brand-new missionaries, a most unusual event in our small mission. They are fast learning the language and will no doubt make their influence felt very soon with greater hopes for the distant future. They are:—Lewis Bookwalter Ward, born in January, John David Hitchcock in April and Alan Clinton York in May.

In July Miss Zillah Scott Patten, English nurse assisting Dr. Curr at Inuvil, resigned from the mission after two and a half years' service.
The Mission having been incorporated for the better security of our property, a seal has been procured, as shown on the cover, on which a church indicates that preaching is the main work of the mission, and the coconut trees that we are in a tropical country. The date is that of the founding of the mission.

Towards the end of the year the Lord called some of our most prominent Christians to the higher service so that our reports from several of the Churches have a note of sadness in them, but they feel that the presence of God is with them. So the year has been one of blessing and trials of faith in the furnace of affliction—for all of which we would render thanks to God.
CHILDREN FROM EACH STANDARD IN A VILLAGE SCHOOL, REPRESENTING NEARLY 10,000 PUPILS IN OUR VERNACULAR SCHOOLS
Work for Children

In this report we wish to present the work as done for different classes of people, and we begin with the children in the village schools. Nearly 10,000 boys and girls attend these schools scattered in more than one hundred villages. These schools vary much in size from small schools with an average attendance of a little over 20 to large ones with 100 or 150 children. A large proportion of the cost is met by the grant-in-aid from the Government. Three hours a day is Government time during which only those subjects required by Government may be taught, but in the time before or after this period religious lessons may be given. This gives an opportunity to impress the great truths of the Gospel upon the minds of the young by daily repetition, and gives us an influence in a village which we probably could not gain in any other way. In all our schools Bible lessons are taught but as the amount of grant depends on passing the examination in the subjects required by Government, there is a natural tendency to neglect the religious subjects unless the teachers are very earnest in the matter. If we had more money to use in the support of schools, we might expect better results. Dr. Scott had some money given him for his schools and he reports as follows:—

It is with much pleasure I report the results of Bible teaching in our village schools.

As mentioned last year, the plan of study covers very elementary ground in Christian truth. Two sim-
ple catechisms prepared by the mission for the first and second standards, New Testament stories for the third, the Gospel of Mark for the fourth, and the same Gospel with old Testament Stories for the fifth standards comprises the course of study. A plan carefully apportioning these studies to each month of the year is furnished each school.

The district school visitor makes six examinations of the work annually and three times in the year two pastors conduct a careful examination of all the pupils. A pass is fixed at 50% of the obtainable marks. The results of these three last mentioned examinations with an additional test on the S. S. Lessons of the year and the memorizing of selected Tamil hymns constitute the conditions for the teacher obtaining a bonus. To guard against teachers preparing only a few selected pupils, the number of pupils presented is compared with the average attendance of the school. Further to stimulate their zeal those who failed to obtain 50% were paid only half of the grant actually earned.

All this meant painstaking labor, but the pastors of the district entered heartily into the scheme and worked hard to make it a success.

Owing to the school year varying in different parts of the district, we could not bring the full year's trial of the plan to completion till July of the current year. When all results were in, a convenient day was chosen when all teachers were convened at Manipay. The occasion was utilized to present stirring addresses on the value of Bible teaching to the pupils and the teacher's responsibility for its success. Then the results were announced and the bonuses given amidst much enthusiasm.

Of 27 schools, 25 were reported as having been re-
gularly examined, fourteen of which had obtained 50% of the maximum marks. Of these fourteen, 8 obtained over 75% and 3 not less than 90%.

It was interesting to note that the schools to which the highest awards were given, were also those having the largest attendance and making the best records at the Government examination. This proves conclusively that any deficiency in Bible teaching is not due to lack of time but lack of interest.

As worthy of special mention, the “Hattie Liscomb” school at Sandilipay with the largest school roll of all my schools, and also the highest average attendance, was first on the list with 94% of passes.

Uduvil Station Girls’ school, whose head mistress is the wife of the head master in the above school, standing third in attendance was second on the roll with 91% of passes.

Navaly South Mixed school, with second place in number of pupils in attendance, obtained third place with 90% of passes.

We are glad to report that a greater interest is being shown this year, all the schools that were deficient (with one or two exceptions) are obtaining better results at the term examinations.

The rate of bonus paid was not great. It was a quarter of a rupee for each pupil passed, averaging about Rs. 7 for each school. The highest bonus paid was Rs. 29.50, the lowest 50c. The total amount spent in actual bonuses was Rs. 178.

In addition books for Bible Lessons were supplied free, the school visitor’s salary, the travelling expenses of the examiners, and some small Christmas gift to each pastor who assisted in the scheme.

The total number of pupils on the roll for these examinations was 2346. The teachers numbered 68.
The total expense for Bible Lessons was Rs 440.72 an average of Rs. 17.62 per school. Less than 6 dollars was after all a small amount to pay for such results. I wish I could have paid the teachers double the bonus. To all the teachers for their painstaking labors, and to all who assisted in the work, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

This report would not be complete without a word of grateful acknowledgement of the donations from friends in America that made even these small gifts possible. I have carefully husbanded these gifts not spending all that was contributed by all my friends lest a scheme having been thus auspiciously begun should ignominiously fail for lack of continued support. I am sure all who have helped will continue to show their interest still again according to the ability the Lord giveth. To Him be all the praise.

Work for Youth

In most of the vernacular schools the children stay only till they are ten or twelve years old, but the mission conducts two Anglo-Vernacular and eight English schools in which the pupils go on till they reach a more advanced age. One is a girls' school and three are for boys only. The others, though they admit girls, are composed very largely of boys. There are in these schools about 1100 pupils who pay something for tuition and so are more likely to be regular in attendance than those in the vernacular schools who pay nothing. Here is an opportunity for Christian teachers to exert an influence which will do much to mould the character of the young. Unfortunately we are unable to find a suffi-
PUPILS FROM DIFFERENT STANDARDS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOL, MANIPAY, REPRESENTING 920 IN OUR EIGHT ENGLISH SCHOOLS
cient number of Christians qualified to teach these schools. So we are obliged to employ either untrained teachers or non-Christians. In some cases we take one course and in other cases the other. If the teachers are inefficient, the boys will be drawn away to Sivite schools, for quite a number of such have been opened and are carried on successfully. If we put a Sivite teacher in a school, we hope to have the influence of the other teachers predominate. But we wish we could have in each school a full staff of earnest Christian teachers well qualified for their work.

The schools at Navalay and Kankesanturai, formerly English primary schools, were made Anglo-vernacular. This class of school is not so popular, as boys think they will not advance in English so rapidly. But with the introduction of a revised code with increased requirements we were unable to meet the demands of the Government for an English school with the means which we had. Of the Kankesanturai school Mr. Ward writes:—"The school has been made Anglo-vernacular, but the Sivite school has shared the same fate, so there has been no loss of pupils but rather a gain. There are about a hundred names on the roll, and with the new addition to the building, I feel confident that the school will do well."

The schools at Udupiddi, Atchuvely, and Karadive are primary schools taking boys only through the fifth standard. But they are doing good work in this limited sphere. The school at Chavakachcheri has had only five standards this year but will have a sixth the coming year. The teacher, who was a B. A., resigned in January to go where he could get more pay, and it was three months before a
teacher qualified for the position was secured. The other teachers did all they could to keep up the condition of the school and as there was a rival school near by it was a difficult task.

The other three, at Tellippalai, Manipay, and Vadukoddai, take the pupils through higher standards, but they have not been carried on without difficulties. Mr. Ward says of the Tellippalai school, "We have obtained the services of a B. A. to tide over the difficulties until after the Government examination. The school is not very strong as an evangelizing agency, but we must make the best of the situation until we can do better. Mr. Taylor has been appointed S. S. Superintendent and a class of non-Christian boys will be taught by me, so there seems to be a chance for some Christian work in the school."

The Manepay school is the largest of our English schools and the head teacher has the degree of M. A., and is an earnest Christian worker. Dr. Scott, in speaking of the Bible examinations says: "With an attendance of 282 pupils drawn from various parts of the district, it earned 65%. This is extremely creditable, as many of the pupils are grown to young manhood where we often find it difficult to maintain an interest in the study of the Bible lessons."

It is from these English schools that we obtain the scholars who go to Jaffna College where they become fitted for service as teachers or preachers if we can lead them to devote themselves to the cause of Christ. Thus we see that it is most important to have Christian influences surround them from the first in these schools.
ONE GIRL FROM EACH STANDARD OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS OF THE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, UDUVIL
Work for Girls

After the Tamil girls have gone through four or five standards in the village schools the customs of the country forbid their going back and forth freely in the public streets and so the Boarding Schools are a necessity. We have two—one at Uduvil near the center of the mission, and a smaller one at Udupiddi near the Northern coast. In these the girls are carefully looked after by missionaries, teachers and matrons and are taught sewing and calisthenics, as well as the other ordinary subjects. They help with cooking and cleaning. Above all they are taught the Bible and are under strong Christian influences so that many become Christians.

Uduvil Girls' Boarding School

There are three departments in this school, the Training, the Vernacular, and the English.

Miss S. R. Howland is Principal and Miss J. E. Green, Associate Principal. There were twelve teachers in the Training and Vernacular schools, and eight in the English school, two of them teaching music.

The photograph shows one girl from each standard of the three departments.

There were 8 pupils in the Training School, 167 in the Vernacular and 70 in the English.

Miss Howland writes:—

The Senior class of the Training school finishes its school year and graduates in August. The three who completed the course of study this year were from Christian homes. Two of them immediately commenced teaching in the Boarding school.
Of the four who graduated the previous year, two are teaching in village schools and two in the Boarding school.

The Vernacular school closes its year in March with the Government examination when the members of the Senior class graduate and leave school or join the English or Training school. Fifteen graduated in March. Two are studying in the Training school and one in the English school. Two of the graduating class were not Church members.

The teachers have been faithful and successful in their work and their Christian influence in the school is decided and earnest.

The Senior of the school mistresses has received a first class certificate from the Director of Public Instruction for five years’ successful teaching.

