

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to report that their efforts have been wholly applied to India. India contains over 200,000,000 of inhabitants, who are all our fellow-subjects—members of the same Empire. In India the great heathen religions of the world are largely represented—Mahomedanism, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Our Missions and Schools have free access to all parts of the country. Our Missions in India have been very successful, especially in Southern India, in the district of Tinnevely. It was in Southern India that Schwartz for forty years patiently by word and deed set forth the great principles of Christianity. In Southern India we have now nearly one hundred native Clergy, and a very large number of native Catechists. The Bishop of Madras wished us to support Samuel Johns, an educated native Catechist, who visited among his educated countrymen around Madras. The Committee has been able to pay the salary of Samuel Johns for the year past.

The Bishop of Madras, in his letter of 10th January last, writes that there have been in his Diocese, accessions since the middle of 1877, of about 35,000 persons. A special gift was sent from the Bible class of St. James the Apostle to the Bishop of Madras, in acknowledging which the Bishop writes that as he assigned the previous help from Canada to a Catechist connected with the C. M. S., he has sent the last to the Rev. S. G. Yesudean, a native Clergyman connected with the S. P. G., for whom he had a great regard. His district is the North-east corner of Tinnevely. The number of accessions there have been the largest.

Beside this there have been special contributions sent in for Africa and other places, which have been forwarded. A number of contributions have been given for the Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews. The Committee propose to continue sending out leaflets containing information about the work of the Church of England in the foreign field. They hope that every congregation will manifest its interest by sending a contribution.

The Committee would mention the following Missionary papers: "The Mission Field," by the S. P. G., monthly, price two pence; A Leaflet, S. P. G., gratuitously; "The Gleaner," C. M. S., monthly, one penny; "Juvenile Instructor," C. M. S., a half penny; "Greater Britain," Colonial and Continental, one penny. Any orders sent to the Committee for these or any others, from the Country Missions, will be attended to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. LINDSAY, Sec'y.

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