

St. Andrew's Cathedral.



Bishop.

Right Rev. G. F. HOSE, D.D., Bishop of Singapore, Sarawak and Labuan.

Colonial Chaplain.

The Venerable Archdeacon MEREDITH, M.A.

Assistant Clergy.

Rev. W. H. GOMES, B.D.

Rev. W. EVERINGHAM.

Organist and Choir-Master.

E. SALZMANN.

Clerk to the Trustees and Vestry Clerk.

A. EBERWINE.



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St. Andrew's Cathedral,

SINGAPORE.

A SHORT ACCOUNT.

In 1819 the Island and Town of Singapore became attached to the British Crown, being taken possession of by Sir Stamford Raffles, and in the year 1823 it was added to the Indian Government. The first English Church was built by public subscriptions raised after the Bishop of Calcutta's first visitation in 1834, and consecrated for Divine Service on Monday September 10th 1838, during the Bishop's second visitation. Rev. Edward White being the Chaplain at that time.

The foundation of the second Church (dedicated to St. Andrew) was laid by Bishop Wilson on March 4th 1856, during the Governorship of the Hon. E. A. Blundell, and opened for Service on October 1st, 1861, and afterwards consecrated by Bishop Cotton of Calcutta on Saturday, January 25th, 1862. The Churchyard or compound was already consecrated. Rev. A. D. Nicolson being then the Chaplain. The designs of the present Cathedral Church were drawn by Lieut.-Col. MacPherson, R.A., and executed by (then) Capt. McNair, R.A. and J. Bennett, Esq., Executive Engineers, Singapore.

The Church was constituted the Cathedral Church of the Diocese by the Right Rev. Walter Chambers, D.D., Bishop of Labuan on 18th December, 1870, Rev. J. A. Beckles, Colonial Chaplain.

The length of the Church from East to West is 245 feet, and the width from North to South 125 feet.

It is furnished with only one bell, founded by Revere, Boston, and bears the following inscription:— Presented to St. Andrew's Church, Singapore, by Mrs. Maria Revere Balestier of Boston, United States of America—It is hoped that donors of other bells may be found, so that a peal worthy of the Cathedral may be placed in the Tower.

There are several windows the tops of which are at present filled in with very inferior pieces of colored glass. It is suggested by the Trustees that persons contemplating placing a monument to departed relatives or friends in the Cathedral should have these spaces filled in with proper stained glass of appropriate design, which would add greatly to the beauty of the interior.



The Church was founded in 1830 by Rev. J. A. ...
Church of the Holy Spirit, Singapore, was founded in 1830 by Rev. J. A. ...
The length of the church from East to West is 245 feet, and the width from North to South 125 feet.

Annual Report for the year 1883.

Motto for the year.—“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”—Ps. XXXVII. 5.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

In the following pages you will find a few remarks on such matters connected with the Cathedral as I think deserve attention.

During my leave of absence from the end of August to December my place was taken by the Bishop of the Diocese who kindly undertook the duties of the Colonial Chaplain during those months, and thus had the opportunity and pleasure of ministering to his former Congregation. While here he held a

CONFIRMATION in the Cathedral. The day fixed was St. Andrew's Day, November 30th. Thirty-eight candidates were confirmed, and at the same time twenty-five soldiers from the garrison were presented by the Military Chaplain and confirmed.

In the Mission Church the confirmation was held on December 7th when thirteen candidates were confirmed.

CHURCH WORK ASSOCIATION.—This Association was organized under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese at a meeting held for the purpose in Singapore in October last. It is intended to be a Diocesan Association, the chief objects of which are to afford Christian women opportunities of devoting the labor of their hands to the honor of God and the benefit of His Church, by providing or working such

articles as are needed for the Services or ornamentation of Churches within the Diocese, or for any religious purpose. In the case of poor Mission Churches to make free gifts, where necessary and possible; to collect money and materials for such purposes as are mentioned above or for any other charitable purposes.

