ABSTRACT OF REPORT

OF THE

American Madura Mission,

FOR THE YEAR 1846.

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REPORT.

This year the Mission has been deprived of two of its number by death: Mrs. Muxxy, who died on the 3rd of December, having been distinguished, during eight years of suffering from disease, for her patience, her kindness, and her devotedness.

Mr. Lawrence, one of the first who came into the Mission, having received permission from the Prudential Committee of the Board to visit America, died on the way, at Tranquebar, on the 19th of the same month.

Four new mission families have arrived from America: Rev. Messrs. J. Herrick, G. W. McMillan, J. Rendall, and E. Webb, with their wives.

STATION AT TIRUMUNGLALUM.

REV. J. HERRICK.
MRS. HERRICK.

This station was for five months of the year in charge of Mr. Tracy, at Passumalie. Formerly two mission families occupied it. After a season of destitution, one family stationed there is a cause of joy to us, and we are happy to perceive that it is also to the people of the place.
To the congregations of the four Christian villages 20 persons have been added; and two, the first from them, have been received into the church, and two more are candidates. For these villages there are four schools with 155 scholars.

The Church contains 25 members, seven of whom have been received this year on profession of their faith. The number is less than it was last year, in consequence of the removal of the Seminary. Six are now candidates for admission, and three children have been baptized. The monthly missionary prayer meeting is regularly observed, and 20 Rupees have been contributed to the Benevolent Society at the station. The Sabbath congregation varies from 275 to 300.

Of portions of Scripture 950 have been distributed during the year, and 7,000 tracts and books.

There are eight Free Schools, four in the town, and four in villages near. The monitors of the school in town, recite daily Scripture lessons to one of the Native assistants. In one of these schools there are 25 girls, who are under the more especial care of Mrs. Herrick. They are present at morning prayers, and recite their lessons at the Mission house.

The Boarding School continues to prosper. It is now practicable here, as in all the Boarding Schools of the Mission, to make a selection from a large number of applicants for admission. The present number of scholars is forty; average for the year thirty-eight. Six have been removed during the year to the Seminary, and one has died. Mr. Herrick is giving attention to their improvement in the science and practice of singing.
SEMINARY.

REV. W. TRACY.
MRS. TRACY.
A. NORTH, ESQ.

The Church at this station contains twenty-six members, nine of whom have been received this year, on profession of their faith, and four are candidates. Four children have been baptized, and 33 Rupees contributed to the Benevolent Society. Three of the five Native teachers are graduates of the Seminary, and all are members of the church. The whole number of students is sixty-one, and 56 are now pursuing their studies. In the first and second classes there are 11 each, in the third, 13, and in the fourth, 21. Twenty-one are members of the church, eight of whom have been admitted this year. The conduct of the church members has been exemplary, and considerable interest has at times been manifested on the subject of religion by the other students.

The studies of the different classes for the year have been as follows:

FIRST CLASS.

Robbins' Ancient and Modern History,
Euclid, to the Third Book of Supplement,
Day's Algebra, finished,
Olmsted's Astronomy,
Olmsted's Philosophy,
Tamil Grammar, Rhenius' Abridged,
Wayland's Political Economy,
Evidences of Christianity,
Watts' Scripture History,
Epistle to the Romans.

SECOND CLASS.

Parley's Second Book of History,
Watts on the Mind,
Wayland's Moral Science,
Bailey's Algebra,
Middle Ages of England,
Gallaudet's Natural History,
Spelling,
- The Assembly's Catechism,
Epistle to the Romans.

THIRD CLASS.

English Grammar,
Arithmetic,
First Book of History,
Woodbridge's Geography,
Second Book of History,
Spelling,
- Genesis and Exodus,
Romans.

FOURTH CLASS.

Arithmetic,
Geography,
Grammar,
Spelling,
English Bible,
Tamil Bible, Genesis and Exodus,
Romans.

During the year, five houses for the teachers have been completed, and two prayer houses for the private devotions of the students, have been erected. Many of them highly prize this privilege of holding communion with God in secret. The foundations of a house for another missionary have been laid, and a church for the use of those connected with the Seminary, is in such a state of forwardness, that it will probably be opened for worship early in the coming year.