The pastor, Rev. S. Eliatamby, is always deeply interested in the welfare of the school and continues the Thursday evening meetings with the school.

Mrs. Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe was with us a part of the previous year and the first term of this year. She taught classes in the English school and helped in the Christian work in the school and village. Her deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the girls was felt and appreciated by them. Her cheerfulness notwithstanding her deep affliction was a living witness of Christ’s sustaining grace.

Miss Harris of Nuwera Eliya spent four weeks for rest with us. She spoke to the school more than once and her words were helpful.

The school also had the privilege of having a visit from Rev. and Mrs. John Chandler of the Madura Mission and enjoyed Mr. Chandler’s Sunday evening address.
Eighteen girls have united with the Church during the year. Others have asked and been put on probation. Of the five girls who were united in March, Muttamma C. died in the August vacation after a short illness. We rejoice to feel that she had accepted Christ as her Saviour before her death.

The four days convention held at Uduvil in June was a time of spiritual privilege especially for the older pupils. Overflow meetings were held for the younger girls for whom there was not room in the Church and we are grateful to those who were willing to lose some of the exercises in the Church to speak to the little ones.

The little booklet of hymns and lyrics prepared for this meeting has given new hymns to the girls which they often sing.

The sunrise hymn and prayer and the sunset meetings have been continued.

The three C. E. Societies have kept up their Sunday afternoon meetings regularly. Several missionary meetings have been held and at one of these Mrs. Samuel Lee, recently from India, told of her stay of some weeks in Pundita Ramabai's institution and of the triumphs of grace and the wonderful work being done there.

The time of the meeting one week in March was occupied with reports of the addresses at the Christian Endeavour Rally held at Chundicully which only a part of the school could attend.

The teachers with the English and Training Schools took much interest, under Miss Green's supervision, in doing drawn-work and other articles of needlework for the Agra Convention. The school contributed something for the expenses of the delegates, Rev. J. K. Chinnathamby and Mr. L. V. Clarence, who went to the Convention.
The Christian Endeavour Societies have given 50 rupees for the Woman’s Missionary Society.

The teachers and girls cleared away weeds and stones and leveled the ground in the compound to earn for the Church Thanksgiving. With the Sabbath School collection, contributions to the centenary fund and other objects the average given is nearly a rupee for each pupil.

We are very grateful for grants from the American Bible Society which enables us to put a Bible in the hands of every pupil after she has been in the school a year or eighteen months. Forty-six Tamil Bibles were given this year; a part of this was met by the school funds. It helps each girl to become familiar with the whole Bible and the girls from Sivite homes as well as the Christians read a portion daily.

In July over fifty of the pupils took the “All India Bible Examination” of the Sunday School Union, being an examination of the International Lessons of the first six months of the year.

In December the usual oral Bible Examination was held. Special preparation is made for this by teachers and pupils. This year the examination was held in the Church, at which Rev. T. B. Scott presided, and it was made the occasion of the unveiling of a coloured glass window, the gift of the pupils as a memorial of Miss Agnew and her 41 years of devoted work for the women and girls of Jaffna, this year being the one hundredth anniversary of her birth.

The window was unveiled by three little girls who are great-grand-children of Miss Agnew’s pupils.

After singing the hymn

“For all the saints who from their labours rest,” one who was for many years head master in the school and some of the pastors and others gave re-
miniscences of Miss Agnew and told of her influence in their lives.

We are grateful for the gift which enabled us to buy land to enlarge our school compound and for scholarships received for pupils who are not able to pay the full tuition.

The Senior class of the English School graduates with the Cambridge Local Examination in December.

Miss Green writes of this department:—

In the English School during the past year the teachers have been faithful and have taken much interest in the welfare of their pupils.

One of our teachers, Miss Mary Paul, is taking a special course in Kindergarten Methods in the C. M. S. Ladies' College in Colombo and we anticipate her return upon the completion of her studies to carry these methods into effect in our school. Much interest is still taken by the pupils in the study of Music in which many of them have made marked progress. On Wednesday afternoon, in place of the usual recitations, each class in the Vernacular and English schools forms a prayer circle, which is followed by the study of a portion from the Bible other than that of the daily morning Bible lesson. All then meet for half an hour in the Assembly Hall, to practise lyrics and hymns. The latter part of the afternoon is spent by the English School in recitations and in reading and discussion of current events or a talk upon some subject of interest. For some of the addresses we are indebted to Miss Brooks, of Kodaikanal, Mrs. Scott, Miss Harris, of Nuwara Eliya, and Mrs. Lee. The daily and religious life of the English School is so intimately connected with that of the Vernacular and Training Schools that much of Miss Howland’s report applies alike to all.
Udupiddi Girls' Boarding School

Mrs. Hitchcock Principal, and four teachers.
We have had a quiet year of study, with from forty-five to fifty girls, about all that we could accommodate.

Our Government examination was held in March and all that were presented passed, though not in all subjects. Seven graduated from the eighth standard and seven others left for various reasons.

Of the forty-eight now in school, twenty are Church members, ten having joined the Church this year. There are about fifteen in the inquirers class, some of whom are ready to join the Church.

We sent thirty girls and all the teachers to the Convention at Uduvil in June and they all received great benefit, the Christians being roused to new life and some of the others being converted, while some are still fighting against their convictions because they know their relatives and friends are opposed to their becoming Christians.

Many meetings are held among the girls during the week, and on Sunday afternoon they have their Senior and Junior C. E. meetings. It gave us great pleasure to have our headmaster, Mr. Clarence, attend the World's C. E. Convention at Agra in November, and we have enjoyed hearing his accounts of it since his return.

A meeting Monday afternoon with the girl teachers and matron have helped to keep us united in our efforts for the welfare of the girls.

The second term was very much broken up by fever and mumps and we should have had to close school were it not for the efficient help of Miss Joy Chellappah, one of Dr. Curr's trained nurses, whom she kindly let us have this year. We feel the need of an
isolation ward, as the girls have barely room enough in their three dormitories when they are well and we do not know what to do with the sick ones.

We are also hoping and praying that the Woman’s Board can give us the $500.00 we asked for, for the headmaster’s house, a present imperative necessity. The expenses of living are higher now so that the boarding department is somewhat in debt, and would be more so but for the kind help of friends. The people of this part of Jaffna are rather poor and find it hard to raise the money for even our low fees but I hope they will become more anxious to have their daughters educated.

Higher Education

The Training School

The training of teachers for vernacular schools is the object in view in maintaining the Training School at Tellippalai. Inducements to become teachers in these schools are so few that only those too poor to pay for an English education are attracted. The school has also suffered by the lack of a head teacher for some time. When Mr. Ward took up the work he found that after Mr. Dickson’s departure matters had grown worse and that the want of harmony among the teachers had resulted in a laxity of discipline and a lack of respect for authority such that decisive measures must be taken to remedy this state of affairs. It was decided to ask for the resignation of two of the teachers. They left in October and their places were filled by two teachers from village schools.
who were graduates of the Training School. Mr. Ward writes:—

Mr. S. M. Kandiah was appointed acting Headmaster, and is taking hold of his duties with energy and efficiency. The change in the atmosphere of the school is most marked. Discipline has improved about fifty per cent., and the teachers seem to be happy and united. We expect fully seventy boys to be in residence at the opening of next term.

Steps are being taken to make the Christian influence of the school more pronounced, so that young men of vital Christian experience may go out to be a blessing to the villages. There is a considerable demand for at least an elementary knowledge of English on the part of vernacular teachers, so we expect to teach English throughout the coming year. We are continuing and, I believe, extending the policy of making all boys who receive financial assistance do some sort of work. They sweep the school room and verandahs, clean the blackboard, clean, fill and light the lamps, water the garden, fill bath-tubs, etc.

The total number on the roll for 1909 is 61. Five of the number were in for only one term. There was an increase of five in the attendance over that of 1908, and the prospects are that there will be a still larger increase next year.

Jaffna College

Jaffna College is not under the control of the Mission, having an independent Board of Directors, But as the other Missions in Jaffna have Colleges of their own while our does not, most of the students come from our field. The teachers also are now all graduates of this institution, or Americans, and the
College is generally thought of as an American Mission College. Moreover, four members of the Mission are on the Board of Directors, one of whom, Rev. G. G. Brown, B. A., B. D., is the present Principal. Thus a report of the College work may properly be given here. Mr. Brown writes:—

In the report for 1908 attention was called to the fact that the College was passing through a serious crisis on account of the attitude of the University of Madras. The developments of the year have shown plainly that we need cherish no hopes of being affiliated in the near future as a First Grade College and our future success will lie partly in our frankly recognizing this fact and adjusting ourselves to it. A careful review of our own equipment and the needs of the country ought to convince us that the University is right in refusing to recognize us as a First Grade College. In December, we sent up four candidates for the B.A. examination which will probably be the last for a good many years. We have now no work with the Madras University.

Adapting ourselves to the situation, we have adopted the Cambridge Local courses as our standard of work. This we have done not from choice but from necessity, for we do not believe that this standard is a worthy one, but unfortunately the Educational Department of the Island has set this course as their standard and has placed a value upon it out of all proportion to its merits and so we must needs fall into line if we would maintain a school at all. We hope that before long the Department will set a standard which will be of real educational value.

There have been several changes in the staff during the year. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Fritts left for
America in February after a very helpful service of three years. Their health compelled them to lay down the work and seek a colder climate. Three Tamil teachers have been added to the staff: Mr. L. S. Ponniah, B. A., Mr. S. R. Rajaratnam, B. A., and Mr. G. D. Thomas.

In December, 1908, there were 96 students on our rolls. In December, 1909, there were 155. During the year 109 new students were enrolled. The largest enrollment at any time was 181. These boys came from 44 villages and from 20 different English schools, including almost every English school and College in Jaffna, Trinity College, Kandy, and Wesley College, Colombo. This will give some indication of the breadth of our constituency. Of the whole number of our students 94 are Christians.

