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"From the great difficulty of gaining an accurate knowledge of the language of the people among whom we labour, amidst a variety of laborious duties, which leave but a small portion of time for close study, our progress in this end has necessarily been slow; but as we have viewed it as a matter of the highest importance, to prepare books for our schools entirely Christian, we have never ceased to direct our energies to this point.

"We have sometimes been gratified to hear our tracts read in parts of the country where yet Christian schools have not yet been established; and from others we have heard of similar circumstances occurring in distant parts of the country, where it is probable, the foot of a Christian Missionary cannot tread for many years to come. Many of these little works are carried quite into the heart of the Kandyan country, by boys who have left our schools to enter into the government service as writers, and we have yet heard of no dissatisfaction expressed by the natives at their introduction. They may, perhaps, be the precursors of schools in places deeply hid in the bosom of extensive forests.

"Another circumstance encourages the most pleasing anticipations with respect to the future utility of our schools. A considerable number of young men of superior abilities are rising up in them, whose views and dispositions fit them well for the situation of schoolmasters among us, and who, we trust, will feel the same tender solicitude for the welfare of their countrymen which we felt for theirs, and having been brought up under our care, and well instructed in the discipline of our schools, will doubtless be valuable successors to those masters who have not had the same advantages.

"The advantages of education begin to be duly appreciated, especially where our course of instruction embraces the English language, as several who have been instructed in our schools, under the direct superintendence of the missionaries, have been qualified for government situations, which they now fill with credit to themselves and their instructors.

"The gratitude which our pupils have shown, when, having completed their time with us; they have obtained a situation for which they have been qualified, has been the most grateful to our feelings, and a full compensation for all our toils. We hope in all instances, and we have proved in many, that these grateful impressions are not transitory, and 'like the morning dew which goeth away,' but permanent amidst the temptations of the coast, and the trials and partial solitude of the interior. From some we receive the most gratifying letters, and from others the most satisfactory testimonies of lasting gratitude. They recognize us as their benefactors, and we recognize them as our children, and the hopeful fruits of our labours.

"The total number of schools under our care, as stated in our Minutes, is 86; the number of children taught in them is 4908, and the number of school-masters and school-mistresses is 133, distributed as follows, viz :

	Schools.	Children.	Teachers.
In the Columbo station	11	915	28
Negombo	9	470	14
Caltura	19	1124	28
Galle	12	717	20
Matura	14	721	21
Jaffna	15	696	15
Trincomalee	3	215	4
Batticaloa	1	20	1
Madras	2	30	2
Total.....	86	4908	133

"The increase of our school department this year has been 11 schools and 424 children, and the number of those who have left the schools in the course of the year, many of whom had been in some of the schools from their establishment, is nearly 600.