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St. Andrew's Church Mission.

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Mission to the Heathen.

(IN CONNECTION WITH THE VENERABLE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS)

REVD. E. S. VENN, M. A.—*Missionary & Supt.*

PETER TYCHICUS—*Tamil Catechist.*

ING SEE, LOI FAT,—*Chinese Catechists.*

CHONG KENG, KAN KING,—*Sub-Catechists.*

Seamen's Mission.

(IN CONNECTION WITH THE LONDON SOCIETY FOR MISSIONS TO SEAMEN)

Sailors' Chaplain—REVD. JOHN C. INCE,

Treasurers—MESSRS. MARTIN DYCE & Co.

THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSION

WAS HELD IN THE
INSTITUTION,

On Monday, 23rd May, 1864.

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His Honor the Governor in the Chair.
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The Meeting commenced with singing the 100th Psalm, and prayer offered by the Chaplain. His Honor then rose, and expressed the interest which he continued to feel in the Mission. He considered the Report about to be presented was satisfactory as to the work of the Mission; and while it spoke of a deficiency in the funds, he trusted that this arose only from temporary causes, and would not permanently hinder its efforts to diffuse the Gospel among the heathen, and our seafaring fellow countrymen to whom we are so much indebted for our commercial prosperity.

The Report was read by the REV. C. J. WATERHOUSE, Secretary, and the Financial Statement by R. BAKER Esq., Treasurer.

The Hon'ble CAPTAIN BURN moved:—

That the Report now read be printed and circulated.

He observed that this Resolution was more than a mere form; for by passing it, we pledged ourselves to do our utmost to supply the deficiency spoken of in the Report. It was absolutely necessary to work upon the mass of heathenism around us by influencing the minds of the young. This is the object contemplated in the Mission.

schools, and it is carried out by giving to the pupils sound and useful knowledge combined with instruction from the Holy Scriptures. We ought to be ready to impart to others the great spiritual blessings which we ourselves have received: and it was most desirable that we should exhibit our interest in the work of the Mission by visiting the various scenes of its operations.

The Resolution was seconded by J. D. VAUGHAN, Esq.

It was moved by DR. SCOTT, and seconded by the REV. J. C. INCE:—

That the meeting rejoices to hear of the increased means of usefulness which have been set on foot in their Missions, and desires to record its thankfulness to Almighty God for the success which has attended the use of them hitherto in both its Missions.

Dr. Scott regretted the small attendance at the meeting, but believed it was not to be taken as an index of the interest felt in its objects. He was especially pleased with observing the results of the efforts in the Seamen's Mission; and he trusted we may have a similar opinion of those made for the heathen, though these, from their nature, could not be so obvious to the friends of the Mission. He considered it was equally the duty and privilege of the laity of our Church to bear their willing part in helping forward the operations of the Mission.

A. O. MEYER, Esq. moved and J. CUMMING, Esq. seconded:—

That the employment of these means having necessarily entailed increased expenditure, and many of the older friends of the St. A. C. M. having left the settlement, this Meeting recognises, in these circumstances, a claim to more strenuous efforts in behalf of the Mission, on the part of its old friends; and trusts that many whose arrival in Singapore is more recent, will allow themselves to be enrolled among its supporters.

Mr. Meyer observed that although the deficiency mentioned in the Report was considerable, yet it did not appal him, because he thought it was quite within our power to make it up. For this purpose, he suggested that a canvass should be made, especially among the junior residents, and himself volunteered to take a part in it.

The Rev. C. J. Waterhouse said that he had been told by an old supporter of the St. A. C. M. that he thought

to speak to this, which was the financial Resolution of the evening; and his objection, that this was the subject upon which he would have to speak on Sunday next, was overruled. It was a most important resolution; for if not acted upon, the work of our Mission must be restricted. We should all be willing to practise some self-denial in the matter, and not desire to do God's work at no cost to ourselves. He begged to state an instance of such self-denial. Only a few days ago, an Agent of the Mission had come to him and proposed that rather than the Mission should get into debt, or be otherwise hampered; the sum which he draws from its funds should be reduced. He, for one, would be ashamed if this had to be done, or if the establishment of our schools, or the number of our Catechists, had to be diminished. But he hoped better things, and that the St A. C. M. would be able to work on in faith and patience, till God should send the early and the latter rain and give the fruits of increase.

It was moved by LIEUT. COL. BOND, and seconded by LIEUT. PROTHEROE A. D. C.;—

That the best thanks of the Meeting be offered to the Committee of the past year, and the the following gentlemen be requested to allow themselves to be added to the Committee: LIEUT. BURN, C. H. WILSON Esq. & J. L. KIRBY, Esq.

Colonel Bond remarked that as he had retired from the Committee, it might be questionable whether he ought to propose this resolution. But the fact of his having been on the Committee had given him an insight into its work, and made him aware that being a member of it is no sinecure, but that the members of the Mission are really indebted to the Committee for its services.

It was moved by the REV. E. S. VENN, and seconded by DR. SCOTT:—

That the best thanks of the Meeting be tendered to H. H. the Governor for having kindly presided at the Meeting.

Mr. Venn said he had the more pleasure in bringing forward this resolution because H. H. was not only ready to afford his public countenance to our Mission, on these occasions, but willing to give to him, in private, advice and aid, in any matter connected with it, on which he

had consulted II. II. He begged leave, also, to point out to the Meeting that although our expenditure had recently been much increased, the cause of this arose only from the complete carrying out of the original plan of operations, proposed by the Revd. Mr. Humphrey when the Mission was commenced.

The meeting was closed with singing the Doxology, and the Benediction pronounced by the Chaplain.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSION.

The Committee of the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSION beg to lay before the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, and other subscribers to, and supporters of, the Mission, and the general Public of Singapore, the following report of the work carried on by the agents of the Mission during the past year; together with a statement of the Society's present position and future prospects.

The Committee regret that they have not been able to bring forward this report at an earlier period of the year. The delay in doing so has been occasioned by the serious financial difficulties with which the Society has had to contend, and by the correspondence which the Committee has been carrying on with the S. P. G. with a view to obviate those difficulties, by procuring increased aid from that venerable Society towards carrying on the work of the Mission among the Heathen in Singapore.