One valuable gift has been added to the permanent funds of the College by K. Supramaniam, Esq., who gave Rs. 1,000 for the founding of a Scholarship to help poor boys. We gratefully appreciate this generous gift.

In reviewing the religious life of the school and comparing it with that of former years, it will be noted that the gradual decrease in the numbers in the higher classes and the large influx of smaller boys into the lower classes, together make the problem of adequate religious instruction and Christian leadership somewhat different from what it was formerly. Although each class has its definite period of religious instruction, and the Y. M. C. A. is kept up with its usual services and various forms of activity, yet we feel that much more ought to be done and we hope to find the right way to do it. There is an earnest spirit of truth-seeking among the boys and there is much evidence of a normal, healthy
GRADUATES OF JAFFNA COLLEGE
growth in the life of the spirit. The moral tone of a school is always a difficult thing to estimate, but we have a large number of thoroughly good boys who exercise a strong, wholesome influence. We have been very much blessed by special visits from Mr. Harte, Mr. Eddy, and Mr. Larsen during the year. These men have won the confidence of the students and have been very helpful to them. Nine boys have joined the church and others will join very soon.

Teachers: 2 Americans
          8 Tamils

Students:
          Madras B. A. Class 5
          London Intermediate 10
          Cambridge Senior Local 24
          Cambridge Junior Local 30
          Preparatory 86

          Total 155

Y. M. C. A. We add the following from Dr. York's report of the work of the Y. M. C. A:

The year just past has been one of real prosperity and advance. In membership the year witnessed a total growth of 30, about equally divided between associate and active. Of the 135 members enrolled at the close of 1909, 44 were active and 91 associate.

This year the Tondi Mission work has been given up, but that on Eluvaitive Island, has been carried on with enthusiasm; while at the Tellippalai Training School two boys were supported for the entire year and a third for part of the year. Partial support was also given to a boy in Jaffna College.
Twelve outdoor evangelistic meetings have been held in neighboring villages with an average attendance of about 30.

At the college, regular Sunday and midweek Bible classes for all students are carried on, and from here students go out to teach Sunday School classes in the near-by village schools. The average number of teachers so sent out was 14 and the average attendance at such schools was 150.

A new and very important committee has been started by the Y. M. C. A., called the "Friend-in-Need" committee. Its duties are to look out for sick students and similar work. Its year of activity has proved highly satisfactory.

Our Y. M. C. A. work has been much strengthened, in common with the other religious work in this vicinity, through the visit we enjoyed from Messrs. Larsen and Eddy of South India.

_Udavil Y. M. C. A._ As this association is composed largely of students we give their report in this connection.

The total membership at present is forty-five nearly twenty of whom joined this year. The weekly Bible classes and the religious meetings were regularly conducted. Great interest is shown by the members in these meetings and all try to partake in each of them because they feel that the association is their own and that the co-operation of each one is necessary for its advancement. As most of them are college students they cannot all be present at every meeting, but they always try not to be absent.

Lectures were given periodically on different topics and were of great benefit to those who heard them. These meetings especially are always well attended.
PASTOR WILLIAM JOSEPH AND FAMILY, VADUKODDAI
Next year besides reorganizing and enlarging our sphere of work we intend to raise special subscriptions and form a good reading room.

Work by Churches

Vaddukoddai Station


Six Churches with a total membership of 404.

Mr. Brown's Report:—The work of the year in this station has emphasized the impossibility of adequately meeting the needs of this field by putting it in charge of the Principal of the College, unless the work of the Principal is purely nominal. The station is the second in extent of territory in the mission and with the islands its extreme points are most difficult of access. There is something radically wrong when there are important points in the station which have not been visited by the resident missionary in two years. One of two things ought to be done. Either the station should be in the hands of a missionary who is not the Principal of the College or else the Principal of the College should be able to leave his college work for at least two weeks in each quarter to tour in the outlying districts.

In this situation it is pleasant to testify that the strong leadership of the pastors of the station
is a source of great encouragement. The monthly meeting for prayer and conference and for studying recent books has been continued with marked advantage to all.

**Vaddukoddi Church**, Pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Joseph. Membership 120. During the year a real advance has been made. The church is now entirely free from the debt which has been hampering its activities for several years and the year closes with the promise of greater activity and usefulness on the part of all. But the Church has been saddened by several trying incidents, which have yet brought their measure of blessing. On October 9th Rev. B. H. Rice, Pastor emeritus, passed away quietly at Manepay Hospital. Since his retirement from the active service of the Pastorate, he has been quietly living in Vaddukoddi and in his unobtrusive way has been a source of great helpfulness in the Church. He was always on hand in the Sunday school and at the Helping Hand Society to help the poor women of the Church. In him these people have lost a very sincere and helpful friend. The impression of his life on the whole community has been strong, deep and wholesome.

On December 17th the Church lost another very strong worker in the death of Mrs. C. H. Cooke. For years she has been the leader in all sorts of Christian work among the women and particularly in the C. E. work among the children of the church. These two strong Christians, the one taken away in old age, the other in middle life, show the rich fruit and great possibilities of the Christian Church in a non-Christian land.

Together with these trials which at the same time leave a sense of blessedness and peace, the Church
has had the trial of deep sin on the part of some of its members. In all cases the Church dealt severely but justly.

**Araly Church.** Preacher, Mr. J. C. Vathacutty. Membership, 79. The third year of this Church's life has been one of progress. The meetings have been well attended and there is a very strong element of lay work in the activities of the Church. The work during the last part of the year was considerably hindered by illness in the family of the preacher. Preparations have been made to put up a good house for the pastor and it is hoped that the work will be well forward by the end of next year.

**Karadive Church.** Pastor, Rev. Isaac Paul. Membership, 83. The report of the Pastor is full of interest and encouragement. The accounts were closed with a balance in hand of Rs. 201.47. An interesting case is told of a young girl of 18 from a Hindu family who for some time has been a secret Christian, having learned the truth in the village school. At last she has come forward publicly and confessed her faith among her people. It is also reported that there has been a bit of a falling off in the Sunday school, said to be due to the seating of low caste Christians in the Church last year. If this is the cause we may be sure that the final outcome will be all right. The spirit of unity prevails and the outlook is full of hope.

**Valany Church.** Catechist, Mr. Jacob Sinnatamby. Membership, 31. Just at the close of the year the Church was called upon to pass through a severe trial by the very unexpected death of the Pastor, Rev. C. M. Sanders. He had been in charge of the work only since August, but during that time he
had taken hold of the work so vigorously and had laid such wise plans that all who were interested in the Native Evangelical Society were filled with hope for the future. Work at Kayts was in full progress when he was suddenly called away by blood poisoning from a slight wound in his hand. In his death the mission has suffered a great loss.

There has been improvement in the work on the islands. The Native Evangelical Society are making an effort to put all the church property—church, houses, and schools—into good order and to make more adequate provision for their workers. Mr. V. A. Varitamby, after over three years of service in the islands has been transferred and Mr. Jacob Sinnatamby has taken his place.

Changanai Church. Preacher, Mr. E. T. Williams. Membership, 70. The preacher here was greatly discouraged at the beginning of the year, but his residence on the spot has made it possible for him to do the work much more easily than formerly and more efficiently. The regular services on Sunday and the mid-week prayer meeting have been maintained besides the two Sunday schools and a mothers’ meeting.

Moolai Church. Preacher, Mr. Albert Kandiah. Membership, 21. Although the members are so few not all of these live in the place so that the average attendance at the Sunday services was only eleven. One grown up girl from a Hindu family received baptism.

A meeting intended especially for children was held on Christmas day when more than three hundred children with their fathers attended and enjoyed it. Evangelistic work was carried on by means of moonlight meetings and by a special campaign of
four days when almost all the houses were visited and every individual had an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

One Ponnampalam, a Sivite of Moolai, has contributed some articles on the subject of Jesus Christ, writing in opposition to the preaching of Mr. Varmah who preached against Christ in this district. He proved that Christ was on earth by his Hindu books and now he is reading the Bible.

**Manepay Station**


Six Churches with a total membership of 1083.

*Dr. Scott Writes*—The regular work of the station has gone on with less interruption than last year. We have thoroughly enjoyed the comfort of our now thoroughly repaired bungalow and of the added upper room. Except for short illness among the children we have enjoyed fairly good health for the year.

One of the workers, reported last year as in poor health, Mr. P. L. Christian, is not better but rather more feeble. Another, Mr. A Supramaniam, died of tuberculosis during the year. In his humble way he had held outposts for several years, and we gratefully acknowledge the service thus unostentatiously rendered to the Lord.

The transfer of Rev. R. Bryant from Navalv to Chavagacherry has made an alteration in the per-
sonel of our district helpers that we notice marked-
ly. In almost the whole term of our missionary ser-
vice he has served the Naval Church and labored in
sympathy with us as a "brother beloved in the
Lord." We look forward with much joy to the pro-
fit the Church to which he has gone may hope to
receive from his ministry, if he is spared to the
work.

Another out-standing item in the report of the
district should be the ordination of Mr. J. K. Sin-
natamby at Pandaterrippo in Oct. We had the plea-
sure of the presence of Rev. J. S. Chandler of Madura
as representative of the So. India Church and his ad-
dress was richly enjoyed by all. But not less did
we enjoy the address of the candidate for ordination
as he narrated the steps that led him to his offer-
ing himself as a pastor in the work of the mission.
No one failed to feel from what he told us that he
was indeed called of the Lord.

The same plan for special evangelistic work in
the churches was followed this year as for several
years. All entered into it heartily. But this year
we have heard doubts expressed as to whether or
not this is the best method that can be found. The
criticism offered is that it takes the pastor of each
church away from his own church for a part of
each of five months of the year. The question is
raised whether for the sixth month in which all the
other workers of the district come to that church
as much is gained as has been given. The gain in
fellowship has doubtless been great. Perhaps a
modification of the plan would be on the whole more
profitable.

