

# ADDRESS

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### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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In making a few prefatory remarks to the Report for the past year, I may first call your attention to the changes which have taken place during that period. Your late Chaplain, who served this Church so acceptably for the last eight years, has been called to fill the higher and more responsible post of Bishop of the Diocese, and we cannot but wish him God-speed in the new and arduous sphere which, as Bishop and Missionary, God's Providence has called him to occupy; nor must we withhold our prayers that the cause of Christ and His Kingdom may prosper under his direction.

During the interval, while the Archdeacon was in England, the Rev. L. C. BIGGS, Chaplain of Malacca, undertook the duty, as acting Chaplain.

On Advent Sunday, the Bishop was installed in the Cathedral, the Clergy and Trustees taking part in the Ceremony. On the same day, it was my privilege to commence my duties among you as Colonial Chaplain, and I trust it may be granted to me to fulfil the duties of that post to the good of the Church and the welfare of the people entrusted to my charge.

At the same time, also, the Rev. W. EVERINGHAM began his work as Military Chaplain at Tanglin, and took charge of the Mission to Seamen.

I have proposed no alteration of any importance in the mode of conducting the services of the Cathedral, as the present arrangements appear to be suited to the requirements of the Congregation.

There is a daily service at 5 o'clock, but it does not seem to be much appreciated. The 7.30 p.m., service on Wednesday, was, I believe, instituted at the special request of the congregation, who desired a mid-week service and address. This continues to be fairly well attended. I hope to establish a unity in these services, by either taking up a course of subjects from time to time, or by making them the occasion of expository lectures on the Scriptures: and also occasionally noticing the progress of Mission work in the different parts of the world.

I hope, if found practicable, to have a Bible Class during the week for those who cannot attend the evening service, and for others.

Also, I much wish to establish a periodical Meeting of Communicants for the purpose of preparation, and for getting a better understanding of the nature of that Holy Sacrament, which so many neglect to their loss and at their peril.

It is very satisfactory to find so many young persons coming forward for confirmation as were presented last November.

There were nineteen young men and forty-three young women, and at the Mission Church where separate confirmation services were held, there were forty Chinese and Malays confirmed in their own language.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—Many of the congregation have not perhaps given much attention to this important branch of Church work, where the young are trained up in the knowledge of the Scriptures, and in the principles of the Church—knowledge which they do not get elsewhere.

The Children are plentiful, the Teachers are few. Will not some of the ladies, and some of the young men of our congregation, give up one hour a week to do something for God in this work? They will receive more than they give. I shall be glad to hear from any who are willing to do something, and to give them every assistance. I propose, in connection with the School, to have once a month a Service for Children such as will, I trust, interest and profit them. Others than those belonging to the School are invited to come also. The hour is 4.15. Notice is given the previous Sunday.

THE CHOIR.—At present it is in an efficient state, and has its full compliment. If any gentlemen who can sing wish to be put down for the next vacancy, I shall be happy to receive their names.

Regularity of attendance at the practice and service, especially at the latter, is of the first importance, as without this there is no guarantee that the Services of the Church shall be creditably or efficiently conducted.

During the year a new Trustee of the Cathedral has been elected, The Assistant-Commissary-General W. H. Christie, Esq., Tanglin.

We have this year been surprised with the threat of disendowment.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council, held on Thursday, February 16th, the subject was brought before the members (see "*Straits Times*" of March 2nd). Our friends and neighbours, the Roman Catholics as well as Presbyterians, were of one mind with the members of our own Church in condemning the proposal as unasked for, undesirable, and generally injurious to the social and religious interest of this community. We trust that after this decided expression of opinion the Home authorities will reconsider their proposal.

I take this opportunity of thanking those ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly given their time and services in helping forward the work of our Cathedral.

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TRUSTEES OF THE CATHEDRAL.

The Colonial Chaplain, Rev. Ths. Meredith.

The Colonial Secretary, Hon. C. C. Smith.

The Colonial Engineer, Hon. H. E. McCullum.

The Hon. T. Shelford.

W. H. Christie, Esq., Assistant-Commissary-General.

The Cathedral,

March, 1882.

THS. MEREDITH,

*Colonial Chaplain.*



Dr. Balance Sheet No. 2, — St. Andrew's Cathedral Funds in Account Current with Cr.  
Thos. Shelford, Esq., Treasurer for 1881.

	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.
Balance ... ..			647		41	
<b>SALARIES:—</b>						
Organist, 12 months' ... ..	900				00	
Trustees, Clerk ... ..	264				00	
Collecting Peon ... ..	84				00	
Servants and Punkah Wallahs	340	75				
<b>LIGHTING:—</b>						
Gas Account ... ..			119		70	
<b>CHOIR:—</b>						
Choir Boys ... ..			135		50	
<b>CATHEDRAL GROUNDS:—</b>						
John Little & Co. ... ..	15				25	
Brooms, Fences, &c. ... ..	2				30	
<b>SUNDRY EXPENSES:—</b>						
X'mas Boxes ... ..	6					
Receipt Stamps ... ..	2				14	
Mission Press ... ..	11				50	
Katz Bros., Bell... ..	8				00	
Matting ... ..	9				90	
Decorating Expenses ... ..	3				25	
Surplice ... ..	43				29	
Balance ... ..			139		93	
			\$2,045		41	

Singapore, 31st December, 1881.  
T. SHELFORD,  
Honorary Treasurer.

Balance Sheet No. 3.—Additional Clergy Fund.

