

they were washed ashore. Such were the first fruits of the Methodist mission in Ceylon. Another trophy of that first sermon became the first native missionary to Asia. Many of the priests also believed. One of these introduced Mr. Harvard, afterward our Canadian superintendent, into a temple, where, in front of a great idol, he preached from the text, "We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one." The good work rapidly spread, till in 1876, the last Report at hand, there are in Ceylon 58 missionaries and assistants, 200 preaching-places, and over 3,000 Church members.

The death of Dr. Coke was the beginning of a new era in the history of Wesleyan missions. Auxiliary societies were organized with a central committee, which has become the most vigorous propaganda in the world of the Christian religion among the heathen. In Ceylon, in India, in China, in South and West Africa, in the West Indies, in Australia and Polynesia, multitudes of degraded and superstitious pagans have been raised from most abject depths of degradation to the dignity of men and prepared for the fellowship of saints. And this glorious result is in large part the monument and memorial of the life and labours of DOCTOR THOMAS COKE, THE FATHER OF METHODIST MISSIONS.