Up to the present time work has been executed for the Jurong Mission Chapel; for Rev. M. J. Bywater's Mission Chapel in Sarawak; for the Undup Mission; Rev. W. H. Gomes' Mission Chapel, Singapore. When materials from England arrive the Association will be in a better position to supply any article that may be required.

Contributions are asked to aid the Association to carry on and extend its charitable work.

Applications for articles of work should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. F. G. Davidson, St. Helen's, Singapore.

THE CHOIR.—Ladies and Gentlemen who have kindly given their services during the year in leading the singing of the Congregation are thanked for their assistance. There is still one thing to be desired, and that is, that more attention should be paid to punctuality and regularity of attendance both at the practice and the Services. It is said of King Hezekiah that in "every work that he began in the service of the house of God, to seek his God, he did it *with all his heart*, and prospered." An example for all of us."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.—This continues to do well. Though at present I should be glad to have a few more teachers. I should also be glad to hear from any Lady or Gentleman who feels drawn to this kind of work and is willing to take it up. There are frequent unavoidable changes in the teaching staff. It would be of great advantage to have a list of persons who are ready to take up the work when vacancies occurred, whether temporary or

otherwise. The teaching of the class would not then be so much interrupted, and the teachers would not be pressed by having the children of other classes mixed up with their own. The children were entertained in the Town Hall at Christmas with a dramatic piece in which some of them took part. The whole was got up and conducted by Mr. Buckley, to whom our best thanks are due (as also to those who kindly assisted him) for the trouble and expense which it cost him.

Last year the financial statement of the Sunday School account showed a deficit of \$15.80. This year I am happy to say in consequence of the response made by the Congregation the balance is on the right side, as will be seen in the Balance Sheet.

The average number of children on the attendance list during the year was 188.

MISSION TO SEAMEN.—In the account of the work done by the Mission during the year there is nothing particular to record.

The late Secretary, Mr. G. Mansfield who had acted in the capacity for some time resigned the post in consequence of his leaving for England and Mr. C. Crane has kindly undertaken the duties. The work of the Mission is carried on by Rev. W. Everingham, who reports that all the services have gone on as usual. Divine Service has been held every alternate Sunday in the Reading Room at Tanjong Pagar, and on board some ship in the roads or harbour, when a sailing ship is not available for a service it was held on board H.M.S. "*Pegasus*," "*Fly*," "*Magpie*," or "*Foxhound*."

The Hospital has been visited weekly, and occasional services held in the Sailor's Home. Many Steamers have also been visited at the wharves, and papers and tracts distributed among the Sailors. The result of ones labour in this kind of work is less visible than in any other, because the men are simply passing through, generally speaking, and the

Congregation is in great part new on each occasion. We trust, however, that God's Blessing may rest on the endeavours which are being made in this sphere.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSION.—For an account of the work done during the year I beg to refer you to the Rev. W. H. Gomes' report at the end. We may note with satisfaction that the receipts this year from collections exceed those of the previous year by \$134.99, and from subscriptions and donations \$72, exclusive of the sum of \$284.07, received from two special bequests from Christian Chinamen. A portion of the bequest money has been placed in the Savings Bank and it is intended to invest it as a foundation for an endowment Fund. The Government grant for results in the School is this year \$657, while for the previous year it was \$534, showing an increase of \$123.

SEATS.—I may here repeat, what was said last year, that the demand for seats exceeding the supply, those who require sittings should apply *in writing* to the vestry clerk, stating what they require. The application will be entered in the Register, and seats will be assigned to applicants, as vacancies occur, according to the date of application. Persons about to resign their seats should send notice to the Clerk of their intention.

BOOKS.—There are a few Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymn Books for sale which may be had from the Vestry Clerk.

The number of Baptisms during the year was fifty-three, marriages twenty-seven, burials forty-four.

In closing this report I cannot refrain from reminding the Congregation how greatly those whose duty and responsibility it is to minister to them in holy things need their sympathy and prayers. They should pray that their ministers may be endued with Divine Grace to preach God's word faithfully and profitably; that the Sacraments may be duly adminis-

REMARKS ON THE BALANCE SHEETS.

