

Once in a year, as a church, we depute several of the deacons, and other active members, to visit every property where we have members. I inclose the report of one.— Those excluded, are generally those who left in the time of martial law, and have not returned to the church. This was taken before I had received your letter. I send the original, with which you will do as you please.

I might refer to some individual cases to show the feeling of the members of my church, and select one. When the painful news of the sufferings of our Madagascar brethren reached us, I informed the people of it, and held a special prayer-meeting for them.— Brother Vine was present, and gave an interesting address. It was a very wet day, but the place was crowded; full 100 were outside; many walked some miles to attend, and the sympathy manifested was very pleasing.

I am well aware that we have faults among us, and that sometimes our pleasing hopes are blasted, and the affection I feel for my poor people makes me deeply feel these things; they are a kind and affectionate people. Their sorrows have been deep, their advantages have been very, very few; a debasing system has for their whole lives degraded their minds; but they are willing to be taught, and where there is sympathy with them, they love those who instruct them. Never, my dear Sir, during my connexion with my church, have we had one quarrel, or one jarring church-meeting, and I always consult them; it is not the peace of sleep, but of active love. My heart is knit to theirs; I mourn over their follies, and rejoice in their growth. I know I am enthusiastic, perhaps I need it should be so; but, identified with them, what concerns them concerns me. All I can say is, that if I knew a single thing that would purify the church, I would not withhold it. We are, dear Sir, a happy united church; we do walk together in love; and I assure you that, notwithstanding all the little things that do sometimes annoy, I bless God that I am here, and I pray that I may live and die among them; when having finished my course as a poor ransomed sinner, looking for the mercy of my Lord, I hope with them I shall be received into the mansions of the blessed.

That God may work in our churches all the good pleasure of his will, is my earnest prayer.

Mr. Knibb states in a post-script that the above letter was read at a church-meeting, where eight hundred members were present, and unanimously adopted as their own by a show of hands.

THE KARENS.

Mr. Mason says "I have had several applications for Baptism, and including those that have gone to Mata, San Man Doo enumerates eight in the settlement that have declared themselves on the Lord's side. What wonders God has wrought. On my first visit to this place (Pye Khya) I left it feeling as though I had laboured in vain. On visiting it again two years ago, I was encouraged by finding two persons that gave evidence of piety, and several others in an interesting state of mind; but saw clearly that transient visits without native assistance to follow up the impressions made, would accomplish but little. I therefore directed my attention, the succeeding rains, to raising up and qualifying a few assistants for this and some other stations, where the people were favourable to Christians. We made arrangements for the reception of the native assistant, and the establishment of a school, little thinking that God was going to open the windows of heaven, and pour out such a blessing as he has done. It is a remarkable feature in the history of the Karen mission, from first to last, that the work of conversion has been carried on principally by the native assistants, the Karens themselves; a feature that augurs well for the conversion of the nation; for the assistant can reside permanently among them, while the missionary can merely make them an occasional visit." "From a list of fifty-six enquirers, I yesterday baptized thirteen. They sustained the examination in a highly satisfactory manner."

Mr. Malcom, writing from Rangoon, states that "God has been carrying on his work among the adjacent Karens, particularly at Maubee, through the instrumentality of Ko Thah Byoo. Many have been converted; the old members, though fined upwards of 600 rupees, continue steadfastly to avow their faith, and keep up their meeting amid all reproach and injury. Mr. Webb has baptized about forty, who have come to him for that purpose, some of them since the persecution. Ko Thah-a has been out to them and baptized twenty-nine more, and sixty or eighty are now asking Baptism. They are greatly oppressed still, and the amount of their fines is very great, considering their deep poverty."

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