

Extract of a letter from the REV. D. DE SILVA, Native Minister, dated Kumbalwelle, Gaffe, August 14th, 1869.

After a long and dreary night of unceasing toil and labor, we have had at last the arm of the Lord stretched out ready and mighty to save. Our Sunday and week-day services, cottage and open-air preaching, with all other means already used, were regularly attended to, but apparently with little or no great result. In hope, however, we labored on till the evening of the 18th of July last, when our special services commenced, under somewhat unfavorable circumstances; the moon was expected to shine brightly during the season, but the wet weather had not ceased. In spite of all these we have had a good congregation every evening. Myself and the students have agreed to conduct the services, and the subject for every evening address was previously arranged and prepared. I began with "the depravity of man;" while John Pieris pointed out on Monday evening "the necessity of a Redeemer." On Tuesday, Simon P. de Zylva addressed on "The Gospel offers a great salvation." David Fonseka followed on Wednesday, to point out, "the Terms of salvation." On Thursday, I. Pinto boldly affirmed that "Buddhism, or any other *ism*, offered no salvation;" taking for his text Acts iv. 12. On Friday, P. Fonseka insisted on "Instant decision." On Saturday, after a brief review of the subjects of the previous evenings, a prayer-meeting was held. On the Sunday evening the service was continued, and I preached on, "Mighty to save." On the Monday evening we have had a lovefeast, and the special services closed.

Now with reference to the result of the services. During the first four successive evenings, we had noticed a breathing on the dry bones, and a shaking; but on Thursday evening nine souls were broken down. Our cries were mingled with theirs, singing was resumed at intervals, spiritual life and

energy were poured on the feeble servants of God, who would await the manifestation of God's power to save; when, at about nine o'clock in the evening, two females felt their bonds broken, and their chains fall off, and rejoiced; when we all sang the Singhalese hymn, "My God, I am Thine." On Friday evening four penitents more, with those of the previous evening, continued to plead hard with the Lord and cry for mercy, and six rejoiced in the pardoning mercy of God. On Saturday we had one new penitent, with those of the previous evening,—all three saved. On Sunday we had three more penitents: one only rejoiced in finding the Saviour. Thus, in the course of these services, we have had seventeen penitents, of whom twelve rejoiced in the pardoning love of God. At the love-feast on Monday fourteen spoke, and, of the new-born ones, several gave their testimony very clearly, and with childlike simplicity. The students were all life during the happy season; and there was scarcely one who was not greatly cheered and strengthened. The young converts are exposed to many a trial; but we trust they will hold on, and the Lord will lead them in the very way of peace. Our congregation at Richmond Hill has since increased; and we have had the largest number at the Communion last Sunday. We have now several week-day services, two of which were opened since the special services; and we hope the Roman Catholics, as well as the heathen, will come under the sound of the Gospel, and experience its power. We are told what mighty things faith has wrought, and we "do believe, and shall believe," and would cry, "Lord, increase our faith:" the kingdom will soon fall into the hands of the "little flock." We need your sympathy and prayers.

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