

classes are very numerous. The Missionaries have established an English School in Jew Town, and a Malabar School in the Fort; which must be as much as they can attend to. *But what are they among so many?* There is another English School in the Fort, established by the late Chaplain, and handsomely endowed by charitable contributions. Once, this was a good School; but it is now going to ruin for want of an active Superintendent: were an English Missionary stationed here, there is little doubt but that it would be placed under his care. When I say, an English Missionary, I mean a Clergyman of our Church; for even the Dutch inhabitants would prefer him to a Minister of their own country: and it should be borne in mind, that it would be inexpedient to send any Missionary to Travancore who has not received episcopal ordination: the Syrians, indeed, would not recognise him as a Minister; and they carry their objections so far as to deny the legitimacy of the Baptism which such an one administers.

Mission at Allepie.

Mr. Fenn accompanied me to Allepie, where we found not a little to interest us. Mr. Norton is active and zealous in the discharge of his important duties, and appears to have the prosperity of the Mission at heart. Considering that he has laboured the major part of his time alone, and that, before the arrival of the gentlemen at Cotym, his attention was frequently divided between the Syrians, Cochin, and Allepie, it was gratifying to see how much had been done. He has built a neat and spacious Church; and there is a good prospect of a respectable Congregation assembling ere long, within its walls. He baptised, on the 10th of December, six adults and eleven children, which were the first-fruits of his labours. He has three services every Sunday, one in English, and two in Malayalim; at the English, he has from

20 to 30 hearers, and at the Malayalim, between 60 and 70. He is studying Portuguese also, for the benefit of the native Portuguese Population, which is extensive; and many of them are desirous of having Divine Service performed in their own language. There are two Schools; in one of which are taught English and Malayalim, and in the other Tamul. Hitherto Mr. Norton has not been successful in his English master; but he has an active and intelligent young man with him now, who has, in a very short time, greatly improved the School; and when he takes charge of it altogether, no doubt, it will assume a still more respectable appearance. Mr. Fenn examined the Malayalim scholars, and gave me a favourable report of their progress; while I exercised the Tamul boys, and thought their proficiency as great as could be expected, considering the short time they have been at School. Mr. Norton intends to increase the number of native Schools; and, as his attention will in future be less divided than formerly, he will probably be able to execute his plans with very little interruption.

Closing Remarks.

In this Report, I suspect you will find no information in addition to what you already possess through the Missionaries residing in Travancore. But, as I have mentioned only what I heard and saw, it may be satisfactory to the Committee to find the statements which they have formerly received, corroborated by the observations of a visiter to the Missions. The pleasure which I experienced on the spot was far beyond what I had anticipated: for though, as stated above, the Syrians are greatly degenerated, yet the efforts so liberally, judiciously, and, in some instances, already successfully making, to raise this ancient Church from the dust, and the disposition which many of the people manifest for improvement in every respect, are surely encouraging signs,