The general convention intended for all the Christ-
ians of all the Protestant missions in Jaffna was
held in the Uduvil Church in June. Much prayer had been offered for the meetings. The attendance was large, filling the church to overflowing at each of the three meetings daily. The addresses of all three speakers were most helpful, and many were stimulated to effort for a fuller life of faith. Our people are usually very ready to hear at such times. May we suggest a criticism that they do not yet make corresponding effort to labor for the Lord.

Manepay Church. Pastor, Rev. C. D. Velupillai, Membership, 130. The church has again enjoyed the markedly instructive character of the pastor’s sermons. It is most encouraging to see that much study and careful preparation has been given to the sermons he has preached.

Remembering the severe illness which he suffered some few years ago and the fear that he would not be able for active work, it is most pleasing to find that in this church he has ample opportunity for his best work without much long distance travelling.

On the other hand we cannot commend heartily the way the members take advantage of his valuable ministrations. At the weekly prayer-meeting and the meeting for mothers the attendance is very meagre. Were it not for the nurses and other assistants of the hospital the meetings could hardly be held.

I am also sorry that I cannot speak of progress in the building of the pastor’s house. Some effort has been made but a definite site has not yet been purchased. Some subscriptions have been promised, but little money has yet been paid. It is a sign of hope for the future that the first gift for the building fund came from the Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

This weekly gathering of the children of the Church
for instruction and training will prove of real value. It is regularly carried on by some of the younger women, with an attendance of about thirty children.

We had hoped for more enthusiasm in the Sunday School through the appointment of an additional teacher of wide Christian experience to the English school. But while the Christian work in the school has improved we have not seen the expected fruit in the Church Sunday School.

Much commendation is due the church for its growth in the grace of giving to the Lord. A good balance in hand closes the year.

**Uduvil Church.** Pastor; Rev. S. Eliatamby, Membership, 535. The work of the church has gone on as usual. No outstanding event can be mentioned, but in much of the work real enthusiasm is seen. The health of the pastor has not been first rate though he has been able regularly to carry on his work. It would appear that he has not yet fully recovered from the effect of over-work when at the request of the mission and Council he gave a whole year to evangelistic work throughout the whole peninsula.

The women of the church have continued to do active work in meetings conducted wholly by themselves.

The Christian Endeavor Societies have been active, and carried on their meetings with much profit to the members.

Here, too, the gifts of the people have been worthy of praise. The year closes with all dues paid and a balance in hand.

Doubtless the large Boarding School whose members attend the church makes a very large and important work for the pastor, a work which is keenly appreciated.
The patience with which the Uduvil Church members bear the burdens of the many large general meetings called at Uduvil through the year is worthy of mention. It certainly is a convenience to our work to have such a convenient centre for meetings but we should not forget that it very often means added expense to the residents of that village.

Navaly Church. Catechist, Mr. W A. Collette, Membership, 241. After upwards of fourteen years of valuable work the pastor, Rev. R. Bryant, has accepted a call to the church at Chavagacherry. Just before he left a Farewell Meeting was called at which an address was read speaking in high terms of the work done by the pastor and the deep appreciation of the Church of his loving, unselfish ministry. A well filled purse was presented to him on the occasion.

We regret that four months vacancy has followed the transfer. The pastors to whom the church has extended calls have for reasons sufficient to themselves not accepted the call. This has been a disappointment, but it is hoped that a settlement will be effected early in the year.

The first eight months of the year, the usual work was carried on with success. A large number of village meetings are held weekly. This was done altho the wife of the pastor was in very poor health. We record our deep sympathy with Mr. Bryant in that soon after his transfer to Chavagacherry Mrs. Bryant was called to her eternal rest.

During the latter part of the year the work of the Church was supervised by Mr. Collette.

Pandaterrippu Church. Pastor, Rev. J. K. Sinna-tamby, Membership, 78. In my report for 1908 I concluded my report of this Church with the words, “a new era of progress, we trust, has opened before the
church.” The report for this year fully justifies our hope.

From the Pastor's report I take the following extract:—

"Besides the regular morning and evening services on Sunday and the prayer meeting on Friday, we have had a children's meeting conducted by one of the Bible Woman, and a Workers' Training class specially conducted for our teachers. The weekly prayer-meetings were made attractive by announcing the topics beforehand. The following were the kinds of topics we had: Our children, our absent members, our weak brethren, the N. E. Society, the American Board, Missions, etc.

Besides the above regular meetings, we had special evangelistic meetings in different houses and schools as opportunity offered. These were well attended as several of the members took great interest and invited their friends."

The finances of the church have much improved during the year. Speaking of the spiritual life of the Church Mr. Sinnatamby writes: "I have ample reasons to believe that a great majority of the members have had a perceptible growth in their spiritual life during this year. A deeper desire to study the Bible and a greater willingness to serve the Lord was seen in many. Several have taken a strong stand on the temperance question. For those members who are living in their sins the church is praying and hoping for their return.

Letters were written to absent members, to some of them, several times. Pastoral visits were made to the families and definite effort made to help them where they were weak."
An assistant should be given to Mr. Sinnatamby as the field of the Pandaterrippu Church is too large for one man to cover adequately alone.

**Sandilippay Church.** Catechist, Mr. Charles Ratnaser. Membership, 49. This church is under the care of the pastor at Manepay but its direct worker is Mr. Chas. Ratnaser. He reports an addition of five new members this year of whom one is an old lady who tho the wife of a Christian and having a Christian family, long remained a non-Christian. In her old age when her husband and some of her children are dead, she comes forward to make her profession of faith. Unable to read she is now being carefully trained in Christian truth by the Catechist. Another of the new members is a youth who at his birth was consecrated to God by his parents, and now makes his personal confession of faith in Christ.

In the work of the Church the worker speaks in gratitude of the assistance given him by one of the absent members when on a visit to his home at Sandilipay.

The Church reports that every member has contributed something towards the income of the church, a feature that is as pleasing as it is rare.

**Alaveddi Church.** Pastor, Rev. W. P. Nathaniel. Membership, 50. Mr. A. Supramaniam, the catechist whose health we have referred to, lived within this congregation. Before his death he went to his home, and though he died in the home of his non-Christian relatives, a Christian burial was given him by some Christian friends of the Wesleyan Mission.

Mrs. Chelliahpillai continues to hold a meeting for the Christian women which is well attended and of much value.

The pastor expresses his gratitude for the assis-
tance given him for one week by a visiting pastor from India.

The finances of the Church are in a good condition. As the contributions are very largely through the thank-offering, which is a large sum, the payment of the pastor's salary waiting on this was not always paid regularly, tho all paid before the close of the year.

Several of the members of the Church tho absent from home are actively witnessing for Christ abroad and have sent help to the church to meet its financial obligations. The pastor asks for an assistant. This is very desirable.

Tellippalai Station


*Pastors,* - Revds. S. Veerakatty, F. Anketell.

*Licensed Preacher,* - Mr. V. M. John.

*Catechist* - Mr. S. E. Sangarapillai.

Three churches with a total membership of 201.

*Mr. Brown Writes:-*

It has been quite impossible for me at this distance to do more than to be responsible for the financial side of the work of this station. A monthly trip to Tellippalai has constituted the extent of my oversight of the work. Since June 1st however Mr. Ward, who has been on the spot, has been able to visit the churches from time to time and to do many things which were impossible for me. Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Dickson left early in March, after a service of nine years during which time they endeared themselves to the people throughout the field and contributed their full measure to the progress of the work. We hope that before the end of 1910 they will be back with us to continue the work.
Tellippalai Church. Pastor, Rev. S. Veerkatthy. Membership, 113. The special work mentioned in the last report has continued through this year and has brought a blessing to the individuals who have been responsible and to the whole church. The plans for the repair of the church go steadily forward. The people are determined that their house of worship shall worthily express their faith in God. The whole church has been saddened by the death of the beloved wife of the pastor, which took place at Thunavay after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Veerkatthy had endeared herself to the people during her long residence in Tellippalai by quiet, helpful service. The usual activities of the church have gone on uninterrupted.

North Erlały Church. Catechist, Mr. Ezekiel Sangarapillai. Membership, 43. It is pleasant to report that there has been to a large extent, a removal of the causes which led to strained relations between two Christian bodies at work in the field, by a lessening of aggressiveness on the part of the Salvation Army. The Catechist reports the condition of the members as very satisfactory. The spirit of service among them has won many friends among the Hindus. The regular work of the church has been steadily pushed. Of the amount subscribed for the repairs of the church, Rs. 220 has been collected and it is hoped that the work may soon be begun.

South Erlały Church. Preacher, Mr. V M. John. Membership, 45. This is one of our needy churches. The people are far from well off, but they give to the support of their church with very commendable zeal. The regular services have been maintained.
Kangesanturai. Rev. F. Anketell in charge. The work at this point has lately been taking a somewhat different turn. The English service which is usually attended by railway employees and their families has not been so satisfactory for some time as the personnel of the community changes so rapidly. Few employees are left here more than a few months at a time. Sometimes they are nearly all Hindus, sometimes Protestants, sometimes Catholics. Thus the public to which this service ministers is unsteady and the service is likewise unsteady. But lately a hopeful development has begun in the morning Tamil service and it is hoped that in time a good congregation will be developed here.

Udupiddi and Chavakachcheri Stations


Five Churches with a total membership of 370.

Vazany Church. Preacher, Mr. S. A. Seevaratnam. Membership, 63.

The most interesting feature of the work in the Udupiddi field is that twelve persons at Kudattanai united with the Varany Church on profession of faith. This result is partly due to last year's work and partly to the gospel work done in July soon after the Convention. Helpers went from Udupiddi and Atchuvely to help the Varany preacher, who has charge of that field, and found the people very willing to listen. Visiting from house to house through the day, the workers were able to present the truth to
individuals in a convincing manner. The people here are mostly poor and ignorant and need further instruction in Scripture knowledge. It is proposed to send a preacher to this place as it is difficult to carry on the work from Varany as has been done, a long lake separating the two places.

Udupiddi Church. Pastor, Rev. J. M. Sanders. Membership, 94.

At Udupiddi most of the new members are from the Girls' Boarding School. Preaching is done in the villages and is listened to respectfully but the frequency of Hindu festivals and the strong hold which superstitions have upon the great majority keep the people back from making any change.