Of the work of the Mission the Committee believe that they are able to report very satisfactorily. Upon this point they beg to direct attention to the statements furnished by the Rev. E. S. Venn, Missionary and Superintendent of the Heathen Mission, and the Rev. J. C. Ince, Seamen's Chaplain, and to those of the Catechists submitted through Mr. Venn.

The work of the Heathen Mission is still being carried on, as heretofore, in two separate and distinct branches. There is the Tamil Mission under Catechist Peter Tychicus, who works diligently and assiduously and to Mr. Venn's entire satisfaction among the Klings and Madrasses of the Native Regiment in garrison here, and among many others in domestic service; he also teaches orally and by distributing Tracts among the general Tamil population of Singapore.

Then there is the Mission to the Chinese under the two Catechists Ing-See and Loi-Fat, in the town of Singapore; and the two Sub-Catechists Chong-Keng and Kan-King, at the Out Stations of Geylang, and Tanjong Putri; the latter of whom still continues, as previously at Singapore, his services gratuitously.

Since the date of the last Report, the schools which had been established by Mr. Venn and were being conducted by him on his own responsibility, have, as a consequence of our union with the S. P. G., been taken over by the S. A. C. M. and now form a very prominent and interesting feature in our work. They are four in number. Of these the Chinese boys' school is the most important. It has already demonstrated itself to be a success in point of numbers and regularity of attendance; and it is trusted that it is efficiently doing a work which must tend hereafter to prepare the way for the reception of the Gospel of Christ among the Chinese.

The work of the Mission to Seamen has been carried on, during the past year, unobtrusively but most assiduously, by Mr. Ince. And the Committee believe that they have reason to speak in terms of thankfulness of the measure of success vouchsafed. Mr. Ince is enabled to report a steady increase of the average number of his congregation, and in very many instances a grateful, and we trust a profitable, reception of the means of grace by those to whom he ministers them.

But while, through the blessing of God upon our imperfect endeavours, we are enabled to speak thus cheerfully of the state and prospects of the Mission, as regards its work, the Committee regret to be compelled to add that in a financial point of view they are much less satisfactory. Your Committee have been, as it were, compelled, owing to work being made ready to their hand, to increase their expenditure; while instead of a corresponding increase there has been an absolute falling off in the means at their disposal. The financial state of the Mission will be set before you by the Treasurer in a Statement which will make only too plain this deficiency.

Your Committee would fain attribute the falling off in the funds of the Mission to any thing rather than a decreasing interest in its operations on the part of the Church people of Singapore and its other kind supporters. They are aware that we have been recently passing through a

time of severe financial pressure : but they trust that, even if hard times compel a reduction of expenditure, a work of such excellence and importance as that to which we stand committed in connection with the S. A. C. M. will be the last in which we shall desire to economize.

As one means of obtaining relief from the pecuniary embarrassments which beset the Mission, the Committee have resolved to make an urgent appeal to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel for an increase of their grant to the Heathen Mission. But the Committee do not desire to reckon with any confidence upon the result of this application. The S. P. G. already give very liberal aid to our Mission; and it is very probable that their reply may be to the effect that the numerous claims upon them from all parts of the world preclude the possibility of their increasing their grant to Singapore. We must take counsel from the old proverb,—which is full of truth in its religious sense ; i.e. when used humbly and faithfully—that God helps those who help themselves. We must indeed set our shoulder to the wheel ; and make a vigorous and sustained effort to extricate ourselves from those difficulties which otherwise will speedily necessitate a contraction of the circle of the Mission and a deplorable curtailment of its usefulness.

There are many among those whose arrival at Singapore is of more recent date, who have not yet filled the places in our subscription lists vacated by friends who have left. The Committee venture to express their earnest hope that they will now do so: and that at least none of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church will be willing to be deprived of the benefit of participation in the work of the St. Andrew's Church Mission.

Dr. **St. Andrews Church Mission in Account Current with Martin Dyce & Co. Treasurers** Cr.

1863 June 1	To Balance at this date.....	\$145	95	1863. Decr. 31	By Donations and Subscriptions from 1st January to 31st December.....	\$1837	49
Decr. 31	" Cash paid Tamil Catechist's Salaries for past year.....	438	20		" Reserve fund withdrawn from Bank..	1000	00
	" " Chinese Catechist's.....	631	85		" Interest on same.....	103	16
	" " Loan to Tye Kin.....	220	00		" Government Allowance to Schools for 3 months.....	37	50
	" " For Printing.....	38	00		" Amount received on account Tye Kim's loan.....	56	00
	" " Tan Swee Chinese Catechist; Expenses to Amoy.....	34	10				
	" " For repairs to Tamil Mission House.....	30	00				
	" " Passage money of Chinese Catechist from Hongkong.....	49	00				
	" " For Books.....	18	40				
	" " Furniture and other Exs: con- nectd with the Mission as per Vouchers.....	51	49				
	" " Expenses of Chinese boys School from July to Decr.....	234	07				
	" " Tamil boys School from October to December.....	30	25				
	" " do Girls School.....	17	26				
	" " Revd. E. S. Venn for past year.....	400	00				
	To Balance at credit.....	695	09		By Balance brought down.....	\$3034	00
		\$7316	00			\$695	09

E. & O. E. **MARTIN DYCE & CO.**
Treasurers.

THE FIRST REPORT

OF THE

REVD. E. S. VENN,

Superintendent of the Mission to the Heathen.

For the Half-Year ending 30th June 1863.

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To the REVD. A. D. NICOLSON M. A, Chaplain,

Secretary of the

St. Andrew's Church Mission.

Mission house, October 16th, 1863.

My dear Mr. Nicolson,

In drawing up my first Report for this year, I believe I am justified in expressing to you my opinion that through the continuance of the Divine blessing, the Mission is still making progress, though it be yet gradual.

It is true that clouds have, in two instances, been permitted by Him Who orders or allows all things, to overcast, during this year, the very bright prospects for the Mission with which it opened. Still these occurrences have not stayed the working of our Mission, nor discouraged the efforts of those who are yet engaged in carrying it on. While we remember that trial, and sometimes disappointment, are the appointed lot and accompaniment for every truly heavenly work, in this world of probation and discipline, may we not,—from the above statement made by me, if the Committee and yourself consider it is established by the facts which I subjoin—gather the conclusion that a vitality and vigour have been inherent in our Mission, and been granted to it according to its day, to enable it to withstand the shock of these trials?