The Library of the Seminary is small, but has been highly prized and diligently used by the students and Native teachers. Some valuable books have been purchased for it, and are now on the way from England.
We have to regret that the Philosophical Apparatus, which was reported last year as on the way from America, has not yet been shipped. We trust, however, that the wants of the Seminary in this respect will ere long be satisfied.

In all departments of our work we are compelled to see the necessity of giving special attention to this institution. A class of Native helpers, thoroughly trained, under the blessing of God, to soundness of mind and sound piety, is indispensable to our rapid and safe progress.

SEVAGUNGA.

REV. E. WEBB.
MRS. WEBB.

This station was for seven months of the year in the charge of Mr. Cherry, at Madura, H. Zilva, Superintendent. Of it, as it was at that time, Mr. Cherry says: "At this station the prospects have not, and could not be expected to be, so encouraging as they might have been, had a missionary resided there. The Boys' Boarding School was more prosperous in numbers than in progress of education. The average number of boys was 40. The Girls' Day School was kept in a more flourishing state than could be naturally supposed in the absence of a female missionary, averaging 18 girls. The Free schools in town were six in number, in which were 270 scholars. The Sabbath congregations, including teachers and their wives, numbered about 250. The meeting for females was, generally, well attended.

"There have been connected with this station 210 persons who have been learners of Christianity, and have renounced their former religion. From among these, while
on my tour among the villages in March last, I receiv-
ed to Church communion 34 adults, who had been wait-
ing to be baptized from three to five years, and so far
as I was able to judge, from all I could learn of their
moral character, and their strong desire to be consider-
ed as Christ's disciples, I felt that I had no right to keep
them waiting a longer time. Twenty of their children
also were baptized. If a missionary could but visit the
villages frequently, he would find every where encourage-
ment, in seeing the people ready to receive him, anxious
to hear him, and many among them almost persuaded
to give up their idolatry and receive Christianity.

"The Church, with its auxiliaries, now numbers 55.
One member died during the last year, and since its
organization, nine have been excommunicated, and nine-
teen have left for other churches. May the blessing of
God rest upon the station, and upon the brother and
sister who now have it in charge."

Mr. Webb reports that, for the sake of giving himself
to the study of the language, he has not visited the vil-
lages, but that he has had application from five addi-
tional ones to be taken into the number, and that four
have signed the required agreements. He says; "my free
schools are in a more encouraging state than they were,
I think. Two of them attend prayers at the house every
morning, and church twice on the Sabbath. The girls'
school, under the care of Mrs. Webb, is also in an
encouraging state, both in respect to numbers, and the
behavior of the girls. The boys of the Boarding School
are studious and obedient. The Sabbath congregation
averages 300. Three more children have been baptized,
and the church now contains 58 members."
POOTHOOCTTA.

REV. H. CHERRY, Missionary in charge.

This is an interesting station, and promising of speedy good, could one or two missionaries reside there. It is 65 miles from Madura.

The Church numbers forty members, six of whom have been received this year, on profession of their faith. Four children have been baptized. Ten months of the year, a successful English school has been taught, and six free schools of about thirty scholars each the whole year. Nine Native catechists and readers have been employed at the station.

TERUPOOVANUM.

REV. H. S. TAYLOR.

MRS. TAYLOR.

The Church at this station contains 28 members, 14 of whom have been added this year, on profession of their faith. One has died, and four are candidates for membership. Four children have been baptized, one Christian marriage has been celebrated, and 35 rupees contributed to the Benevolent Society. The Sabbath congregation has averaged about 250 persons. A Sabbath school has been organized, and a library procured for it, in which teachers and scholars are interested.

1,135 portions of Scripture have been distributed, and 10,316 tracts and books.

The present number of boys in the Boarding School is 34, whole number 45, average for the year, 40. One
has been sent to the Seminary, two have been received into the church, and one is a candidate. Twelve have been in school one year, nine two years, and 13 three years. All appear to be favorably disposed toward Christianity, and none are known to be opposed. Generally, good attention has been given to the preaching of the Gospel.

