

it appears evident, that Divine Providence is opening before this Society extensive fields of honorable toil, into which they cannot as yet enter, or but partially so, for want of more ample means of sending forth labourers into his vineyard. We have just heard that 87 young men, have offered themselves for the ministry in conjunction with this body, that they have met the approval of the British Conference, and are only awaiting the call to go forth in this great and glorious work.

Anticipating with confidence that the cause of Christian Missions will be most ably and zealously advocated on the present occasion, your Committee forbear enlarging on this interesting subject, further than to remark, that they earnestly pray that the same Spirit of Sacred Philanthropy which called this Society into existence, and the same cordial feelings of pure benevolence which have supported its funds to the present, may be more eminently called into active operation in the ensuing year, than at any preceding period of its history.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT.

A brief statement of the conversion of Wesley Abraham, formerly called Arumuga Tambiran, of the Sect of Siva, who after having walked upwards of half a century in Heathenism, publicly renounced it at Madras in 1836, and was baptized in the Wesleyan Chapel in that city, on the first Sunday in August, under circumstances of highly excited interest among the crowds of natives and others who wished to witness the ceremony.

Arumuga Tambiran is a native of the province of Tanjore, in Southern India, so much celebrated for numerous and splendid temples; and for a population, inveterately prejudiced to caste and heathen superstition.—He was born of highly respectable parents, and had the advantages of what is esteemed among his own countrymen, a good education. He was zealous above many of his equals in seeking knowledge; but appears never to have been satisfied with the degradation of heathen worship. This he pathetically laments in a stanza composed by himself, and sung at his baptism—