

ther accounts of the blessed revival which is rapidly spreading in the various churches.

Extract of a letter from the REV. JOHN SCOTT, dated Colpetty, Colombo, August 19th, 1869.

It seems to me that one of the greatest hindrances to Missionary success is the want of continuousness of effort. Sometimes the plans of experienced men are abandoned, and new schemes tried; but I am thankful to say this evil has not been a frequent one in our Mission. The evil from which we have suffered again and again, for many years past, is the arising of vacancies in our staff of Missionaries. A work has been carried on vigorously and with the promise of great success for two or three years; and then the Minister has been removed, owing to his own failure of health, or to take the place of another; while the work he has left is either given up entirely, or carried on feebly by the extra efforts of agents who are fully occupied by other duties. It is in this way that the Colombo North Circuit has been crippled. It is a most important sphere of labour, and with the outlying Circuits of Negombo, Seedua, and Minuangoda, requires, and would repay, the efforts of an experienced Missionary.

My work during the last quarter may be briefly summed up as follows:—

VISITS TO OUT-STATIONS.

In May, Mrs. Scott and I went from Galle to Beligam, Matura, and Godapitiya. I preached at each of those places, and attended to various matters connected with our Mission. After our return to Colombo, we took the first opportunity of proceeding to Negombo, where, and in the surrounding villages, I held several services. There are large congregations at Kurana and Dalupota; at Miriswatte and Kattana the work is encouraging; and in all these villages the Rev. P. Pereira and his assistants are laboring zealously and successfully among our people and in the schools. The efforts of devoted men, such as Newstead, Bridgnell, Hardy, and Daniel Pereira, in the neighbourhood of Negombo, are now bringing forth fruit; and there is no part of our District which offers the promise of more abundant success to

earnest and patient toil. Buddhism has there comparatively little power; and judging from our success among the inhabitants of Kurana, &c., large numbers of people in other villages would be likely to receive the Gospel, if we were able to send them earnest and faithful preachers.

In July, accompanied by Mr. Baugh, we attended the opening of a new chapel at Indibette, in the Morottomulle Circuit. It is a small but substantial and pretty building, erected by the people at their own expense, chiefly through the exertions of the Rev. D. H. Pereira, who was stationed at Morotto when the building was begun. There was a large congregation at the opening, and since then the chapel has been so numerously attended that its smallness is a matter of regret.

On July 26th, I delivered a lecture in Kandy on behalf of our Chapel-Building Fund, and on the following days I had the advantage of long consultations with the Local Building Committee on the important questions of the site and design for the proposed chapel.

On August 14th, Mrs. Scott and I drove to Caltura. The following day (Sunday) I preached in our chapel there in Shingalese, English, and Portuguese, and in Shingalese at Handura-mulle. On Monday, we examined the children taught by Rev. J. A. Poulter and his grand-daughter at the Mission House, and afterwards examined the school at Handura-mulle. There were one hundred and six boys present, and it was evident that they had been carefully instructed. Proceeding to Pantura, we held the Shingalese Missionary Meeting. There was a large congregation.

On Tuesday morning, the Mission schools of Pantura, Wekeda, and Dikbedda were assembled in the Pantura chapel for examination. The children, one hundred and ninety-five in number, on the whole acquitted themselves well. It was gratifying to find so many native boys and girls under the influence of Christian truth.

In the afternoon, I preached to our