

MISSION FIELD.

MADRAS.

(Continued.)

The Rev. G. Billing, in a letter to the *Bombay Catholic Examiner*, observes that Father Atteridge has only repeated the imputations already contained in Dr. Marshall's "History of Christian Missions" and Mr. Strickland's "Jesuit in India," and contests the accuracy of his facts as to the offence committed by Mr. Samidassen. Mr. Billing states that the case did come on for hearing, that counsel was retained for the prosecution by the Jesuit Missionary, that the case was dismissed by a European magistrate, and that Mr. Samidassen did not die the same summer. Mr. Atteridge should in future confine his statements to facts. He has told us the rate of interest charged by Protestant Missionaries, but has omitted to state the Catholic practice in the matter. Mr. Billing adds that much of his time and energy is required to check the efforts now being made by Jesuit Missionaries in Lower Bengal to win over to Rome the people who have been baptized into the English Church by the agency of the S. P. G.

The Bishop of Madras has recommended for aid from the India Church Aid Association Mrs Firth's Infants' Home at St. Thome. In a letter dated June 12, 1885, he says: It has long seemed to me that the best hope of raising the poorer class of Eurasians, with whom mendicancy is a favorite profession, to a higher tone of morals, industry and self-respect, lay in removing them from their domestic surroundings and bringing them under wholesome Christian teaching and training, while still very young. About three and a half years ago an institution was set on foot in St. Thome for this purpose, under the kind personal care of Mrs. Firth, a lady well known in Madras for the sympathy which she shows and the good which she does among all classes, rich and poor—European, Eurasian, Mohammedan, Hindu, old and young. It is named the Infants' Home. She receives into it the poorest, those whose parents cannot or will not support or instruct them, the waifs and strays, such as are not entitled to admission into any orphanage, are not old enough to be placed in an industrial school, and, being neglected by their parents, are exposed to the lowest influences of the streets. There are fifty children at present in the Home, and many more might be admitted if maintenance was provided. The older children attend St. Thomas' Church. It would be a great advantage if the institution had a house of its own, instead of renting a house, as at present. Such a house, in a healthy site, to which the fresh sea air had access, would cost ten or twelve thousand rupees.

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