

The following view of the state of the Mission, generally, will be pleasing to our readers:—

COLUMBO.

"Our congregations in the Pettah vary little, they are still small. At seven o'clock on the Sabbath morning we have our English service at the Mission-House, which is attended by a few serious people who love the truth, and hear it with attention and profit. We feel the highest satisfaction in preaching to this little company. At ten o'clock the Singhalese service commences, and most of the neighbouring schools are assembled at the Mission-House. Nearly all the children join in the responses of the Singhalese liturgy, and manifest the most becoming attention to the plain discourses which are delivered. The attention of some of them is very striking, the emotions excited by the different turns of discourse being very distinctly marked on their coloured countenances. A considerable number of the scholars are truly serious, and of the conversion of several of them, in the most eminent sense of the word, there is every satisfactory proof we could ask. Thus we behold a generation rising up who are from their childhood trained in religious principles and religious habits, who feel the sacredness of the holy Sabbath, and who learn to bow their knees in secret before the Father of the Spirits of all flesh; and we have every reason to trust, concerning a great part of them, that when grown up, they will not depart from the path in which they have been accustomed to walk. The rising generation will form the most solid foundation of a Christian Church in Ceylon.

"There has been of late an increased demand for the Word of God in all the languages in which it is published in this island. The anxiety of the people, and especially the younger classes of them, to possess the Scriptures, is very great: this is a very encouraging indication.

"The hon. the Lieutenant Governor has manifested toward us the greatest condescension. He has been pleased on several occasions to express his approval of our plans of missionary labour, and his wishes that our exertions may be successful. He has most kindly and readily attended to all the applications which we have found it necessary to make to government; and we have lately received, both from himself, and through him, from several of our honoured countrymen in this island, many helps and assistances in our work, which will only be known to those absent from the scene of our labours, in the great day. The Hon. and Rev. the Archdeacon continues to favour us with the same countenance and encouragement which we have had from him since the commencement of our Mission. We have also met with many kind and condescending attentions from the Hon. the Chief Justice, Sir Hardinge Giffard, since his arrival in Ceylon; as also from Sir Richard Ottley. The excellent Secretary to the Bible Society, Mr. Deane, has rendered us much service, not only as secretary to the society, but as Collector of this large district, without which several branches of our labour in these quarters must have suffered much loss. Such disinterested kindness and christian benevolence will, I hope, never be forgotten by us. Thus while we have our difficulties and hindrances to contend with, we have abundant cause of gratitude both to God and man. Our work is the Lord's, and here is an unfailing source of encouragement, and a sure ground of confidence."

The number in society in the Colombo Circuit is 98; the number of Missionaries two, Messrs. Fox and Clough.

NEGOMBO.

On this Station Mr. Newstead remarks:

"This station and the circuit around it, I am happy to say, assumes now an appearance of stability and permanence which promises, under God, to secure the continuance and spread of our sacred work: and the erection of our chapel, with the regular administration of christian ordinances, has so greatly and rapidly promoted this desirable object, that it is a source of continual gratitude to me. Our little altar is frequently encircled on the Sabbath-days by those who bring their infants to present them to the Lord in Christian baptism. Marriage is growing into far more honourable repute; and the holy Sacrament is attended with the most scrupulous attention and becoming reverence, by about fifteen regular communicants. Our class-meetings, preaching in the different languages of the people, Missionary prayer-meetings, &c. keep open the gates

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