I give below a brief sketch of statistics for our Service houses and Schools.

CHINESE S. HOUSES.

I. (INGSEE'S)

Attendance on the average.

Sunday Morning...9; Evening...13 Wednesday E...14

II. (a)

TAMIL S. HOUSE.

Attendance on the average.

Sunday Morning...18; Evening...12 Thursday E...11

CHINESE BOYS' SCHOOL (b)

Average Morning attendance, during May and June 70.

GIRLS' (c) 4.

TAMIL AND EURASIAN GIRLS' SCHOOL. (d)

Average attendance...15

(a) As no Catechist has been residing in this S: house since the close of February, I have received no regular Reports concerning the Services. (b) This school has been removed to No. 11 Upper Hokien Street; i. e. it is in the street which is just below the Police Court, on the right hand side, as a person goes down the South Bridge Road from my Mission house. (c) Many more Girls would attend this School, if I had sufficient funds. I wish it to have 20 Scholars; and this increase would, comparatively, not much increase the expense: e. g. 4 girls cost monthly \$9 50 cents; 20 would cost \$17 50 cents (d) As I have only funds for one Mistress in this School, it, too, is now limited to 20 Scholars.

Baptisms between January, and the end of June.

CHINESE, ADULTS...2 TAMIL, ADULT...1

The first of two unusual trials which have, this year, befallen our Mission, occurred towards the close of Feby. Sanswee, our zealous and successful Catechist, was then visited with a serious illness. After being attended for it in the Hospital during a fortnight, he resumed his labours: but in a few weeks, it appeared again; and on his second recovery in the Hospital, his medical attendant stated that his health would not allow him to remain in this climate, and that it was needful he should return at once to China. The Committee paid the cost of his passage, providing him, also, with clothes and food for it; and as they considered his services had been valuable to the Mission, and as his health was, also, then uncertain, they paid the cost of his being accompanied by his brother to Amoy, in May, I

THE 2nd HALF YEARLY REPORT

OF THE

REVD. E. S. VENN,

Missionary to the Heathen in Singapore;

For the year 1863 ending 31st Decr.

To the

REVD. C. J. WATERHOUSE, M. A.

*Residency Chaplain of Singapore, and Secretary of
the St. Andrew's Church Mission to the Heathen,
in union with the Ven. S. P. G.*

MY DEAR MR. WATERHOUSE,

In reviewing the occurrences which have arisen during the past year, in connexion with our Mission to the Heathen, and which have in various ways affected it, as well as in contemplating the efforts we have been enabled to make for its actual work, I believe that its friends and managers, and all who are engaged in carrying out its blessed object and purposes, have well-founded cause for rendering praise to the Father of mercies. It seems to me evident we have many proofs that He has watched over it, and protected and delivered it in the time of trial, and strengthened it to persevere in continuing to aim at doing good to those thousands of our fellow-creatures around us, who, without such efforts, would be left destitute of true spiritual knowledge, and of the means by which their hearts can be subjected in love and obedience to it.

I trust that the subjoined table of mission statistics, which it is customary to place before the Committee at the close of each year, as well as the details of the Catechists' annual reports, will satisfy the Committee and the supporters of our mission that we may have increased hope for the future, as well as be thankful for past and present blessings.

Before I bring under your notice the mission statistics, I would ask of the Committee permission to record my

have lately received a letter from him, acquainting me that he had a prosperous voyage, and was at the time when he wrote, quite well in health. I am thankful I can report to you, first, that a successor for his duties has been found, whose name is Loi Fat; and secondly that he is on the voyage, with his wife, from Hongkong to come to us. During the intervals of cessation which have occurred, in consequence of Sanswee's illness, his place in the Service house has been temporarily supplied by voluntary and gratuitous services, rendered constantly by Kan King a member of our Chinese Mission. In order to prevent future disappointment to any friends of our Mission, it appears to me advisable to anticipate a portion of my second Report to you for this year, by saying that I have received from Baba Tyekim a letter, dated Pinang, September 20th, in which he acquaints us that in his opinion, his health has altogether failed, and that account of this he cannot continue his voyage to Calcutta, to be prepared for ordination at Bishop's College, as we hoped he would have been able to do; for which purpose, also he had been liberally supplied with sufficient funds by the Committee and my own Society.

It gives me much pleasure to report favourably of the Tamil Mission. You will perceive, by the statistics given above, that there is some increase in the attendance at the Services in it. I think that any friends of our Mission who will visit the Tamil S. house and the School taught in it during the week, and our present Chinese boy's School house, on any day when they have leisure, will be thereby gratified.

All our Teachers who are with us, in both our Missions, continue zealous, faithful, and diligent in their labours and efforts: and from a careful inspection of their efforts and examination of the Reports which they bring to me, I am satisfied they are the fruit of sincere love to our common Redeemer.

I would close my Report with the expression of my belief that the Teachers who are with us, and the members, in both our Missions, have since my last account of them was sent to you, stedfastly advanced "in Christian spirit and word and life and conversation."

I remain, my dear Mr. Nicolson,
Yours very sincerely,

EDWD. S. VENN.

deep gratitude and satisfaction for having received, in this month, a letter from the Revd. Mr. Hawkins, the Home Secretary of the S. P. G., in which he assures me that the Home Committee will rejoice to act, for our joint work, in unison with the St. Andrew's Committee.

Commencing with an account of our Catechists and their labours, I am glad to inform you that on last August 17th, the out-station of Geylang was occupied by a Sub-Catechist, Chong Keng. The house had been ready for a Teacher during nine months before; but no competent person could then be found. Our staff of Mission teachers, therefore, now consists of two married Chinese Catechists, and one Chinese Sub-catechist. Loi Fat, our new Chinese Catechist, arrived here from China on last October 19th. Our Chinese Sub-catechist is, also, married, and has a family in China; but like many of his countrymen who reside here, he cannot, from a law now prevailing in that semi-civilized empire, easily have them conveyed to Singapore. Tychichus is still our married Tamil Catechist.

This Table of Statistics gives the results of their labours for the past year.

