

people at Kehelwatte, in the Wattal-pola Circuit, where we have an encouraging number of self-denying members. At night I preached to a very large congregation assembled in the Morotto-mulle chapel. Our friends there were holding a week of prayer, and on the preceding evening a very gracious influence was experienced.

WORK IN COLOMBO.

On Sunday mornings a Sunday-school assembles in our Colpetty chapel. When at home, I take the first class of boys. Afterwards, I preach in Singhalese either in Colpetty or in villages within a convenient distance. At night I take the English service in the Pettah chapel, three miles away. I am thankful to say that the congregation continues good, notwithstanding the frequent changes of recent years. On Wednesday night, I meet the English class in the Pettah, and my sister the

ladies' class. On Thursday evening, I preach to soldiers and others, in our chapel within the Fort of Colombo. On Friday evening, I have an English class at Colpetty. On Saturday afternoon, we usually have a Preachers' Meeting in the Pettah, followed by an open air service in Singhalese. In addition to the above engagements, there is a Union Missionary Meeting on the first Monday evening, a Meeting for Scripture reading and conversation at Mr. Dunlop's on the second Tuesday evening, and a Meeting of Missionaries of different Societies on the third Tuesday evening in every month. Thus I have only four evenings in the month free from fixed engagements; so there is very little opportunity for me to join in house services held among the Singhalese by our native Ministers. In Colombo it is almost impossible to collect people for such services, except in the evening.

Extract of a letter from the REV. J. H. ABEYASEKERA, Native Minister, dated Wellawatte, August 28th, 1869.

I did not think that I would have the prospect of writing another quarterly letter so soon; but as I have had cause to be thankful to our all gracious Heavenly Father, I beg leave to address the following few lines, hoping that they would be read as cheerfully as I write them.

I am very glad and thankful to say that our week of special prayer meetings has been very well attended and greatly blessed, and that a special Divine influence rested on the congregation. Owing to a slight indisposition that I was suffering at the time fixed for the meetings, I was obliged to leave it in the course of the ensuing week; on which account many of our brethren of the neighbouring Circuits were in a position to come and assist us at my request. On the first three nights we discoursed to them about sin, salvation, and Divine grace; and on the next night, at the close of the service, we exhorted those that were anxious to be saved to stay and pray with us. After the prayers, we sung with them the hymn: "Come to

Jesus," at the close of which He that hath said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," touched their stony hearts, so that many fell on their knees, and cried in the very words of St. Peter, "Lord, save me;" and four out of these rose up with very cheerful faces, and returned praising God.

On the following two nights, the attendance was better than the other nights, as those who had attended the meeting on the preceding nights had brought their neighbours and friends; and I am glad to say that ten souls were converted on those two nights.

On the following Sunday after the service, we had a love-feast; there were about twenty members present; ten of them gave an account of their conversion, but some were prevented so doing, as myself and brother Ferdinando were in a hurry, having to go to some other services.

Owing to these meetings a Buddhist, and six others, beside those mentioned, were converted, as I came to know afterwards in my conversation with them in the class-meetings.