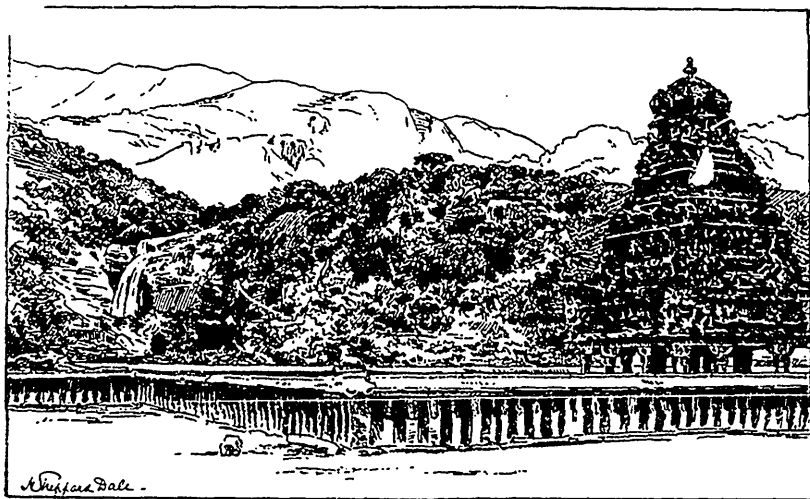


mission which now numbers 70,000 converts, ministered to by 14 European and a number of native priests, who perform service in 350 chapels throughout the district.

The mission stations of the Madura district are mainly in the hands of the American Board, who have thirteen American and thirteen native missionaries employed, with about 5,000 communicants and as many scholars in their various district churches and schools.

There are 160,000 Christians in the Tinneveli district, of whom 60,000 belong to the Roman Catholic Church. It was here that Francis Xavier began his work as the apostle to the Indies. The fishermen of the coast, protected by the Portuguese against Mussul-



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man oppression, had become Christians, and Xavier formed them into churches. They still speak of themselves as the children of St. Francis.

The work of Protestant missions in Tinneveli dates back more than one hundred years. The first trace of it is found in the journals of Schwartz, whose name is memorable in the annals of Christian missionary work, and occurs in the year 1771. The first convert was a Brahman widow, Clorinda by name, whose zeal for her new-found faith led to the erection of a little church, the remains of which are still extant. From that time the work grew and expanded, till the beginning of the present century the number of native Protestant Christians in Tinneveli had reached the total of 4,000.

The native church in connection with this mission has assumed