CHINESE CONGREGATIONS

I. Of Ingsee at 3 Upper Chinchew Street.

No. of baptised persons...8

Of Communicants...7 Catechumens...3

Average number of congregation on Sundays...14

II. Of Loi Fat at 101 Victoria Street.

No. of baptised persons...12

Of Communicants...8 Catechumens...7

Average number of congregation on Sundays...17

III. At Geylang.

No. of baptised persons...none as yet.

Of Communicants...0 Catechumens...4

10 come to the Services. 8 is the largest number present at one of them.

TAMIL CONGREGATION.

At 575 Victoria Street.

No. of baptised persons...47

Communicants...25 Catechumens...11

Average number of congregation on Sundays,

Morning...23 Evening...10

On the Sabbath, Ingsee has two services, at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. : Loi Fat, two also, at 9 A. M. and 7 P. M. : and at 2 P. M. : both congregations meet, for Divine Service in the Chinese language, at St. Andrew's Church. The Tamil Sunday Services are at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M. During the rest of the week Ingsee has a service on Wednesday evenings, and the attendance is from 8-15 : Loi Fat, on Thursday evenings, with an attendance from 10-15 : Tychichus, on Thursday evenings, with 9 as the average attendance. All these services are at 7 P. M.

As it appears to me that the insertion of a report for our Schools in this general Report would tend to make the latter less clear, I will give the Schools' report in a separate paper ; desiring to leave to the discretion of the Committee whether it be printed in full, as an appendix to this Report, or extracts from it be inserted here, in this part of the general report.

Concerning the various Service-houses I can state that they are now in good repair and order ; that which we have at Geylang has been slightly damaged by some high tides, but is being now secured against the effects of these for the future. The rooms which are used in each for Christian worship and teaching are, also, decently and sufficiently furnished for these purposes.

For incidents illustrative of the belief which I think we may entertain, that our efforts have not been in vain during the past year for promoting the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and establishing it in the hearts of those among our native residents who have not as yet heard it, or have not obeyed it, I would refer the Committee to the

accompanying reports of the Catechists. At present, I would only point to the fact that, in every item of the above table there is an increase of number, except in the present attendance at the regular congregations, which, if both missions are taken together, is about stationary: but this attendance is always changing, on account of the fluctuating habits of our native population. Thus, where we have been encouraged and strengthened to increase our efforts, and moved to persevere in them, for the advancement of the kingdom of God, He has been pleased to give us heavenly fruit, and His promised increase to our labours. Probably as of old in the Primitive Church, many years will elapse before a universal or general change will be accomplished among those for whom we are making these efforts. Yet, in the meantime, as our Christian brethren then acted, so it seems to be now our part, that we should use every Christian effort for loosing the burden of prejudice, and error, and ignorance from our native population, and for leavening their minds and hearts with the knowledge of Divine truth, as it has been entrusted to us.

Once more I thankfully bear my testimony to the zeal and cheerful diligence of all my Catechists in carrying on their part of our sacred work; and also to my sense of the efficiency with which they perform their manifold, and sometimes difficult, duties, and of their readiness to listen to and carry out my wishes always.

Before I close my present Report, it appears expedient to me to take cognizance of some remarks which have been made concerning the receiving, during the year 1862, of two persons into our mission who were neither Heathens nor Mahometans. It is certainly true that both my missions are for these classes of persons; and my Catechists are instructed and permitted by me to labour, and endeavour to make converts, among them alone. But the Church of England declares itself, as a true branch of the Catholic Church of Christ, to be 'a witness and a keeper of Holy Scripture'; and therefore, in the case of those who apply to it for instruction from the Scriptures which they cannot obtain elsewhere, none who are members of our Church, or Teachers in it, can refuse to give this instruction readily and fully.

Having my humble and earnest prayer with those of the friends of our Missions, that both of them may

yet be prospered more and more by the Divine Author
and giver of Salvation,

I remain, my dear Mr. Waterhouse,

Yours very faithfully in Christ,

EDWD. S. VENN.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION HOUSE, }
505 North Bridge Road: }
February 24th 1864. }

To the

REVD. C. J. WATERHOUSE, M. A.

*Residency Chaplain and Secretary of the St. Andrew's
Mission to the Heathen in Singapore.*

My dear Mr. Waterhouse,

In presenting to the Committee, through you, my second Report for the Mission Schools, during the year 1863, I desire to record again my gratitude to the Giver of all good things, for the general prosperity which has attended them.

It is evidently not becoming in me to speak of them or their operations in praise or dispraise. But I desire, also, to state my conviction, formed after patient inquiry, and inspection of these Schools, that they are accomplishing the purposes for which they have been founded. These are, first, the imparting of religious truth, in instruction and practice, which is drawn from the pure Word of Gbd: and secondly, the giving of sound knowledge and correct information on secular subjects, by which the effect of ignorance on the minds of the Pupils, that arises from idolatrous superstition and unbelief, is much weakened, and the progress of the Gospel is materially, though outwardly, assisted.

It is a pleasure to me to be able to inform you that the complement of our Schools is now made up. We have established four for the two Missions to the heathen, and of these, three are now in active operation. In describing their operations particularly, it is not possible to repeat in each annual Report minute details concerning them. It appears sufficient for me to say that my object, in each of

them is to afford to the Pupils a plain but sound religious, moral, and intellectual education, through the medium of the English and Malay languages.

1. The Chinese boys' Day-School, established in September, 1862. This has been removed from Lower Chinchew Street to a more airy and commodious house at 71 Upper Hokien Street. At the close of 1863, the No. on the School book was 112, and the average attendance 76. Now both these numbers are increased, and the latter especially: there are at present frequently 120 Pupils in attendance. My object will now be to make, as far as I can, this School a more directly Mission School. The Scriptures are read regularly by the 1st Class, and explained to it; and books founded on Christian principles and feelings are used in every Class of the School. But as yet, the lower Classes cannot read well enough to understand the Book of God; and there is evidently an objection to making it a class-book for instructing them how to read. I am, therefore, devising plans for giving to them, also, easy and elementary instruction in the truths of our religion.