The diminution in numbers at Atchuvely is due to dropping the names of several absent members from whom no responses could be obtained after numerous letters, and the dismissal of five to other Churches by letter. The loss is not real but leaves a more accurate view of the strength of the Church.

Nunavil Church. Preacher, Mr. C. W. K. Danforth. Membership, 51.

At Nunavil the Church was without a preacher for about a year. Mr. Danforth, who went there in August, is taking up the work in such a way as to interest the people, and we hope for more prosperity in the coming year.


Here a change of pastors has been effected. Rev. C. M. Sanders accepted call to the islands, a Home Mission field, and went away the first of August.
Rev. R. P. Bryant of Navalny was called to become the pastor and came the first of September. He has entered upon the work with much vigor, calling the people to engage more in united prayer and getting them to help in the work. There is a spirit of union and harmony which had been absent for years and there is encouragement that this will result in a greater growth in grace. The death of the pastor's wife in December lends a sadness to the beginning of his ministry in this Church, but gave an opportunity for the people to show that all feel much sympathy for him.

The people of Usan while still members of this Church have their own church building which they are striving at considerable sacrifice to themselves to complete. Under the leadership of the preacher, Mr. S. W. Vaitilingam, they have supported the work and will probably soon become organized as a separate Church.

The Jaffna Church Council

The Council has continued its work of giving help to the weaker Churches. Moolai, Anaikottai, South Erlaly, Nunavil, Varany, and Atchuvely have received help to an aggregate of Rs. 420, part of which was contributed by themselves by the assessment of ten cents a member levied on all the Churches. Hereafter the rate is to be twenty cents with the thought of making provision for pensions for those who are obliged to retire from the work owing to ill-health or old age.

But its work as an ecclesiastical body has been the most prominent this year. The chief event was the ordination of Mr. J. K. Sinnatamby, B. A., as Pastor of the Church at Pandateruppu, which took
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place on October 14th. Mr. Sinnatamby was formerly a teacher in Jaffna College where he exerted a great influence for good. Then he was the first missionary to Tondi, India, under the Jaffna Student Foreign Missionary Society. This work he was obliged to give up after two years because of the state of his wife's health. After teaching for a time in the High School at Madura he returned again to Jaffna College. He resigned this position at the close of last year in order to take charge of Pandateruppu Church. After such training and experience, the Council were very glad to accede to his request for ordination. As the Churches of our Council form a constituent part of the South India United Church it was appropriate that Rev. J. S. Chandler of Madura, Secretary of the General Assembly, should be present and give the charge to the young pastor. The whole service was interesting and inspiring. Special attention may be called to the tribute given by the candidate to his grandmother for her influence in his boyhood days.

This Council is entitled to twelve delegates to the General Assembly of the South India United Church, but, owing to the time and expense required to make the journey to Trevandram, India, where the meeting was held in December, no delegate attended except Rev. G. G. Brown who timed a trip to India so as to be present. He brought back a very hopeful report of the outlook for the future work of the Churches that have united their forces for the better accomplishment of the task of building up the Kingdom of God in this land.

The Annual Convocation of Churches. This was held at Manepay on the 15th of October, the last day of the meeting of the American Board. The
Church was filled with Christians coming from all parts of the field. The general subject of the meeting was "Our Responsibilities." Various aspects of this topic were presented by different speakers. Rev. C. D. Valupillai gave an interesting review of the history of the Mission in its third decade. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Chandler, who also brought the greetings of the Madura Mission.

The collection for the Centenary Fund was over a thousand rupees, and this was afterwards increased to Rs. 1246.29. This makes up a total for the four years, with accrued interest, of Rs. 4700. It is the plan not to use any of the interest till the Fund is completed in 1916, when it is hoped the income will enable the Council to do much more work in both evangelistic and educational lines.

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Work of Bible Women.

In Udupiddi and Chavakachcheri Stations

There have been fifteen Bible women working all or part of the year in sixteen villages and many little hamlets of these two districts. Eight are supported by the mission and seven by the Bible Society.

Those within ten miles of Udupiddi have come to my monthly meeting and I have had a lesson with them on the teaching of Jesus, using Dr. Jones' book on that subject, and have heard their reports and talked with them about their work. They have taken interest in the lessons and seemed glad to go back to their school days and commit to memory the verses I gave them in connection with the lessons.
Sometimes their reports are encouraging. They were greatly helped by the convention at Uduvil in June and went back to work with renewed zeal. Such times of spiritual uplift seem necessary, especially in their dull lives, or they will fall into discouragement and feel that it is no use to look for definite results in their work.

Seven Bible women live in the Chavakachcheri district fifteen miles away, and I have been able to meet them only once, but Miss Chinnathangam Wyman has gone several times and held meetings with them for which I and they are very grateful.

Several of the women have been ill for several weeks at a time and are glad to be restored to health and their beloved work again. One of them says that all the days she did Bible work were happy days.

Most of them teach a few women or big girls to read and have them commit Bible verses to memory.

A few are induced to come to church and here and there an occasional one has confessed Christ and joined the Church and others are nearly ready to do so.

The Bible women find their way into the homes of the sick and by their help and sympathy often find hearts open to listen to the Word that would not heed them before, and they like to have them pray with them.

There have been union evangelistic meetings at different times in which some of the Christians of several Churches joined. They went to different villages on different days, the Bible women helping greatly by going about together and seeing the women in their houses, holding meetings with them, and inviting them to the big evening meeting in the school house near.
At Kudattany, ten miles away, the women met such a good response that they came back with glowing reports and felt well repaid for their tramps over the hot sandy plains to reach the simple fisher women near the sea. Some of them have since been baptized.

The women find it hard to sell Bible portions which is a part of their work, but they have sold a few and given away some where they would be used.

Some of the other Christian women of the Churches have taken time and interest in the work. Miss Chinnatangam Wyman writes,—I have not been able to do as much this year as formerly, but I have done what I could in the gospel work. Some days the pastor's wife and I have made known the gospel in houses near Udupiddi station. When we spoke of the Saviour's love, they listened without any opposition and some said "This is the way of salvation." I went with other women in this district to the moonlight meetings and took part in them. In my own village some are unlearned and although they are rich they do not send their girls to the boarding school, because they think they would have to eat with others and eat fish, so they keep them in darkness. I induced the parents of one little girl to allow her to go to the boarding school, although they made great objections, and I sent her at my own expense. I always pray that my people may be converted.

I went with the pastor's wife and others to Kudattany and did gospel work there three days. At another time we went to Moolai and Punnalai and helped in the gospal meetings, speaking to the men and women. We had great joy and courage there.
In Manepay

Mrs. Scott reports: There are five Bible Women under my care, one of whom is paid by the Bible Society and the others by the mission.

Mrs. Periatamby, the Bible Society Bible Woman, worked for seven months at Arnaicotta and five months at Siruvelan in the Pandaterippu District. During the first part of the year her work was interrupted by sickness in the family. Her son who had just joined college died after a few days' illness.

In her work in her new district she speaks with joy of the opportunity to work among the large girls who have left school and are home with their parents.

Mary Vyiampillai is associated in work with Mrs. Pediatamby but gives part of the day to school work. She speaks of much hardship in her work through opposition of her Roman Catholic relatives but says of this, "I also overcome these hardships through prayer. My God is with me and gives me comfort and strength. I thank the Lord who is with me to this day strengthening me in spirit, and am not a little comforted that He gives me the opportunity to glorify Him through sufferings. The non-Christians to whom I have spoken God's words have listened in right earnest."

Mrs. Joseph works at the Pandaterippu station and this year we have been able to appoint an associate to work with her, Mrs. Canapathipillai. She gives some time to the girls in the village schools and through them finds access to the homes of their mothers. She also has a children's class weekly in the church. She is now an old worker but she remembers with great joy
the time when Miss Hillis lived at Pandaterrippu and was able to go with the Bible Women to their work.

How much we all feel that this is necessary if we are to reap the best fruits of the work these Bible Women are willing to give. We live in hope that some worker will soon be provided for this great need.

Mrs. Canapathippai. This Bible Woman came into employ only for the closing five months of the year. She is a new worker but one whose Christian character and education gives promise of great usefulness. Her husband is also being trained for Christian work as a catechist.

Mrs. Santhiapillai works at Manepay. When Mrs. Pediatamby was working at Arnaicotta these two were associated in work. Now she works alone and is finding it difficult. Still she perseveres, sometimes contented with house to house visitation and sometimes gathering two or three families together for a meeting.

She speaks hopefully of some who have diligently learned Bible stories under her instruction. Another woman under her careful visiting and teaching was convinced of the truth. But being under her relatives' control, she was not able to make confession of her faith. Now she has moved to Uduppiddy and there freed from this constraint is in a position to follow her wishes. A sister of the same woman wishes to follow in confessing but is constrained by a non-Christian mother. "I am glad to say that I am freely received everywhere, and few objections are offered to me in my work."

She feels keenly interested in getting the larger girls
into Boarding schools where they may receive instruction and confess Christ. One such girl was last year sent to Udupiddy Boarding school and has become a Christian.

She speaks feelingly of God’s goodness in allowing her to work this year without special difficulties in her work.

In Uduvil.

There are six Bible Women working in the Uduvil station besides three in connection with the Inuvil hospital.

Miss Howland reports: Mrs. Edith David, our oldest Bible Woman, is still very active and faithful. She is thankful that she has strength to continue in the work. She speaks of interest in many homes. One woman asked for a Bible and read it regularly, some have been learning verses from a little memory verse book and have been convicted of sin by them.

Mrs. Susan Joshua says: Two women from our village have joined the church, one of them was my own mother who neglected the truth for so many years.

Mrs. Joanna Chinnatambar says they hold meetings Sunday afternoon at North Uduvil and one family is interested. Another family in our village has promised to accept Christ and the young man attends church and the mother also has come twice. This Bible Woman as the others is much interested in the Helping Hand meeting for poor women held on the mission house verandah Thursday afternoons. About sixty attend this meeting and some are really interested.
Mrs. Sarah Annappillai is supported by the young ladies of the Uduvil church C. E. Society. She reports at these meetings once a month. She tells of one woman who seemed truly to repent and accept Christ before her death.