The Girls' Day School, under the care of Mrs. Taylor, has been such as to give encouragement. One of the girls gives some evidence of piety. All the older ones are pleased with the school, have a good understanding of the way of salvation, and often appear to be thoughtful.

The present number of girls is 30, average 32. The teacher is a Christian.

The present number of free schools is 10; whole number that have been in operation during the year, 18, with 26 teachers and monitors. Of these, one is a Christian, one a candidate for the church, and the others are heathens. The whole number of scholars is 754, of whom 65 are girls. Average number, 503. Five hundred and thirteen of the whole number can read. Eleven are brahmin boys, 11 Gentoo, and 75 are Mohammedan boys.

There are 15 Christian Villages connected with the station; containing, in all, 50 families and 181 persons. Seven of the villages have been received this year. Ten of the persons are members of the church, eight of whom have been received this year, and four more are candidates. There are for them 15 schools, with 16 teachers and monitors, and 220 scholars, 10 of whom are girls. Seven of the teachers are Christians, three are candidates for the church, the rest are learners. Most of these villages are remote from the station, and the deficiency of teachers for them has been such, that they
have not made that progress which might have been expected with more suitable means of grace. For seven of them, libraries of Christian Tamil books, in neat cases, have been procured, and some of the people and children in the schools have begun to manifest an interest in them.

**DINDIGUL.**

REV. J. RENDALL.
MRS. RENDALL.
REV. G. W. McMillan.
MRS. McMillan.

The station was for six months of the year in the charge of Mr. Lawrence.

The *Church* contains 52 members, nine of whom have been received this year, on profession of their faith. Six have been excommunicated, and 13 are candidates. Fifteen children have been baptized, 11 Christian marriages have been celebrated, and 11 rupees have been contributed to the *Benevolent Society*.

Two additional *Christian Villages* have been connected with the station, making in all 29 villages, 189 families, and 959 persons. Twenty-six of these are members of the church, 12 of whom have been received this year, and 13 more are candidates. Fourteen catechists and readers are laboring among them. They have 19 schools, in which are 342 scholars, 55 of them girls, with 24 teachers and monitors, 20 of whom are Christians. "Very many children in these Christian villages have learned to read well, whose parents never learned their alphabet."

The *Free Schools* are nine, 18 teachers and monitors, 178 boys, and 20 girls. The number of good readers
among them is 40. Six of the teachers and monitors are Roman Catholics, nine are heathens, and three are candidates for the church. The desire for the education of females is said to be increasing.

The Girls' Boarding School has been removed during the year, and connected with the one in Madura.

The Boys' Boarding School contains 37 scholars. One has died, and three have been removed during the year to the Seminary. The English teacher is a graduate of the Seminary, and a Christian; the Tamil teacher a Roman Catholic. Two have been admitted to the church, four are favorably disposed to Christianity, and none are known to be opposed.

The Select Day School has enjoyed its usual prosperity, averaging 15 boys, and 15 girls.

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MADURA FORT STATION.

REV. H. CHERRY,
MRS. CHERRY.

No very marked or important changes have occurred at this station this year. The opposition from teachers of the free schools to important changes introduced in 1844, has entirely disappeared. They have forgotten the disgrace they feared, and found, by happy experience, that even in the city of Madura men may throw off the works of heathenism and bring their families to church on the Sabbath. The number of free schools has been 16, averaging 580 scholars. The Sabbath congregation has varied from 450 to 500. This number would be at once much increased were there a suitable place of worship, such as it is hoped may be erected the coming
year. Three tract distributors have been employed in the city this year, and they have pursued their work without hindrance or insult. About 4,000 tracts and books have been distributed.

An agent, styled a missionary, of the society at Madras for the promotion of heathenism, stayed in the city two months in the early part of the year. Besides circulating the tracts of his society, he preached twice every Sabbath, and sometimes large audiences were assembled to hear him. His sermons, as he called them, were not usually in direct defence of idolatry, but abounded in deistical objections to the Bible, and in ridicule of Christianity, its tenets, and its adherents, especially of the missionaries. At the same time a report was put in circulation that the missionaries at the Seminary had secretly sought and sacrificed thirteen men for the purpose of finding buried treasure. Four more victims, it was said, were needed, and then their object would be attained. The report spread rapidly, and the credulity of the people was great. Far and near, it seemed to be the subject of general conversation, till the Collector, alarmed at the prevalence of the opinion, made a public proclamation that put an end to the excitement.

