

nized its rites, erected its temples and its altars, been bounteous even to profusion in furnishing its sacrifices, but it has its Priesthood, deeply versed in all the deadly mysteries of its code—a Priesthood which, when contrasted with the ministrators of Pagan rites in general, may be designated men of profound erudition. The Gospel alone, when applied by the demonstration of the Eternal Spirit, is competent to demolish these potent fortresses; and men filled with the spirit of love, of zeal, of power, and of a sound mind, are the alone agents, who can meet the brasen front of the Priesthood of such an economy. In this conclusion we feel ourselves secure, from the testimony furnished us in the general Report.

From the latest Report which has been received from MADRAS, it appears that 15 native converts had been received into the Christian Church. The important and interesting conversion of a person of high distinction, called ARUMUBU TAMBIRAN, a native of the Province of TANJORE, in SOUTHERN INDIA, proves at once the power of the Gospel, and the utility of our Missions. He was born of highly respectable parents, had received a good education, possessed an ardent thirst for knowledge, belonged to the sect of SRIVA, and was invested with the yellow robes, neck beads, holy ashes, and other insignia suitable to the sacredly esteemed office of TAMBIRAN. It would appear that he never was satisfied with the degradation of Heathen worship. This he pathetically laments in a stanza composed by himself at the time of his baptism:

"Born in Heathenism, wandering in darkness,
Walking to bathe in holy waters,
Although, like a poor dog, I attended every Heathen place,
Even all the country around, what wisdom could I see."

Since his conversion, he has published a Poem, in which he draws a contrast between Christianity and Heathenism. This will effect, it is hoped, much good, as it is eagerly inquired after and read by the natives. From 80 to 100,000 copies were distributed in a few months. The following is a specimen of its style and sentiment:—

"Is there any Religion in the world worthy to engage the attention of men, except the divine Religion taught by Jesus Christ? If we examine the pure Gospel, we shall find in it the incomparable, and ancient divine wisdom, and the true doctrine of salvation by Jesus Christ; and that Gospel will remove the darkness of the people of this world."