Mrs. Joanna Penfield Maruthar says that she hoped to visit every house in Alavetty but having to be with a sick daughter at Manepay for some time she visited new houses near there. She speaks of good meetings held in the early part of the year where Hindu women were gathered together. A poor mother and daughter have received Christ as the true God and believe in Him. Mrs. E. Eliza Raymond works with Mrs. Joanna P. Maruthar in Alavetty and the two are able to go some distance from their home.

Our honorary worker, Mrs. Chelliahpillai, has had Bible reading weekly in several villages. On Monday afternoon she has a Bible class with the nurses in Inuvil hospital. On Wednesday she goes six and a half miles to Vaddukkodai for a Bible reading with the Christian women there and on Thursday to Alavetty. Sometimes she holds meetings with the Hindu women in their homes.

In Inuvil.

Dr. Carr writes of the good work done by Mrs. Charlotte Williams in the woman's hospital.

Alice Archimutu also works with the patients in the morning and goes out to the village in the afternoon. She says, "I was kindly received in most homes but a few were unwilling even to listen to the gospel message. I am hopeful about one man
and his wife who openly admit the truth and promise not to go to heathen temples."

Emily Nagamuttu goes with Alice and tells the women how she came to know Jesus though she was brought up in a Hindu house like them and what Jesus has done for her.

In the hospital at Manepay.

Miss Anna Maria is Bible woman as well as matron in the hospital. Her picture is shown on the opposite page holding a meeting with the women of the hospital.

In Vaddukkoddai

Mrs. Brown writes that the Vaddukkoddai Bible women number only four this year.

Mrs. Vathacutty of Araly has done what she could in spite of much illness. Three women are learning to read and to pray to God with her help. Four women are sincere inquirers.

Margaret Jacob works in five different villages and is leader of the Helping Hand meeting in the absence of Pastor Rice. She is greatly respected both by her own poor people and the rest of the community.

Mrs. Mary Gnanamuttu of Karadive writes that one girl 19 years of age has been converted and is ready to be baptized. Another girl is full of faith, reading the Bible and praying. Two or three other women are also believers.

Mrs. Joanna Peters worked at Pungudutive regularly the first ten months. She says one young woman comes to church sometimes although her husband objects.
Three Bible women worked in North Erlaly and one in Tellippalai.

Emily Umaiar has worked in North Erlaly and says the work is very encouraging. A good many women are coming to believe the truth and her own sister has come out boldly confessing Christ and leaving the Sivite religion.

Mrs. Ezekiel of the same place, and wife of the catechist there, writes: When a Hindu woman heard God's word she asked, "What shall I do to be saved"? I told her if she believed Jesus she would be saved. She heeded that and often comes to the services. Another woman said she wanted to hear the word of God. Her husband drinks and gives her great trouble but she refuses to give herself up to heathenism, attends church regularly and contributes there. I think she will soon confess her faith openly. We praise God that His work is prospering in this place.

Mrs. Cairns writes of her work in Erlaly and the near villages, that many woman are determined to give up idol worship and are secret adherents and some come regularly to Christian meetings. She has a Christian Endeavour Society among the children and one of the children and her mother became true believers some time ago. Now the child beseeches God to save her brothers and sisters and father as well as her mother and herself. She wrote to her father who is far away, "Father, now that mother and I are children of Christ, will God be pleased to have you unconverted? You must quickly be a Christian too."
HOME MISSION WORK IN THE ISLANDS
Missions

Jaffna Native Evangelical Society

Home mission work has been carried on for a long time on some of the small islands on the coast of Jaffna by the above named Society which is supported by all our Churches. The Society holds its annual meeting in May, and it is always well attended. The Secretary, Rev. J. K. Sinnatamby, reports as follows:—

This Society is now in its 63rd year and its work is confined to the three islands of Valanai, Pungudutive and Delft. For a long time the Society was anxious to station an ordained man in the field and this year Rev. C. M. Sanders who had served the Society for four years as its Secretary offered to go and was stationed at Valanai in August, and Kayts was added to the Society's field of labor. As the Christian officers at Kayts desired that there should be a regular morning service for them every Sunday and offered to pay Rs. 10 a month to the Society, Mr. Sanders was asked to preach to them on Sunday mornings and to have a service at Valanai in the afternoon.

Mr. Sanders showed great interest in the work and secured sufficient funds to start another new school at Valanai and to repair the present school house and the houses at Valanai and Pungudutive. He felt very hopeful of developing the work of the Society and made several plans for it. Everything was found very encouraging and the churches gladly increased their subscriptions to the Society, when suddenly on Christmas morning when all the churches were merrily celebrating the advent of the world's
Saviour, came the shocking news that the Rev. C. M. Sanders was no more. All celebrations were given up and the Christians from all parts of Jaffna hastened to Uduvil to pay their last respects to the deceased Pastor. In the midst of life there was death. It will be no easy work to find another pastor to take his place next year.

The house at Pungudutive which was badly in need of repairs for many years was thoroughly repaired this year and is now almost as good as the new house at Valanai. M. Jacob Sinnatamby, the Society's catechist, speaks very encouragingly of the work there and appeals for another additional school. When the Secretary visited Pungudutive in September, a leading Hindu young man offered to donate a piece of land and erect a school house if the Society or the Mission would start an English school. Education is earnestly sought by the island people and the Society is not able to meet all their needs for lack of funds.

The income of the Society last year was Rs. 2504 of which Rs. 268 was spent for supporting boys and girls from the different islands in the Boarding Schools in Jaffna. This has been found to be the most successful method of spreading the gospel in the islands as in the peninsula of Jaffna. Several more are preparing to join the Boarding schools the coming year and we feel confident that as many more new benefactors will be found in our Churches to assume their support.

The Tondi Mission.

Foreign Mission work has never been carried on by the Churches as such. About 10 years ago a Society was started called the Jaffna Student Foreign Missionary Society with the view of enlisting all
those who had studied in the High Schools and Colleges and would thus have a wider outlook than others and would realize the need of working for the welfare of others besides their own people. Mr. J. K. Sinnatamby was the first catechist to take up the work. After him Rev. Isaac Paul was sent and carried on the work with good success for several years. But to our regret the original subscribers failed to continue their contributions and we were obliged to suspend the work. An effort was made to enlist the help of the Churches more widely by changing the constitution and forming it into the Foreign Missionary Society of the Congregational Church of Ceylon. But no suitable candidate was found ready to go, so the interest of the Churches was not aroused and the Society is practically dead, though a few of the old subscribers have continued to give.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was founded about the same time as the Student Society. This was supported by nearly all the women of the Churches. This Society joined with the Student Society in the work at Tondi, India, by contributing to the support of the pastor's wife and by supporting a school. Since the return of Mr. and Mrs. Paul, the Society has continued to support the school teacher, an Indian, who also does what he can single handed to carry on Christian work. Mrs. Chelliahpillai, the Secretary, thus reports:

It is now ten years since our Society began work in Tondi. As it is inhabited mostly by Mohammedans it is very difficult to carry on evangelistic work among them. So, on the recommendation of Rev. C. S. Vaughan and several pastors of the Madura Mission, we changed our headquarters to Thiruvadanam, about eight miles from Tondi. It is a very
important field with many villages near and the people are accessible.

Mr. Davapiriam, our teacher there, writes that many leading Brahmans and other Hindus were present at the opening of the school and gladly sent twenty-five children to attend the school.

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**Medical Work**

*The Green Hospital & Branch Hospital*

Manepay Karadive

In writing our report for the Green Hospital for 1909 we have no special outstanding event to chronicle but steady growth in all departments of our work.

The regular work suffered less interruption than usual, as Mrs. Scott did not leave the station for the Hills and consequently the usual falling off in numbers in the vacation time was not observed.

Our workers have enjoyed good health. One who was reported last year as having resigned, died early in the year in her home.

The uniform faithful service of all grades of assistants has given us great pleasure. But for this we would have accomplished much less than we are able to record. It would be difficult to select special helpers for special mention where all have been so faithful, but it stands to reason that those in more important appointments bear the major part of responsibility and therefore are worthy of the greater praise. To such we most gladly acknowledge our indebtedness and our deep gratitude.

*The Dispensary.* We have had the usual work in this department. Since the rains were short we have
not had any epidemic of fever. Severe cases of all the ordinary diseases have come to us.

Our numbers have increased from 2,760 in '08 to 3,014 this year or only a little less than 10%. Of this increase, about 8% has been of women and children, thus making the number of the latter 162 more than of men.

The number of cases that return for medicine repeatedly is small in proportion to the new cases. This is due to the fact that most cases requiring repeated treatment prefer to come into hospital. It is more convenient and economical to do so as the cost of repeated carriage hire becomes great. Doubtless the location of the hospital away from any large town contributes to this, as few live at such a distance that they can walk to the hospital daily without great inconvenience.

The Hospital. The number treated in the hospital this year is, as in the dispensary, practically 10% greater than last year. The women and children number but a fraction less than 60% of the whole.

As in former years from reasons of economy and the difficulties of the social system of the land, we have allowed the patients' friends to supply the food. It is becoming evident that it is not real economy to the patients' families, and signs are not wanting that we may find it necessary to adopt the plan of dieting from a kitchen under our own control. I believe many would prefer to pay the price that would of necessity be charged rather than continue the present plan. We may be led to make a small beginning at an early date.

The necessity of more accommodation for our male patients is becoming felt. The old building so long
used by our predecessors should be thoroughly over-
hauling and enlarged. For such extension we should
appeal to our Tamil friends for aid and I am con-
dent we shall not appeal in vain.