No. 1, GENERAL OFFERTORY ACCOUNT.—The sum of \$339.45 has been distributed among sick and distressed persons. A certain number of deserving poor receive a fixed sum monthly. It is gratifying to observe an increase in the offertory receipts to the amount of \$268.33, during the year.

The largeness of the balance (\$625.30) is explained by the fact that certain payments were not made till after December 31st as will appear in the following remarks on No. 2. Frequent applications are made to the Chaplain for clothes and shoes by distressed persons, if any gentleman has any disused garments to dispose of, the Chaplain will undertake to distribute them to those who require them.

No. 2, CHURCH EXPENSES.—In this Balance Sheet there appears a deficit of \$113; this is really only apparent, as the second payment to the Treasurer from the offertories was not made till the beginning of 1884. The real balance to carry forward being \$147.50 to the good.

No. 3, ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.—In this year's account there appears a deficit of \$91.71. This is shown in the subscription book. Last year the subscriptions were \$322, while this year they are \$201.84, showing a deficit of \$120.16. It happens so because the collecting book was not sent to the subscribers during my absence in England. The Easter Offertory this year, however, shows an increase over that of the previous year. I hope this fund will be

Dr. Cr.
Balance Sheet No. 1.—General Offertory Account.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
\$	C.	\$	C.
To Balance in hand, January 1st, 1883	34	By distributed to Sick and Needy	339
Offertories for Charitable purposes	90	Paid to Treasurer of Cathedral for Church expenses (Bal. Sheet No. 2)	78
do. Church expenses	04	Paid to Assistant Clergy Fund (Easter off.) (Balance Sheet No. 3)	134
do. (Easter) Assistant Clergy	45	Paid to Treasurer Church Mission	45
do. (Whitsunday) Church Mission	182	do. Sunday offertory	66
do. (Advent) do.	81	Do. Advent offertory. (Balance Sheet No. 4)	15
Special Collection (Sunday Schools)	50	Cathedral subscription 9 months	18
		Paid to Treasurer Sunday School	76
		Cheque Book	75
			74
			30
		Balance	1,847
			04
			04

THOS. MEREDITH,
Archdeacon and Chaplain.

February, 1884.

Dr. Balance Sheet No. 2.—St. Andrew's Cathedral Funds in Account Current with Cr.
Paterson, Simons & Co.

		\$	C.	\$	C.
SALARIES:—					
Organist, 12 months	...	900	...	...	...
Trustees Clerk	...	110
Collecting Peon	...	84	74
Servants and Punkah Wallahs...	...	347	20	1,441	94
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LIGHTING CATHEDRAL:—					
Gas Account	120	70
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CHOIR:—					
Choir Boys	98	...
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CATHEDRAL GROUNDS:—					
John Little & Co., Seythes, &c.	3	50
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1883.					
Jan.	42	82
Balance	1337	...
Pew Rents...	237	78
Offeratories...
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Balance Sheet No. 3—Assistant Clergy Fund.

Cr.

Dr.

	\$	C.		\$	C.
By Subscription of 1882 unpaid December 31st...	72	00	Rev. W. H. Gomes	250	...
" " in 1883	201	84	Rev. W. W. Everingham	250	...
" Easter Offertory	134	45			
Deficit...	408	29			
	91	71			
	\$500	00		\$500	...

THOS. MEREDITH,
Archdeacon and Chaplain.

February, 1884.

By Subscription of 1882 unpaid December 31st...
" " in 1883
" Easter Offertory

Dr.

Sunday School Account, Cr.

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RECEIPTS.	\$	C.	EXPENDITURE.	\$	C.
To collected per Miss d'Almeida	48	...	By Summer Treat
Ditto H. G. M	3	...	" Xmas	...	...
Thank offering per Bishop Hose	2	...			
Ditto	5	...	Balance	...	...
Collection in Cathedral	66	50			
	<u>\$124</u>	<u>50</u>			
	\$124	50			

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

S. S. Library Account.			Balance in hand		
Book Account.				\$36.82	
Balance in hand					
Harmonium Fund				16.14	
				18.00	
				<u>70.96</u>	

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St. Andrew's Church Mission.

