

gentleman, the station has been named, "Nisbet Bath." The truly Christian spirit in which Mr. Nisbet opened the meeting, threw a delightful feeling into all its proceedings, for the speakers felt they had a congregation to address whose rivetted attention showed that they eagerly received what was advanced, and they felt that they were supported by a chairman who had brought both heart and hand to engage in the blessed cause. Resolutions were moved and seconded by the following gentlemen: The Rev. Dr. Adamson of the Scotch church; the Rev. Messrs. Williams, (Independent,) Clough Hodgson, and Edwards; R. Williams, Esq., Bengal Civil Service; Captain Van Heythuysen, Bengal Army; J. Steward, Esq., Hugh Sheriff of Cape Town; J. Merrington, G. Thomson, and W. Cook, Esqrs., and Mr. Townley, son of the late greatly respected Dr. Townley. Notwithstanding the chapel was crowded almost to suffocation, and the services were extended to a late hour, yet the deep interest which all appeared to take in the proceedings of the evening, kept them seriously attentive to the last, when a collection was made in behalf of our mission, which, together with the one made after the sermon on the Sunday evening, amounted to £315s. 4d., which was nearly four times the amount raised at the anniversary of last year; and, considering that this is only a small village, affords a most gratifying evidence of the strength and extent of the missionary spirit by which the people here are actuated.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 1st. the anniversary sermon for the Cape Town Missionary Society, was preached by Mr. Clough, in Wesley Chapel, to a very large and seriously attentive congregation; and on Monday evening following, the missionary meeting was held in the same place. Seldom, if ever, was such a congregation seen in the Cape Town Chapel as on this occasion. Even the aisles and recesses were crowded; and the attention of the meeting was kept up to the last, so that scarcely an individual retired before the meeting was closed. The chair was taken by our respected friend Dr. Cock, Esq., formerly of Graham's Town, who, on opening the meeting, made a powerful appeal to the feelings of the assembly in behalf of the Wesleyan Missions, particularly as it regarded South Africa; Mr. Cock, having been many years a resident in the country, and having as a public member of the Wesleyan body, watched with great care and attention our operations in this part of the world, was considered on all hands as one competent to lay before the meeting a correct view of the real state of the missions, especially of those in the South Eastern districts. The delicate manner in which he referred to some of the conflicting opinions of the day, in reference to what might almost be termed the civil as well as the Evangelical proceedings of the Christian Missions on the eastern shores of Africa, and the noble testimony he bore to the efficient as well as the judicious plans and conduct pursued by the Wesleyan Missionaries in those parts, excited applause from the delighted audience; and the impressions made on the occasion, are, no doubt, steadily combining with others of a similar nature, to disabuse the public mind, on some seriously important points connected with our missionary proceedings in this country. This well-timed address opened the way for one of the most lovely and interesting missionary meetings ever witnessed in Cape Town; and, although subsequent speakers confined themselves exclusively to the single object of the meeting, yet life and energy characterized their addresses, some of which deserve greater publicity than can be given by a mere notice like the present, especially the one delivered by the Rev. Mr. Stegmann, one of the Lutheran ministers of the Town. The meeting was also addressed, at considerable length, by Captain Alexander, the celebrated African traveller, who had just returned from a tour into the interior. This gentleman having, in the course of his travels, visited many missionary stations, felt it to be a duty, he said, to come forward

and bear his humble testimony, from what he had seen, to the importance and efficiency of those missions, and the beneficial influence they are exerting among the native tribes of the interior of South Africa. Captain Alexander gave a very affecting view of the destitute state of many of the regions through which he passed, and of many fine openings which presented themselves for the immediate entrance of missionaries with every prospect of success; the natives throughout the line of his travels, every where expressing their anxiety to have Christian missionaries amongst them. In fact, he left the impression indelibly fixed on the mind of the meeting, that if ever Africa is to be brought to rank among the civilized and Christian parts of the world, it must be effected mainly by the efforts of missionaries, as human governments could only act a very subordinate part in this great work, owing to the peculiar localities, habits, and moral condition of the natives. The other speakers, movers, and seconders of the resolutions, who took part in the delightful proceedings of the evening, were the Rev. Dr. Adamson of the Scotch church; the Rev. J. Pears, M. A., of the same church; the Rev. J. H. Beck, of the Dutch Reformed Church; the Rev. Messrs. Loch, (Independent,) Jackson, Edwards and Clough; Dr. Underwood, from Madras; Dr. Abercrombie of Cape Town, and G. Thompson, Esq.,—The Report, read by the Secretary, the Rev. T. L. Hodgson, presented a most encouraging view of the state of the Missionary Society of the Cape District, and of its successful operations during the present year. It gave evident proofs that Cape Town, and its populous neighbourhood, only required to have its attention excited, and its energies aroused by well-timed and judicious efforts on the part of the active members of the Wesleyan body, to produce an extensive influence in our favour. Here is a vast and closely congregated population of all classes, the native portion of which, owing in a great degree to the neglect of the missionaries, is falling into the errors and trammels of Mahomedanism; and to rouse the attention of such a community to missionary operations is of the first importance, not merely in a pecuniary point of view, but chiefly as it gives the missionary a moral and religious ascendancy over their minds, which must in the end be productive of the best effects.—The following is an abstract of the financial part of the report:

"In presenting the Annual Report of the Auxiliary, your committee embrace the opportunity of acknowledging, with the most grateful feelings, the support which the institution continues to receive from the public,—a support communicated with the most cheerful readiness, and it is a satisfaction to their minds to announce an increase of 68*l.* 6*s.* to the ordinary receipts in subscriptions, &c., during the past year, viz: Simon's Town 7*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*; Wynberg 19*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*; Cape Town, 42*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*; total 68*l.* 6*s.*; making the sum of 228*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*; to be accounted for to the Parent Society. It is due from your committee here to remark, that this pleasing state of the funds of this auxiliary is chiefly owing to the persevering and laborious exertions of the female collectors in Cape Town, who in producing the sum of 71*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* have more than met the pledge given at the last anniversary by one of the secretaries, that they would increase their collections from 55*l.* to 50*l.* To the ladies of this auxiliary your committee will say: Christian women, go forward, for whatever is committed to your hands must succeed.—To the sum stated as the ordinary receipts of this district, must be added 10*l.*, presented by a friend for the mission to the Shetland Islands, 11*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, as subscriptions to the chapel sinking-fund, towards reducing the debt on that building; 57*l.*, the nett produce of a Bazaar, 50*l.* of which was presented to the Sydney-street Chapel trustees, 7*l.* to the Dorcas Society lately established; making a total sum of 336*l.*, raised for the missionary purposes during the year.

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