2. The Chinese Girls' Day-School, founded in November, 1862. The number of scholars in this has been limited almost always to four, from the small sum which could be spared for it; for two months only, there were six in it. I regret to write, also, that during the last two months, it has been quite closed, in consequence of the funds on which it was dependent having been employed for another purpose. I still hope it may be soon re-opened; and the more so, as out of its small number of scholars, one has been brought to a right knowledge of Christianity, and I believe to a true conversion of heart towards its teaching, and has, in consequence, received Baptism. This school is still kept in one of the Chinese Catechists' houses: but he resides now in a more healthy house, No. 2 Upper Chinchew Street, instead of living in Lower C. S.

3. The Tamil boys' Day-School, at 105-1 South bridge road. This has been opened lately, viz in October, 1863. Like the other Schools, it has a Christian as its principal Teacher. The largest number which I have seen in attendance is 24, but as it is newly formed, and its numbers are increasing, it is not easy to determine yet an average attendance for it. I was glad to see three little girls present among the 24; I trust we may hail this circum-

stance as a hopeful sign : for till this recent time, all the efforts of myself and Mrs. Venn and the Tamil Catechist had failed to persuade Tamil Parents to send their daughters to our Tamil Girls' School.

4. The Tamil and Eurasian Girls' Day-School, at 575 Victoria Street. The Pupils in it appear to me to continue to make regular and sure progress in all branches of the instruction which is given to them. But the number in attendance has for a time decreased, in consequence of serious illness which visited the Tamil Catechist's family last year, and withdrew the principal Teacher from the School for some months towards the close of 1863.

Besides the above Schools, another day school for Chinese boys and youths, combined with an Evening school for Chinese adult men, has been opened by a member of my Chinese Mission ; these have been in existence for a few months. Now they are carried on in a room of a large house in Philip street, near Commercial square. The boys' school is quite self-supporting, the Pupils being the sons of Chinese merchants and traders. Christianity is taught in it, and the Master brings some of his scholars to my Chinese Services. For these satisfactory reasons, and because the School seems to me to be well conducted, I have united it with my Mission schools, and have promised the Master to assist him, in obtaining books &c. for it, and by giving advice to him about its management : but this arrangement is with the condition that it shall not be attended with any pecuniary cost to our Mission.

I have recently examined all the classes of these schools, and embody, in the above remarks, the general results of this inquiry into their state.

I beg, in concluding this Report, to acknowledge the kindness of the Government in continuing their former grants to the Chinese Boys' and Tamil and Eurasian Girls' schools. I also return my best thanks to the Committee for the liberal and ready support which they have afforded to my schools, since they were placed in union with the St. Andrew's Mission.

I remain, my dear Mr. Waterhouse,

Yours very faithfully in Christ,

EDWD. S. VENN.

St. Andrew's Mission House,

505 North Bridge Road,

May 7th, 1864.

Dr. **St. Andrews Church Mission to Seamen in connection with the London Society Mission to Seamen Or**
in Account Current with Martin Dyce & Co. Treasurers.

1863. Dec. 31	To Cash paid Revd. J. C. Ince Salary from 1st January to date	\$1400	1863. Jany. 1
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"	" Clerks Salary	40	
"	" Boatmans Wages and Boat hire	121	
"	" Printing	810	
"	" Paint and Oil &c, for Bethel	2138	
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			" Allowance from London Society £100
			" Balance due Treasurers at this date
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REPORT

Of the Revd. J. C. Ince, Seamen's Chaplain.

To the

REVD. C. J. WATERHOUSE, M. A.—Chaplain.

January 30th, 1864.

My dear Mr. Waterhouse,

I have great pleasure in presenting you with my third annual report of the Mission to Seamen in Singapore, and although I cannot record any striking incidents in connection with my work, still I trust some good has been done; for the promises of God stand sure, His Word shall not return to Him void, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not. During the past year 3000 vessels have visited our port—of these about one third were English—one third foreign—and the remainder Country ships having native crews but commanded by English officers.

My afternoon and occasional morning visits to the shipping in harbour have been continued as usual, and I trust through the blessing of God with some measure of success. During last year I have been enabled to hold 140 short (weekday) services on board different ships; and some of them, especially when pious officers or men were on board, were truly encouraging. Upwards of 6000 tracts in various languages—6 Bibles—and a number of books kindly placed at my disposal by the Captain of the Falcon of Cape Town have been distributed—and 24 Bibles and 18 Prayer Books sold.

The services held in the Floating Church have been very well attended during the past year, and more than once, 2 or 3 men have remained behind after service for conversation about their souls; many pious Captains—and officers also have at different times expressed their grateful sense of the value of such an institution, and the benefit which their men apparently receive from attending it. Bishop Boone, of the American Church in China, engaged to preach on board in December last; but I regret to say was unable to do so on account of the dangerous illness of his wife. The self-performing organ which was presented to the Church unfortunately did not answer. I now use a small harmonium instead which does very well.

The Sailor's Home has had a much larger number of inmates than usual during last year; a few months ago we had over 120 men living there, 70 or 80 of whom were from American vessels which had been destroyed by the 'Alabama'. During the past year I have visited it as usual to read and converse with the men—distribute tracts &c. Our Thursday Evening meeting has been kept up and is well attended—indeed once or twice the room could hardly contain all that came together.

I have also been enabled to provide a boat for any of the men who may prefer attending the Floating Church on Sundays and sometimes 20 or 30 avail themselves of the privilege.

The House of Correction has been regularly visited during the past year, and the usual service held every Monday and Friday morning. R. whom I mentioned in my last report as confined for life continues to pursue his Christian course—he tells me he finds his greatest comfort in reading the Bible and prayer.

The Seamen's Hospital has also had a much larger number of patients than usual—in November there were about 100, 30 or 40 of whom were from H.M. ships stationed here, I have continued my visits on weekdays as usual to read and pray by the bedsides of the sick and dying,—and the Sunday Morning Service held at 7 o'clock a. m. has been invariably well attended. There have been 22 deaths during the past 12 months and 380 patients have been discharged convalescent—one of them came up to me a few weeks ago before he left and said he could thank God for bringing him there, for he had been enabled to find peace through believing in Jesus Christ. Some of those who have passed away appeared to be untouched by the truths of the Gospel—others I rejoice to say manifested as far as man can judge, sure signs of repentance and faith in the Saviour of sinners—and often the last request of some of the poor fellows has been, that I would write to a beloved father or mother at home about the closing scene. One of the convalescents, a Seaman, has lately given me much help and encouragement, he is always ready to read a verse or two from the Bible to his brother sailors, and to tell them in language that they can all understand what the Lord has done for his soul.