The agent established two free heathen schools, and obtained subscriptions from the wealthy men in the city for the establishment of an English opposition school. Most of the scholars in ours, being sons or relations of the subscribers to the heathen society, left it, in the time of excitement, but some have come back, and the others assure us, that they will, if we procure a good teacher.
MADURA EAST STATION.

REV. C. F. MUZZY.
MRS. MUZZY.

The Church at this station comprises also individuals belonging to the Fort station. During the year it has enjoyed some tokens of its Saviour's presence. The number of members is 28. Six have been removed from it to other churches, one has been suspended, fifteen have been received into it on profession of their faith, ten are candidates, two have died, five infants have been baptized, and 67 rupees contributed to the Benevolent Society. Mr. Muzzy says: "One of those transferred from the Church below to that above, is Mrs. Muzzy, whose absence is severely felt by us all. But her departure was in peace, and we have the strongest assurance that our loss is her eternal gain."

There have been distributed 358 portions of Scripture, and 6,782 tracts and books.

In the Girls' Boarding School there are now 72 scholars, 14 more than last year. The whole number of scholars has been 81, 20 of whom were added to it from the school in Dindigul. One has been married to a graduate of the Seminary, and some have been removed by their friends. Their progress in study and behavior has been such as to give encouragement. At times, considerable seriousness has been manifested, and some give evidence of being indeed the Lord's children. Nine have been received into the church, and six are candidates. Prayer-meetings were held by Mrs. M. with the older girls, which appeared to be blessed to their good.

The present average number of Free Schools is ten, whole number thirteen. The whole number of teachers
and monitors is 26. Two of them are Christians, two are candidates for the church, two are Roman Catholics, the rest are heathens. The average number of scholars is 400, whole number 635, of which ten are girls, and 450 can read. All learn daily Scripture lessons or catechism, and attend church once, most of them twice, on the Sabbath, and three of them attend prayers each morning at the mission house. They are all examined each Monday morning on the preaching of the preceding Sabbath. In the meeting for teachers considerable interest has been manifested, and two of them are seriously disposed. All of them acknowledge their duty, but the fear of man is a snare to them. The monitors spend two hours each day on the premises studying Scripture lessons.

The Preparandi class has been continued, and 19 different persons have been in it during the year, two of them are now employed as readers, and eight, because of unfitness to become such, have been sent to the villages as teachers in the schools.

The Sabbath congregation varies from 400 to 500. In the evening of the Sabbath our meeting is held with the girls of the boarding school and the members of the preparandi class, and another in one of the school houses of the city. A Sabbath Bible-class was conducted by Mrs. M. for those on the premises. A Bible-class is held with the Native assistants on the afternoon of Monday, a general conference meeting on Wednesday evening, and a prayer meeting with the girls of the boarding school on Thursday p. m.

There are fourteen Christian villages connected with the station, and they seem to have been blessed during the year. There are 110 families of 351 souls connected with them. There are now, in prosperous operation in them, eleven schools containing 205 scholars. Five of these villages have been received during the year, and three more have applied for reception. Six school houses
have been erected, and others are in progress. The advancement of the people in Christian knowledge has been in many cases slow, but in some very encouraging. "The care of these villages is one of the most agreeable of the missionary's labors. Here he sees old and young, parents and children, all seated together, reciting that Word which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

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In conclusion, we see cause to thank God and take courage. The great objects of the Mission are the establishment of Christianity and the salvation of souls. At the close of the last year there were in all our Churches 120 members, of whom 24 had been added that year. This year the Lord has added to them 97 more, and the public worship of God, though of an unimposing kind, has been established in 20 new congregations. The door of access to the people for preaching is open; Christian Education is limited only by our means; and a public sentiment is forming more and more in our favor. Our work however is but begun. There are mountains of difficulty yet to be levelled. We need more help. Especially do we need larger measures of the divine blessing.

The Mission thankfully acknowledges the following Donations——

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