This year we have performed major surgical oper-
ations that as yet have been only rarely done in Jaff-
na. As a result of the successful issue of this work
we see signs of abatement in the abnormal fear of
operations so common in Jaffna. With such a con-
summation we can only be devoutly thankful. Sev-
eral cases of severe gynaecological operation were
performed with gratifying results to both patients
and doctors. We have treated several well marked
cases of appendicitis where operation was refused.
While recovery followed, it is probable that there
will be a recurrence of the attack. One who was ad-
vised to have an "interval" operation went to Colombo
and was successfully operated upon in the General
Hospital. We rejoice that the young man submitted to
operation though done elsewhere.

The Nursing Staff. Owing to the death of our Head
Nurse at the close of last year we have promoted one of
our own nurses to the position. Being of a shy, retiring
disposition, we did not feel sure that she would suc-
cceed but our fears have been abandoned, and we
gratefully acknowledge how nobly she has risen to
meet the new responsibilities. The other juniors have
also come forward to accept responsibility in a way
that is most gratifying. We have taken on two ad-
ditional nurses both of whom are promising well.

The Evangelistic Work. In no department of our
work have we more gratifying report to make than in
the report of religious work. Of the whole number of
hospital patients 510 were non-Christians and 517 Chris-
tians. Of the Christians, the Roman Catholics out-
numbered the Protestants in the proportion of 311 to 206. While in the hospital the number of Christians was in the majority, in the out-door dispensary the non-Christians stood to the Christians in the proportion of 1,726 to 1,288.

The regularly appointed evangelists and Bible Women have day by day held meetings and done personal work with those who have come to the hospital and dispensary. In addition the evening meetings at 8 p.m. have been conducted by the other assistants to the profit of the workers as well as to the hearers. The Sunday afternoon general meeting is usually conducted by the doctors. Thus all have opportunity to make the medical work a veritable medical mission work. It is estimated that the evening meetings alone have afforded the opportunity of preaching the Gospel to not less than 30,000 people during the year. We have evidence that these meetings are much appreciated.

Some 21 persons manifested special interest in the Gospel message, two of whom we have heard have received baptism in their respective villages. The results thus measured seem meagre but this does not at all adequately represent the measure of good done. Of the new conceptions of God, of the inward resolves to forsake sin, and follow the right, of the comfort in times of sorrow and anxiety, of the fellowship fostered not only between the different branches of the Protestant Church but also between Protestant and Roman Catholic, of the friendships formed that pave the way for a further sympathetic hearing of the Gospel, who can make a reliable estimate but He to whose eyes all hearts are open?

The Karadive Branch Hospital and Dispensary. The work we are able to do at Karadive is so very small
that the question annually arises, is it worth while?

The dispenser has been at work eleven months of
of the year. The remainder of the year he was act-
ing as a substitute for the dispenser at Manepay who
was away from home. No doubt this broke in some-
what on the regular work there. I am led to believe
that our dispenser is doing all he can but the oppo-
sition is so strong that he receives few patients.

The new cases for the year were 304 and the return
treatments 347 making in all 651 treatments at the
out-door dispensary.

In-patients numbered 30, of whom 18 were males
and the balance women and children. These thirty
in-patients averaged somewhat over ten days each in
hospital.

The dispenser writes that he makes it his constant
duty to do "personal work with those who come to
the hospital, pointing out the privileges that are ob-
tained by those who receive Him in their hearts"
The pastor of the neighboring church also had fre-
quent prayer-meetings with the patients and their
friends.

The income from patients is not more than one-
third of the total expenditure, while the latter is not
more than $100 per annum.

Finances. We wish to acknowledge with gratitude
the continued gifts from Miss Given of Liverpool for
the support of our aged evangelistic worker. The
support has been given for a long number of years
and is keenly appreciated.

We also acknowledge the gift from Miss Weiss of
U. S. A. towards the support of our blind reader,
Mr. Samuel Chinniah.

Of the income received locally we would gratefully
acknowledge a gift of fifty rupees from our staunch
BLIND BIBLE READER AT WORK, GREEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MANIPAY
friend Sir Wm. Twynham, K.C.M.G., and another ten rupees from a missionary friend. Also a donation of ten rupees from Mr. Rajakariar for the Building Fund.

To the many who have cheerfully paid all charges in the hospital we offer our best thanks. It is a pleasure to record that the number who ungratefully try to escape payment of dues is not large. We wish there were none. But the number is so small as to be practically a negligible quantity, and our hearts are made glad by the way the Lord has opened for the carrying on of this work for the people by the people themselves. By the favour of the Lord the permanency of the hospital is secured. Moreover the continued rise in donations make the hope brighter that we shall in the near future do much more for the sick than we have been able to do this year.

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Total in-Patients Both Hospitals 1,057

Out door Dispensary Manepay

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Total Cases Treated out-Door Dispensaries 6,959

No. of village visits including work at Kodai 359
No. of maternity cases treated during the year 69
No. of major operations " " " 45
No. minor " " " 332

Total Operations 377

Of cases received in hospital Manepay 517 were Christians, 510 non-Christians.
Of cases received in dispensary Manepay 1,288 were Christians 1726 non-Christians.

McLeod Hospital for Women and Children at Inuvil

Physician, Isabel H. Curr, L. R. C. P. and S. Ed.
One Dispensary assistant,
One general agent,
Two senior nurses,
Seven nurses in training,
One Bible Woman.

As we begin to write this year's report we would raise thankful hearts to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings spiritual and temporal bestowed upon us, and we would give him all the glory for what success we have had. In our weakness He hath manifested His strength so that we can truly say "the Lord hath been our Helper."

Our thanks are due to Dr. Scott of the General Hospital who kindly supervised this hospital during my absence upcountry in March.

In the beginning of April, Miss Patten, Nursing Superintendent, left for the hills in India on holiday prior to her resigning from the Mission. Since then I have been single-handed with the help of my native assistants who, I am thankful to say, have done their very utmost to make the work a success. I ought to mention Mr. Lyman who has done most faithful ser-
vice as Dispenser for over ten years and Mr. Santhiapillai who has been a devoted helper from the very first, and not only looks after the compound in general—superintending coolies, carpenters and others, but also takes a deep interest in the evangelistic work, conducting prayer-meetings, speaking personally with the male friends of the patients and distributing tracts and gospels among those able to read. Also the two senior nurses, Muttuppillai and Susan, who have rendered excellent service both to the patients and doctor.

However there is no doubt that one person in charge of such a large institution is much over-worked. We hope that soon some one may be found to come to our relief.

Pastor Eliatamby has kindly continued his services in the Preaching Bungalow on Sunday afternoons, and to him our cordial thanks are due; also to Mrs. Chelliahpillai who has resumed the Bible classes with the nurses on Monday afternoons.

Our Hospital was honoured by a visit during the year from Sir Allan Perry, the Principal Civil Medical Officer for Ceylon, who expressed himself as much pleased with the condition of the patients, wards, nursing, &c. and said that it was an institution that particularly suits the customs of the Jaffna inhabitants, and that the amount of good work done is of the greatest value.

Among other visitors to the Hospital last year was the Hon. Emily Kinnaird who having worked for the Hospital building many years ago with the Misses Leitch expressed her intense pleasure at seeing it in such good working order.
Medical Work. The past year has been a very busy one as may be shown by an increase of both Dispensary and Hospital patients, the latter having reached over a thousand and both being more than in any previous year.

During the latter months of the year, the Hospital has been practically full, between 40 and 50 in-patients daily and sometimes up to sixty, and thus our large hospital numbers account for a smaller number of return dispensary visits than in some Indian hospitals.

The number of maternity cases has also increased and shows that the prejudice of the Tamils is being overcome, for not only do many not mind leaving their homes and their old customs, but they now prefer and have complete confidence in our methods of treatment during their confinement and some will even come and wait for days beforehand in order to make sure of getting a room.

Ten years ago, our maternity cases numbered 49, this year the number is 184. Ten years ago, the majority of our maternity cases were abnormal; this year, only about one third were abnormal, showing progress here also in that the people come to us also for normal cases now. Among our abnormal cases were five of Placenta Preciput with one death.

One lady who has been keenly interested in the progress of this Hospital from the very first writes thus: "It is marvellous to see the difference made in the use of it during the years since it was opened, its influence is far-reaching and it is made use of by all classes of women from almost every part of Ceylon."

This increase has necessitated a request for a larger maternity ward and permission has now been
granted by our mission to begin building as soon as possible. We are very grateful to Mrs. Rockwood, a Tamil lady of Colombo and widow of the late Dr. Rockwood for her generous donation of Rs. 1500 to build two of the new rooms to be named the "Mrs. Rockwood" and "Mrs. Homer" wards, and to Mrs. McLeod of England for £50 kindly sent last year for the Hospital which will build another of the rooms, also to the many friends especially among the Tamils themselves who have subscribed towards this building, and we trust that more subscribers may come forward so that there may be no delay in the completion of this much needed building.

"Maud and Alice" Training Home for Nurses. At the close of the year, besides the two senior nurses we have seven young women in the Training Class of whom two were admitted during the year. One of these is a Sinhalese girl from the C. M. S., Kandy.

We are glad to have young women in our nurses class from all the three Missions in Ceylon, Church, Wesleyan and American, and to have Sinhalese as well as Tamils as we sometimes have patients of that nationality who know only Sinhalese.

Nurse Joy left early in the year to help in the Udu-piddy Boarding school.

The Tamil people have more confidence in our nurses as the years go on, and more and more nurses are being asked for, and now and again the senior nurses have gone to village cases accompanied by the Bible Woman when the Doctor was not able to go.

For some months past, the nurses have taken turns in doing night duty each for a month at a time and this has given satisfaction both to the patients and
the Doctor and has lessened the night calls for the latter.

The nurses have had lessons when possible twice a week in nursing from Mrs. Carr's Nursing-book in Tamil, who very kindly sent a gift of these books for the class, and in midwifery.

These girls help the Bible Woman in the meetings with patients and also speak personally with them. Some of them are very much in earnest about the spiritual work and have been used by God in leading souls to Christ. Pray that all the nurses may use the many opportunities they have in winning the souls of their sisters to Jesus.

_Evangelistic Work._ Of the Hospital patients, the Sivites numbered 719, the Christians 298, Mohammedans 4 and Buddhist 1. In the Dispensary the Sivites 1337, Christians 737, Mohammedans 7 and Buddhist 1.