Committee of Management.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CATHEDRAL (if Subscribers).

President.

The Hon. C. J. Irving, C.M.G.

Honorary Secretary.

Venerable Archdeacon Meredith, M.A.

Honorary Treasurer.

H. G. Millar.

Superintendent of the Mission.

Rev. W. H. Gomes, B.D.

J. Cooper.

Chinese First Catechist—(vacant).

Do. Sub-Catechist—Yun Sin (at Jurong).

Do. Chhi Eng Hok.

Do. Ah Man.

Tamil Catechist—M. Balavendrum.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1883.

THE VENERABLE

ARCHDEACON MEREDITH, M.A.,

Secretary.

MY DEAR ARCHDEACON,

In forwarding the usual Annual Report of the Mission for the information of its friends and supporters, I am thankful to Almighty God for the health and strength vouchsafed to me and my fellow labourers, by which the ordinary duties of the Mission have been carried on, throughout the year, without interruption. Besides the three services on Sunday in Chinese, Tamil and Malay in the Chapel, there are stated week day services as the annexed statement will shew. In addition to these, occasion is taken by visits to the people located in different parts of the town, and in the plantations and factories to convey the Gospel message to them. In reviewing the work of the past twelve months there is little of striking interest to report, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the work of the Mission has been performed, so far as lies in our power with earnestness and regularity. The leavening influence of christianity is manifest in the continued sincerity and consistent conduct of our converts, and in the willingness with which the preaching of the Word is listened to by the heathen. One gratifying result of our labour among the Malay speaking portion of the community is the conversion of four

women, who, after due trial and preparation, have been received into the Church by Baptism. The Services in Malay are particularly well attended, and in this way the Mission is instrumental in affording spiritual ministrations to many, who but for it would be without any service, especially on a Sunday. The largest attendance as yet on record was at the Malay Service, on Christmas Day when 257 were present.

The Mission has sustained great loss by the death of its earnest-minded Catechist, Chin Sin Wha; but the three men who are engaged as sub-Catechists in the work of evangelising are zealous in their labours, and have been successful in leading a few of their countrymen to a knowledge of the truth. They lack the experience of well-trained Catechists, but they have an aptitude for teaching, and, as far as we can judge, are actuated by a desire to do the Lord's work for the Lord's sake. The number of Baptisms during the year has been eleven, six adults and five children.

The work at Jurong continues to give satisfaction. The Mission Chapel, which has been put up by the liberality of friends here and in England, is finished, and will be consecrated on the return of the Bishop after his visitation in Penang.

On the 7th December a confirmation was held in the Mission Chapel, when the rite was administered to thirteen candidates, eight women and five men.

The Mission School has 112 pupils in the List, and earned at the last inspection 89 per cent of passes.

The collections at the offertories and from other sources for Chapel expenses and charitable purposes amounted to \$294.17. It is gratifying to record that the half-yearly contributions by the congregation for the support of the St. Andrew's Mission, made at Whit Sunday and Advent, have been larger than in previous years, amounting to \$121-95.

With the expression of my sincere thanks to the community for the sympathy and support hitherto accorded, and soliciting their prayers and co-operation in the great work incumbent upon us all of extending the Redeemer's kingdom,

I remain,

My dear ARCHDEACON,

Yours very sincerely,

WM. H. GOMES,

Missy. S. P. G. and

Supt. of St. A. C. Mission.

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*.

Monday at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Chinese* in Victoria Street.

Tuesday at 5 P.M.—Service in *Tamil* in Kampong Kerbau.

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

Wednesday at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Malay*. Wednesday before full moon, 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* in Mission Chapel.

Saturday at 7.30 P.M.—Service in *Chinese* in Victoria Street.