RECEIPTS :—		EXPENDITURE :—	
	\$	C.	C.
Balance from 1880	...	21 09	1,312 50
By subscriptions	...	205 50	125 00
Easter Offertory	...	97 62	...
Military Chaplains Salary	...	500 00	...
Seamen's Mission Allowance	...	562 50	...
Balance due	...	51 29	...
Total.....	\$1,437 50		Total..... \$1,437 50

This Balance Sheet is not complete.

THS. MEREDITH,  
Colonial Chaplain.





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CHURCH MISSION.

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# ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSION.

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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THE REV.

THOS. MEREDITH, M.A.,  
*Secretary.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in forwarding the following report of the work done by the St. Andrew's Church Mission during the last year.

It may be necessary to mention for the information of new Subscribers that services in connection with the Mission are held in the Chapel, and also on week days in several parts of the town. Our Sunday services are usually three, in the three languages—Malay, Chinese, and Tamil; but on the first Sunday of the month the morning Service is in Malay, when all classes meet together for the celebration of Holy Communion. There is also a celebration on the third Sunday of the month in Chinese. The annexed statement will shew the services and classes held on week days.

The Service which is most appreciated and well attended is the Malay Service at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday. There is such a demand for Service and Hymn Books that I have been earnestly requested to prepare fresh editions of both. A third edition of the Hymn Book, with a hundred Malay Hymns, is in the printer's hands. One circumstance connected with it is worthy of mention. A member of the congregation has undertaken to have it printed at his own risk, and advanced \$60, the cost of printing, with the promise, when a sufficient number has been sold, to hand over the remaining copies to me for distribution among those who cannot afford to buy. The Morning and Evening Prayer, with the Litany, Administration of Holy Communion, Services for infant and adult Baptism, and the Churching of woman, are in course of preparation, and will, I hope, be printed also at the expense of the congregation.

For the use of our people, we are more or less always employed in translating, and as most of our translations are tentative, and few copies only need be printed at first, a small printing press is a necessity in connection with the Mission, but my efforts to procure one have not as yet been successful. I shall be thankful for any special contributions towards this object.

The largest attendance at one Service, during the year, was 144 and the number of communicants 65. Forty persons were confirmed by the Bishop in the Chapel—sixteen at the Malay Service and twenty-four at the Chinese Service. Twelve adults, after due instruction and probation, have been received during the year into the Church by Baptism.

The branch station at Jurong continues to make steady progress. Through the kind interest of friends in England in this Mission, and the pecuniary aid received in consequence, the Bishop proposes to put up a permanent Chapel, to replace the one, which the Christians there built at their own expense, and which has served as a place of worship for five years.

Another mark of persevering earnestness among the native converts is the liberality with which they have contributed for Church purposes during the year. These contributions have been steadily increasing year by year, but last year they amounted to \$329 $\frac{5}{10}$ . The special collection from the native congregation on Advent Sunday for the St. Andrew's Church Mission amounted to \$59 $\frac{9}{10}$ , as against \$33 $\frac{4}{10}$  the year before.

In conclusion, I would earnestly solicit the prayers of all Christians on behalf of those who have been already gathered into the fold, that they may continue steadfast and shine as lights among their countrymen, and on behalf of the heathen that they may be led to receive "the truth as it is in Jesus."

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

WM. H. GOMES, B.D.

*Mssy. S. P. C., & Supt. St. A. C. Mission.*

Balance Sheet No. 4.—St. Andrew's Church Mission,—Statement of Account for the year 1881.

1881. RECEIPTS.		\$	C.	\$	C.	EXPENDITURE.		\$	C.	\$	C.
To Balance, Cash in hand from 1880				110	50	By Allowance to Missionary				204	...
" Subscriptions		92	96	388	...	Chinese Catechist, Stry. 12 m.	\$17			60	...
" Whit Sunday Collections		235	70			do. Second	6			8	80
" Advent Collections						do. House Rent	4	5.20		40	...
" Special Collections Cathedral						do. do.	8	5			
" (Dr. Marks)		108	87	427	53						312
" Government Grant in Aid		225	...			Tamil Catechist Stry. 12 "	6				72
" do. for Results 1880		439	...	664	...	Gas for Services			750		16
" School Fees				216	40	Teachers' and Monitors' Salaries			45		56
						do. Gratuity from Results Grt.			60		855
						Servants' Wages					
						New Desks, Forms and Tables			42		
						Repairing & V'nishing Black-board			5		
						Whitewashing			16	33	
						Cleaning Latrine				75	64
						Printing Reports, 1879			15		
						do. Subscription Cards			2		
						Alphabet Cards				25	18
						Cheque Book				75	
						Balance, Cash in hand carried to					167
						1882					96
				\$1,806	43						\$1,806
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Singapore, 31st December, 1881.

ALEX. GENTLE,

Honorary Treasurer.

# SERVICES

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

## St. Andrew's Church Mission.

*Sunday* at 9 A.M.—Service in *Malay* on first Sunday of the month, in *Chinese* on the other Sundays.

*Sunday* at 11 A.M.—Service in *Tamil*.

*Sunday* at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Malay*.

*Tuesday* at 5 P.M.—Service in *Malay* in Princep Street.

*Tuesday* at 7.30 P.M.—Bible Class in *Chinese* in Mission House.

*Wednesday* at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Malay* first Wednesday of month in Serangoon Road.

*Thursday* at 7.30 P.M.—Bible Class in *Malay* in Mission House.

*Friday* at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Malay*, Mission Chapel.

*Saturday* at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Chinese*, Orchard Road.

Celebration of Holy Communion in *Malay*, on the first Sunday of the month, and on all great Festivals; in *Chinese* on the third Sunday of the month.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSION,

*During A.D. 1881.*



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