I have been enabled by the kind contributions of christian friends to greatly increase the library; it now contains about 200 vols. and is much made use of by the men.

Trusting that the blessing of God may rest upon the efforts made during the present year to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom,

I remain, my dear Mr. Waterhouse,

Yours faithfully

JOHN C. INCE.

FIFTH REPORT

FROM

Peter Tychicus, Tamil Catechist, Singapore.

To the

REVD. E. S. VENN, M. A.

*Missionary of the St. Andrew's Church Mission,
Singapore.*

REVD. SIR,

I beg most respectfully to submit to you a few details and extracts from my report of the past year. But first I beg to lay before you the following account of my daily work.

On Monday I distribute Tracts and teach the people in Fort Canning and in different places, and give my weekly report to you as my superior. I also attend the meeting held at your house in the evening of the second and fourth Monday of every month. On Tuesday morning I accompany you in visiting Tamil Christians; and afterwards I hold a meeting in Col. Bond's house for his servants, and conclude with prayer; and I also teach the two girls of one of his Christian servants, as my scholars, from the Tamil Psalms.

On Wednesday I teach the Catechumens in my house, and sometimes you teach them through my interpretation; at present the Catechumens are living far from my house; therefore I go and instruct and catechise them at the Officer's Mess-house and other places which are beyond the Sepoys

lines. I also visit our Tamil boys' English school at No. 105-1 South Bridge Road Singapore, and hold a lecture on a portion of the Scripture, and conclude with prayer. In the evening I hold a meeting in the Sepoys' family Barracks, and conclude with prayer; and distribute Tracts afterwards. On Thursday I teach Mrs Smith's servants, and visit our Christians, and distribute Tracts; and in the evening I hold a prayer meeting in my house. On Friday I accompany you, to visit the Christians; and I distribute Tracts and instruct the heathen and Mahometans, and prepare my sermon. On Saturday I accompany you to visit the Christians; and I teach the people. In the evening I bring my sermon to you. On the Sabbath, I perform Divine Service At 11 A. M., and 5 P. M.; and from 10 to 11 A. M. I attend the Sunday School, as well as yourself, in my house. In general adults, both men and women, are taught. Mrs. Venn is present at it as often as she is able to be, and gives instruction in English. My wife teaches the women and a few children in Tamil; she also teaches the female catechumens, when they come in my absence, except on Wenesdays. While you, Sir, also instruct the men in English, I do the same in Tamil; I also Interpret for you when you preach in the Tamil congregation. I sometimes assist in the Tamil and Eurasian, girls' English School conducted by my elder daughter, under the Superintendence of Mrs. Venn; my wife spends there two hours every day, in teaching the girls to sew, and Mrs. Venn, as well as my wife, considers they are improved very much since last year. I have, during the past year, taught the Tamil language to Mr. Daniel De Foe, a Portuguese young man, who is now employed as the teacher in the Tamil boys' English School at 105-1 South Bridge Road. I still continue to do this for him; and he teaches the boys faithfully, and I believe that the school will be prospered more and more by degrees.

Last year 4 adults were converted: and also 3 children 10 and 7 years, and 1½ year old, were baptized by you. Two marriages were performed; one by you, and the other by the Revd. Mr. Ince, when you went to Sarawak, in last December. I distributed about 500 Tracts and books during the past year.

The average attendance on the Sabbath for Divine service in my house is 23 at 11 A. M., and 10 at 5 P. M.: on Tuesday, at Col. Bonds' house, 11 at 11 A. M.: on Wed-

nesday, in the Sepoys' family Barracks, 5 at 4 P. M.: on Thursday in my house 12 at 6½ P. M. The whole number of our Tamil Christians in Singapore is now 47, and of these, 25 are Comunicants. The Catechumens now are 11; and of these 4 are preparing to be baptized.

May the guidance of God our Father, Saviour, and Sanctifier lead his unbelieving creatures of the human race to come speedily and in large numbers to the knowledge of the truth, for obtaining the eternal Salvation of their souls through the merits of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Amen.

I am, Revd. Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant,
PETER TYCHICUS.

TAMIL M. SERVICE HOUSE,
575 Victoria Street:
December, 31st 1863. }

Extract from a conversation with Heathens about the Ash which they paint in order to obtain the forgiveness of their sins.

In one occasion I taught many heathens about their various errors, and especially about the Ash which they paint on their foreheads, as a mark of heathenism, in the vain hope of obtaining the forgiveness of their sins, and entrance into Heaven without hindrance, as it is said in their Paranam, or Veda.

P. T. Friends, what do you mean by putting paint on your forehead and marking your faces with ashes, after you have cleansed your bodies with water? Are you able to say to others that you have thus obtained the forgiveness of the sins which you have committed against the law of the Almighty?

Hea. What do you know about the value of the holy ash? We believe that we will have the remission of our sins and Heaven through it; for among us there are many learned persons who up to this time use it, Do you think that all these were senseless persons?

P. T. Friends, be not angry with me, but hear me

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about the truth, if you please. First, as I know, the value of the ash is that the Heathens who put their trust in it will surely be bold to do every sort of sin, like the brute beasts. For instance, their impurity is quite contrary even to our natural conscience; and their thefts, murder, false oaths, and the like, are also wicked; they are never afraid to do such abominable and dreadful actions, for they think foolishly that they can, by pointing to the ash, prove to God that they are free from the guilt of such vile sins; and that God is even bound to give an entrance into heaven to them as a righteous people. Secondly the Heathens alas! are senseless persons: for they learn nothing but to injure their neighbours, to get money by any means, and to become great men in this world. Do they know what is sin, and what is righteousness, and concerning divine things? Indeed they do not know these at all, for if they knew them truly, they would not do such dreadful sins in their idols' temples &c.

Friends, let us speak no more of these things. But what you think of the ash?

Hea. I believe that I will receive the remission of my sins, and heaven, if I use it with strong faith.