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

Dr. St. Andrew's Church Mission. Statement of Account for the year ending Cr.
 31st December, 1883.

RECEIPTS.	\$	C.	\$	C.	EXPENDITURE.	\$	C.	\$	C.
To Subscriptions ... ..	...	...	381	...	By Balance ... ..	...	...	10	53
do. from collecting cards ...	...	...	24	...	" Allowance to Missionary ...	...	...	300	...
" Donation ... ..	...	...	5	...	" Chinese Catechist Salary ...	120	...	...	...
" Collections—	...	...		...	do. do.	120	...	...	...
Whit Sunday at Cathedral ...	182	66			House Rent	79	20	319	20
Do. at Mission Church ...	58	07			" Tamil Catechist Salary ... ..	...	...	72	...
Advent Sunday at Cathedral ...	232	15			" Teachers Salaries ... ..	...	...	852	...
Do. at Mission Church ...	73	88	536	76	" Gratuity to ditto from Results Grant	...	...	50	...
Government grant for Results ...	...	...	657	...	" Servants Wages ... ..	...	...	60	...
" School fees ... ..	...	...	276	...	" Gas for Services ... ..	...	...	19	26
					" Whitewashing, Varnishing	18	40	...	...
					" Repairs to Furniture	5	62	...	...
					" Cleaning Latrine ... ..	...	...	24	62
					" Cheque Book ... ..	...	75	...	...
					" Printing Reports 1882 and Collecting	13	50	14	25
					Cards ... ..	...	...	...	90
					" Balance ... ..	...	...	157	90
To Balance			\$ 1,879	76				\$ 1,879	76
			\$ 157	90					

Chapel Repair Fund.

Cr.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To Balance	
Deposited in Saving's Bank.	\$50

Bequest Fund.

Cr.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To Chiu Sin Wha	\$ 234 07
" Liang Kee	50
To Balance	\$284 07
	\$284 07

E. & O. E.

Singapore, 31st December, 1883.

H. G. MILLAR,

Hon. Treasurer.

Names of Donors and Subscribers.	St. Andrew's Church Mission.	Assistant Clergy Fund.
	\$	\$
J. d'Almeida, ...	12	...
G. T. Addis, ...	12	10
Alex Amstrong, ...	...	...
A. Bently, Dr, ...	...	10
C. B. Buckley, ...	12	...
J. Burkinshaw, ...	...	10
Bernard F. G. ...	...	5
Behn Meyer & Co., ...	24	...
W. H. Christie, ...	12	5
Hon'ble A. Currie, ...	12	...
J. Cooper, ...	12	...
C. Crane, ...	...	5
W. A. Cadell, ...	...	10
A. L. Donaldson, ...	12	10
Col. Dunlop, ...	3	...
F. G. Davidson, ...	...	5
E. E. Everett, ...	12	...
Mr. Justice Ford, ...	12	5
J. C. F. George, ...	12	...
W. Greig, ...	6	10
A. Gentle, ...	9	10
Hon'ble J. Graham, ...	...	20
Hieber & Co., ...	24	...
E. C. Hill, ...	20	...
Hon'ble C. J. Irving, ...	12	5
R. C. Leicester, ...	12	5
G. Mansfield, ...	12	10
Hon'ble H. E. McCallum, ...	...	10
H. G. Millar, ...	12	...
R. S. O'Connor, ...	...	5
Paterson, Simons & Co., ...	24	...
G. Rappa, ...	12	...
T. I. Rowell, ...	12	15
Rautenburg Schmidt & Co., ...	24	...
C. Stringer, ...	...	5
St. Andrew's Cathedral, ...	24	...
C. Sugden, ...	...	5
A. P. Talbot, ...	...	5
C. E. Velge, ...	12	5
Ven. Archdeacon Meredith, ...	24	...

The Secretary of the Mission will be glad if anyone who takes an interest in the work of the Mission will undertake to collect some money for its support. Cards for this purpose may be had at the Vestry of the Cathedral.