We are glad that so many women from Sivite homes come to the Hospital and hear the good news of salvation by Jesus Christ, some of them for the first time in their lives. And we rejoice that some souls at least have accepted the truth as it is in Jesus and are experiencing a peace that they never had before.

Our Bible-woman Mrs. Williams has been more enthusiastic in her work last year and has done good work both in holding meetings and also in going from bed to bed having personal talks with the patients and their friends.

A great many have been interested, and among those who have received definite blessing are the following:—

Mrs. M., a widow from Araly who was quite indifferent to spiritual things on admission was con-
verted to Christ during her stay in Hospital, and has since been baptized in her own village.

Another woman Mrs. V. who also became a convert to Christianity from Hinduism while in the Hospital some time ago, and has been under instruction in the Church Mission, has now come out openly, and was baptized several weeks ago in her village at Nellur. We pray that her husband also, who is an enquirer may follow her example, and confess Christ publicly soon.

Then our cook-woman Paruvatham whose life was saved by coming to our Hospital over a year ago, and whom we employed in the hospital to keep her from her wicked relatives, has been baptized and received as a member into the Uduvil Church a few weeks ago, having given proof that she has truly repented of her sins and is now seeking to live for God.

I have just heard of another woman, Chellam, who was led to give herself to God while with us last year in the hospital, having received baptism at Puttur. She was a heathen and married a Christian who was desirous that his wife also should become a Christian and we were glad to be the means of helping her to take this step.

For these we give praise to God and for others who though not yet baptized, have been brought to Christ through coming to the mission hospital.

One old woman Nannipillai, whose grand-child was almost at death's door when brought to us and went home quite well, was much touched when in hospital, and promised to give up idols and worship the living God, and she has since walked a number of miles on several Sundays to attend our Sunday service.
In conclusion. We would tender hearty thanks to all who have by their prayers and gifts helped on this work of the Women’s Hospital—to Sir William Twynam, K. C. M. G., Jaffna, for his annual donation of Rs. 50; to W. Jordan, Esq., Ceylon and Sam Salomon Esq., Colombo, for supporting a cot in the hospital; also to friends in America and Britain—to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Brown who have kindly contributed through the Misses Leitch for several years for the up-keep of helpers and beds, and to Mrs. Richards who sends yearly for the ‘Pansy’ bed supported by members of the ‘Pansy Club.

The cot shown in the photo is the ‘Paul Eddy Rowe’ cot which is endowed by Mrs. Eddy Rowe in memory of her little son. By these and other gifts we have been able to help poor and needy patients by giving them a free bed or part expenses.

Having aimed at self-support from the start, we have charged patients who were able to pay for medicine, treatment &c. and our income has gradually increased until this year the income locally from patients for fees, medicine, treatment &c. amounted to Rs. 6633.47, i.e. over 2200 dollars, which enabled us to meet all expenses without the grant from the American Board.

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In Memoriam

Rev. B. H. Rice.

Benjamin H. Rice was born in Jaffna of Christian parents in 1828. He was educated in the Batticotta Seminary from which he graduated in 1846. He was a teacher in the Seminary from 1846 till 1855, and on the closing of the Seminary took up work under the American Mission, having qualified himself by a special course in Christism Theology. He served as catechist at Manepay and at Udupiddi and for some years was Headmaster of the Training School at Batticotta. He was ordained in 1867 and called to be the pastor of the Batticotta Church. For more than thirty-seven years he spent himself devotedly and usefully in the service of God in the pastorate. He married in 1862 and God blessed the happy union with seven children of whom five still survive and are leading useful Christian lives. He retired from the active pastorate at the close of 1904 and was made pastor emeritus. Mrs. Rice was called home in April 1906. And he followed on October 9th, 1909.

In his death the American Mission has lost one of its finest products and the cause of Christ a faithful and devoted servant. He received the intimation of his approaching death with a smile on his face that reflected the glory of the Lord Jesus and till his latest breath joined in singing hymns to the praise of his Master whom he had served with zeal and earnestness. His life was a noble example of Christian virtues and his death was triumphant, marked by firm faith and hope and deep “peace that passeth understanding.” We are glad to present a picture of him in his latter days.
Pastor Rice was a man of one book, the Bible. That book was his richest treasure, his constant companion and the solace of his life. He was a man of prayer; his strength was his ceaseless communion with God. He was simple, gentle and humble and was indifferent to things worldly. There was a deep spirituality in him that animated each thought and word and deed of his life, and he consecrated his whole life to the work of his Lord and Master Jesus Christ. He loved the glory of God more than the glory of men. God blessed his work abundantly and he has left behind a name lovingly cherished by all who knew him.

Rev. C. M. Sanders

Charles M. Sanders was born of Sivite parents at Uduvil in 1857. He was educated in the Manipay English school and in Jaffna College whence he graduated in 1878. He united with the Church on profession of faith in 1864, and after finishing his College course joined the Theological class. After completing his course here in 1880, he was appointed Headmaster of the Udupiddi Girls' Boarding School. He was a successful teacher and remained in that school for about ten years. He was then asked to take charge of the Church at Karadive and the next year was ordained as its pastor. Here he served the cause of Christ for seventeen years. He was always a student, was interested in education and did much to get boys trained as teachers so as to improve the teaching in the day schools. Almost all the schools of the island of Karadive are under the American Mission, and owe much to his fostering care. Receiving a call from the Chavakachcheri Church, he moved to that place in 1907 and for two
and a half years worked in that extensive field. In the sore need of a pastor for the Home Mission field he offered himself for that work, which he began only last August.

In his domestic life he was called upon to endure much sorrow, two sons having died while pursuing medical studies in Madras. Shortly after the death of his wife, his daughter also was called away in her youth. He bore these afflictions with fortitude, and a calm trust in God. Perhaps his own sorrow made him more sympathetic with others in their times of grief. An earnest and consistent Christian worker, always pleasant and cheerful in company, he won many friends. Called away in the prime of life by blood-poisoning only a few days after an accidental injury to his hand, he has left behind a work just begun for some one else to take up. Who will fill up the ranks and carry on the work that still remains to be done?

Mrs. S. Veerakatty

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Veerakatty, wife of Rev. S. Veerakatty of Tellippalai, which occurred after an illness of some months on December 3rd. She was a lady of excellent Christian character and virtues and exercised a wholesome influence over the Church of which her husband is the respected and beloved head. It is said of her that she was a true help to her husband in all Christian work. Only those who knew her most intimately are aware of the extent of her quiet but sincere ministrations. She was ever cheerful, helpful in counsel, kind and loving. Her patient endurance of suffering was especially noticeable.
during her last illness. In the home she was all that a woman should be—a good home maker, a loving mother, gentle and faithful.

Mrs. R. P. Bryant

The wife of Rev. R. P. Bryant, Pastor of the Chavakachcheri Church, after being in poor health for several years, passed away peacefully on the 20th December. Mrs. Bryant was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. E. Adams of the Wesleyan Mission and was born in 1869. She received her education at the Wesleyan Boarding Schools at Jaffna and Point Pedro. She was married to Mr. Bryant in 1891. During the fifteen years while her husband was in charge of the Navaly Church she took an active part in Church work and availed herself of every opportunity to bear witness to her Master. She had a real thirst for souls and a strong faith in the saving power of Jesus. These combined with her sweet sympathetic temperament, made her a very successful worker in the Lord’s vineyard. The patience with which she endured her long illness and the cheerfulness with which she conducted herself during times of affliction were most remarkable and drew the attention of all who knew her. Having entrusted herself, her husband and her only son into the hands of her Lord, she met her death with peace and hope.

Mrs. C. H. Cooke

One of the most prominent workers in the Vaddukkoddai Church went from us December 18th, after an illness of only two weeks. Mrs. Cooke was born in 1868, the eldest daughter of Mr. Joel Fitch
of Manepay. She was educated in the Uduvil Boarding School and received training in Christian work under the Missionary ladies there. She graduated from the school in 1885, and was married in the same year to Mr. C. H. Cooke, a teacher in Jaffna College. Seven children are left to mourn the loss of this exemplary mother. A most faithful mother, she yet found time for much Church work. In the women’s prayer meetings, in sewing meetings and in village meetings she was always a leader. For many years she conducted a Junior Endeavour Society for the children and was much loved by all. As a neighbour she was ever ready to render assistance and sympathy in any time of need and her influence was widely felt among the Sivites as well as Christians of the community. Her loss will be deeply felt by all classes of the people.
The Missionaries

And the work assigned to them

Rev. Giles G. Brown, B. A., B. D.  Principal Jaffna College
                                 Vaddukoddai and Tellippalai Stations
Mrs. Clara P. Brown, M. A.  Bible Women of Vaddukoddai
Miss Isabel H. Curr, L. R. C. P. & S. Ed.  McLeod Hospital
Rev. James H. Dickson, B. A., B. Sc.  On furlough
Mrs. Frances H. Dickson  Cn furlough
Miss Julia E. Green  Uduvil Girls’ Boarding School
Mr. William E. Hitchcock, M. A.  Treasurer
                                Udupiddi and Chavakachcheri Stations
Mrs. Harriet A. Hitchcock  Udupiddi Girls’ Boarding Sch.
                                 Bible Women of Udupiddi and Chavakachcheri
Miss Susan R. Howland  Uduvil Girls’ Boarding School
                                Bible Women of Uduvil
Rev. Thomas B. Scott, M. D., C. M.  Secretary
                                    Green Memorial Hospital
                                 Manepay and Uduvil Stations
Mrs. Mary E. M. Scott, M.D., C. M.  Green Memorial Hospital
                                 Bible Women of Manepay
Mr. Arthur A. Ward, B. A.  Tel’ippalai Training School
                                 A. C. M. Press
Mrs. Alice B. Ward, B. A.  Bible Women of Telippalai
Mr. Harry C. York, M. A., Ph. D.  Teacher in Jaffna College
Mrs. Olive R. York  Teacher in Jaffna College
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