P. T. If it be so, let us suppose that you and I are very intimate friends; and that you wish to go tomorrow to a certain place with \$1000. No person knows about the matter except myself; and you have told me because you think I am your trusty friend. Nevertheless if I went then to stand in the way and to kill you, in order that I might possess your money, and if when you came near to me, I drew a sword to kill you, then you would probably, my dear friend, say to me, that God Almighty will punish me for this sin by everlasting punishment in Hell. Then if I were to say,—“O foolish friend, it is quite true that you and I are very intimate friends, and also, that the action which I am going to do to you, my intimate friend, in order to possess your money, is a great sin. But yet it is nothing, my friend, and do not be sorry about me; and do not think that I will go to Hell; for even if God pleases to send me to it, He could not, because here is the holy ash which I am going to paint on my body as soon as I have killed you, and possess your money; for thus I firmly believe, as well as you, that I shall have forgiveness of this sin, and heaven without hindrance, through this ash”—then

what would you think and say about the faith of your Heathenism? Then every Heathen was ashamed, and they did not know what answer to give to me, and many of them went away quietly. However four goldsmiths and a woman who were working at the foot of the hills near Sepoys' Lines said to me that all my doctrine is right; and they asked me how they can obtain pardon from God. Then I taught them plainly, thus:—Believe on Jesus Christ the Son of God as your Security; for He has died and shed His blood to save all sinners who come unto Him for repentance, faith, pardon, holiness, and everlasting life.

REPORT FROM

Tan Ingsee, Chinese Catechist, Singapore Town.

To the

REVD. E. S. VENN, M. A.

Missionary of the St. Andrew's Church Heathen Mission in Singapore.

Revd. Sir,

I beg most respectfully to submit to you a few details and extracts from my Reports for the past year. But first, I beg to lay before you the following account of my daily work. On Monday I visit Christians; and teach the heathen also, and distribute Tracts in different places. I attend the meeting held at your house on the evening of the second and fourth Monday of every month. On Tuesday I teach the heathen and distribute Tracts in different Chinese vessels which are in the Harbour and in many places on land. On Wednesday I teach the heathen; and distribute Tracts in different places during the day; and in the evening I have a meeting in my house. On Thursday, I teach the heathen, and distribute tracts on board different Chinese vessels, and I bring my weekly Report to you as my Superior. On Friday I teach the heathen, and distribute Tracts near Orchard Road, and I also teach the servants in the houses of different Gentlemen who reside there. In the evening I hold a meeting in my house. On Satur-

day I teach the servants in three Gentlemen's houses in Commercial Square, and I prepare my Sermons. On Sunday I perform Divine Service twice in my house, and once on every Sabbath, it is performed at 2 P. M., in St. Andrew's Church, alternately by me and Loi Fat the Catechist of Campong Glam. As my wife's health has not been very strong, she was not able to attend regularly to her girls' School. Nevertheless through the blessing of God upon her efforts, a Chinese girl from her school, twelve years old, was baptized this year. I also interpret for you in the Hylam and Hokien dialects, when you preach in Malay to my Chinese Congregation. Last year 3 adults and 1 girl, 12 years of age, were baptized by you from my Congregation. One marriage was performed by you. I distributed about 200 tracts and books. The average attendance on Sunday for Divine Service in my house is 14 for the two services together. On Wednesday evenings 10 at 7 P. M., and on Friday evenings, when I especially instruct my Catechumens 9 at 7 P. M. The whole number of Christians who are under my care at present is 8; out of these 7 are communicants: 4 Catechumens are under instruction, and out of these four 2 are almost ready to be baptized. My present house is situated at No. 3 Upper Chinchew Street; it is a better place for Divine Service than the former in the Lower Street, because it is not disturbed, as the former was, by quarrels among the Heathen.

May the merciful God pour his grace on this Mission field that the believers in Him may be increased through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Redeemer of the world.

I am, Revd. Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant,
TAN INGSEE.

Chinchew Street, }
31st December 1863. }

Extract from the weekly Reports of Tan Ingsee.

On 27th April 1863, I accompanied our Tamil Catechist, P. Tychious, to Tanjong Putri; and on the next day we visited the Malay Prince who governs it. I was

requested by the Prince, to read for him from one of our Chinese Tracts. Immediately I read about the various miracles of Jesus Christ the Son of God, and the Ten Commandments of God. The Sermon which our Lord preached on the Mount was also read by me, with some explanation; and I also read about the conversation of Nicodemus with the Lord Jesus; and lastly I read "He that believeth not in Jesus Christ the Son of God shall not see life." He conversed with us for some time on this subject; and at last the Tamil Catechist asked him to read the liii chapter of Isaiah from the English Bible. The Prince kindly permitted us to distribute our religious Tracts freely in his country. I also went to many places there, and taught the Chinese; and also some Malays: they heard me quietly when I spoke to them about the Son of God.

Out of the 3 adult converts whom I have mentioned in my Report, one was the wife of an English Captain of a merchantman. I went and taught her in the ship; at first she did not wish to hear about Christianity, but afterwards she was converted by the grace of God, and was baptized by you. Another of them was connected with the wicked Society (Thentheva,) but after he had heard the Gospel, he left that Society and his idol worship, and was converted to the truth; and was baptized by you.

FIRST TWO MONTHS' REPORT,

From Chok Loi Fat, Chinese Catechist, Singapore.

To the

Rev. E. S. VENN, M. A.

Missionary of the St. Andrew's Church Mission to the Heathen in Singapore.

Rev. Sir,

I have the honor of sending you the first Annual Report for my portion of the Chinese Mission, during the two months which began on 1st November, and ended on 31st December, 1863. But first, I beg to lay before you a brief account of my work while I was in China.

I was employed as a Catechist, under a German Missionary, the Revd. Mr. Hanspach, for more than four years, and used to go together with him into the country and inland places around Canton, to preach the blessed Gospel amongst the numerous and benighted heathen. There we met several times with dangers, persecutions, robbery, and abuse from the natives.

