Mission Field.

[Notes from the Year Book of the Church England for 1891 as to Foreign Mission work.

THE S. P. G.

Number of ordained missionaries, including 10 Bishops, 646: as follows:—

Asia, 205; Africa, 147; Australia, 14; North America, 210; West Indias, 35; Europe, 35.

Of these 121 are natives in Australia and 26 in Africa.

In the various missions there are 2300 Lay teachers: 2650 students in the Sociities parishes and 38000 children in mission schools in Asia and Aftica.

In Asia there are 17 Dioceses, 11 of which received grants from the S P.G. in 1890, amounting to 47,174 pounds. In Rangoon there were in 1889 750 pupils of 15 races in St. John's parish.

In the missions of Karans (Rangoon Diocese) withs its head quarters at Toungoo, there were 4000 baptised, converts of 55 villages.

In Madras in the Nazareth mission there are 6 priests and 77 Lay assistants working. 44 congregations divided into 4 pastorates, each in charge of clergy.

Total of baptised people in this mission, 5914, of which 1698 are communicants. Nearly 500 people living in 4 additional hamlets joined the mission 2 years ago, and after proving them for 2 years and teaching them 401 persons were baptised *en masse* on 2 different occasions, and the Sacrament was administered at the very same spot where the people formerly worshiped demons and where bloody sacrifices were offered. The people "Went down into the water" and were baptised in the brook that runs near the temporary shed which serves for a prayer house, and where formerly stood the Demon Temple containing 5 idols, all of which were destroyed as soon as the people put themselves under Christian instruction. There were at the time of the report still some 60 of these people to be baptised and two substantial churches were required. In this Nazareth Mission district there are 42 schools with 1484 children, an Industrial school with 137 students, a dispensary and a hospital. The people themselves contributed 500 reals.

TRICHINOPOLY.

There are 47072 baptised Christsans in the S. P. G. Missions in this diocese besides 11997 Catechumen.

AFRICA.

The Bishop of Capetown in South Africa wrote the S. P. G. in 1889 that the colored people are crowding into the Church by hundreds. In 6 parishes of the confirmation tour he confirmed 600 of them.

PRETORIA.

The Bishop writes "One man is this year providing £850 for three clergymen's stipends among mining districts, besides £100 towards my increasing diocesan expenses for travelling. Another has promised to build a church."

WOMAN'S WORK IN ENGLAND

In connection with the S. P. G. there is a Ladies' Association for the promotion of female education in India and other heathen countries. The objects of the association are to provide female teachers for the instruction of needful women and children in the missions of the Society. (2) To assist female mission schools by providing suitable clothing and a maintenance of the boarders. For these purposes funds are raised in England through branch associations throughout the country, which funds are administered by a committee of ladies aided be two members of the Standing Committee of the S. P. G. and the Secretary.

In 1867 the first teacher was sent out to Madagascar. In the following year two went to the Delhi mission and one to Burmah. In 1869 the work of the Association was extended to South Africa, and now missions exist in Calcutta, Bombay, Cadupore, Madras, Ahmednagar, Roorke, Kalapore, Lanjore, and Trichinopoly. Grants have also been made to schools in South Africa, Magascar, and Japan. In the various schools of the missions 3000 pupils are under intruction, and exclusive of the missions, in which 1250 girls are being taught, 180 are maintained and educated at the cost of the Association. 160 teachers are now on the list of the Association. Subscriptions and donations of the year are £5948 whilst the expenditure was £7024.

It Bengal the congregations have increased, the schools are filled, Mehommedans being largely represented. In one school there being 98 out of a total of 103 scholars.

CHINA.

13 additional labourers entered the field in 1889; 9 in South China; and 4 in Mid-China. In one of the Fuhkein the converts have built themselves a Church, capabable of holding 100. 70 persons joined the congregation during the year.

JAPAN.

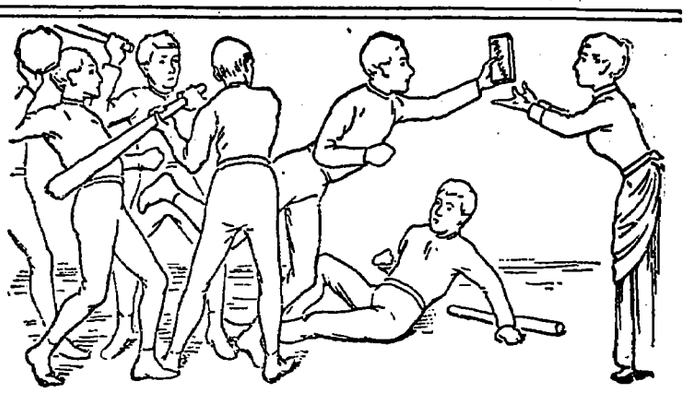
In 1889 there were 341 baptisms in connection with the C.M.S., the total number being baptised being 354.

Church Missionary Society Statistics to June 1890.

Stations	315
Missionaries in Holy Orders: European	286
Eurasian	14
Native	272
European Lay Missionaries	52
Lady Missionaries	59
Native Christian Lay teachers	3835
Native Christian Adherents	193,793
Native Communicants	49,106
Schools	1,796
Scholars	75,581

INDIA.

The C. M. S. work in India is on a scale of ever increasing magnitude, involving problems of ever-increasing complexity. On March 31st. 1890 there were 163 C.M.S. Missloearies in India, compared with 122 in 1885, an increase of 33 per cent in 5 years, and between April and Nov. 1890, 18 new Missionaries were sent to India, raising the total to 182.



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