Now it pleases God to settle me as a Catechist in Singapore through your kindness in recommending me to the Committee, to whom I render my heartfelt thanks to for having allowed me to be a labourer in their Mission field. By the mercy and protection of Almighty God, I and my wife, who was one of the girls in Dr Legge's Mission School, arrived at Singapore on the 20th October, 1863. We have our dwelling in the Service-house No. 101 Victoria Street. During these two months, the greatest part of my time has been occupied in preaching from house to house, in shops, at plantations, in coolies' dwellings and sawyers' sheds &c; and I have tried to gain as much acquaintance with the people as could, being yet a stranger here, in order that I may have more opportunities of being admitted into their houses and families, and of preaching there the invaluable riches of the Gospel before them.

The accustomed places of my visits have been in Singapore Town, Kampong Glam, Rochore, the dock in New Harbour, Sandy point, &c. The most favourable time for teaching the workmen and coolies is at noon, from 12 to 1, while they are resting from their work, I am able to speak to them in 3 different dialects, viz. the Kay, the Cantonese, and the Hokien: the first is known by almost the whole of the blacksmiths in this island; the second by the carpenters and ship builders; and the last by the coolies. I went out every day, the sabbaths excepted, to distribute tracts, and to preach the good tidings of salvation in different places. Once a fortnight I have attended the prayer meetings held in your house. On Thursday evenings, I have a meeting for prayer and preaching in my house, at which the usual attendance is from 10 to 15. On Tuesday evenings, the Catechumens are instructed by me; their number is at present 7. On Saturdays I prepare my sermons for the sabbath. The usual attendance at Divine Service in my house, on Sundays, is 19 at 9 A. M. and 15 at 7 P. M. The number of tracts

which I have distributed during these two months to those who can read Chinese, is 105.

I remain, Revd. Sir, your most
Obedient Servant,
CHOK LOI FAT.

AN ACCOUNT
OF
TWO CHINESE DOCTORS.

There are two Chinese doctors who lived together in a Shop at Rochore. One day I went to their shop, and conversed with them about the sins of mankind, and the punishment of eternal death, and declared to them the true and living God, and his son Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of the world, and the necessary importance of their securing their future welfare through the Divine grace. They both became convinced of their sins, and that the wrath of God was upon them for having broken his laws, and that they need his mercy and forgiveness. So they earnestly and sincerely repented and sought for mercy through Christ. They both have since attended regularly at Divine worship; one of them afterwards, I am sorry to say, fell back into his former practices, through the ill-treatment which he suffered from his relatives and friends.* But the other remains steadfast, and declares openly his desire to be a Christian. Therefore I judge him to be a true and faithful soldier of Christ, and to be willing rather to endure the ill usage and persecutions of men than deny his beloved Master, who spared not even his own life and died for him on the cross. He also refuses to eat the sacrifices which are offered to idols. I pray and trust that by the grace of God he will walk constantly as a faithful servant of Christ, and endure to the end, that he may obtain mercy, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

* When this ill treatment is accompanied with an assault and blows, I have instructed the Catechists to take these cases with proper witnesses, into the Police Court. If it consists of annoyance only, the Catechumens are exhorted and encouraged to be patient and wait in faith.

E. S. V.

REPORT

Of Tan Chong Keng, Sub-Catechist in the Geylang
branch of the St. Andrew's Chinese Mission.

To the

REVD. E. S. VENN M. A.

Missionary.

This branch of the Mission was commenced on August 15th 1863. Chong Keng begs to relate the following particulars concerning it. The Mission buildings consist of a Chapel, and of rooms attached to it for myself. The following are the days for my Services On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday I preach the Gospel abroad, and distribute Tracts and books. On Monday, Tuesday and Friday, I preach the Gospel in the Chapel. On Wednesday, I bring my weekly Report to you.

Extracts from his Journal.

September. I went to visit the people who usually attend at the Chapel. These men live at about 4 miles' distance from it. I pointed out to them the cxlv. Psalm from the Holy Bible, and advised them from it, and checked their errors about their worshipping of Idols. To others I went and distributed tracts and books. Since that time they have confessed that their former deeds were in vain; and I showed to them further, from the New Testament, 1 Thess. i. 9-10, one of them became convinced of the truth of Christianity.

Sunday. Three men attended at the Chapel, one of whom is a gambier planter. He thought he could, of himself, do good in the sight of God, and save himself thus by his own deeds. Therefore I instructed him from St. Matt. xv. 19; and I said to him, "If you still do these things, you cannot be saved; and you cannot forsake them, nor be delivered from their guilt, unless you believe on Jesus Christ who came from heaven to save sinners." When he heard this, his heart became inclined to the light; and he has since paid constant attendance at my Mission Chapel.

October. I went to the Tanjong Katong Plantation, and visited those who were before willing to come to

the Chapel, and taught the Gospel to them. Some of them made contradictions against the true religion: then I explained it to them thoroughly. Whereupon they questioned me thus, "What is the use and profit for us to believe on Jesus Christ?" Then I showed to them from the New Testament, Jude 14, 15: and I further explained to them that Jesus Christ the Son of God, came into the world, and took upon Himself the human nature, to save sinners from their sins; and that those who believe in Him have everlasting life. I also, pointed out to them, Rom. iii. 24; 1 Tim. ii. 5, 6; Heb. viii. 10, and ix. 15. When they had heard these passages of the Gospel, I advised them to let their hearts cling to this way of salvation. Afterwards three usually attended my Chapel, one of whom is since dead; but I am very glad to say that the other two are desirous to be baptized. The Geylang Chapel is surrounded by several Chinese shops, to which I have often paid visits, my object being to spread the Gospel among those who live in them. They seem willing to listen, but refuse to attend the services in the Chapel. Their remarks to me generally run thus, "After we have been fully supplied with the riches of this world, then we shall become the followers of Christ." Among those shopkeepers, however, few wish to contradict the true religion; and I showed to them, from the New Testament, 1 Tim. vi. 8-10, and Luke xii. 15-25. Recently one of them has been convinced of the blessings of Christianity, and is desirous to hear the Gospel when I preach it to him.

8th November, Sunday. This person came to my Chapel, and I have often visited him at his residence, and he seems willing to pay his visits at night to my house, to hear more about the Gospel; and he has applied to me for baptism. The two men who lived at Tanjong Katong, and used to attend my Chapel before, having now removed to a greater distance, are unable to attend it. In a few words, 8 men have usually attended my Chapel, and of these, four are desirous to be baptized.

Geylang, 31st December 1863.