

came Head Schoolmaster, in connection with the Wesleyan Mission at Trincomalee. Of his character and death, Mr. Carver, Missionary at that Station, gives the following account:—

The loss which we have suffered by the death of this respectable man, will not be easily repaired. His upright character, his venerable appearance, his simplicity and firmness, gave him an influence among the people, which he turned to the best account.

He was born in the province of Jaffnapatam, and lived upwards of forty years without any correct notions of God. By conversation and reading, he became gradually enlightened to see the danger of resting his eternal happiness on the ceremonies of a superstition, which his better judgment had long suspected; and he began to seek a knowledge of the redemption offered to him in the Scriptures, through the atonement of Christ. He felt alarmed for his state, and earnestly sought for salvation, by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. For upwards of a year and a half, he was a candidate for baptism.

On the 1st of January, 1821, he was publicly baptized by the name of Abraham in the forty-eighth year of his age. His affecting simplicity of behaviour, on that occasion will be long remembered. He became quite decided in his conduct, and most tender and kind in his attachment to us. Faithful to his trust, and affectionate in the discharge of his duty, my confidence in his future usefulness increased; and I most sincerely thanked God for granting to us so eminent a token of His approbation of our labours.

But what we may imagine necessary to carry on the work, the Lord may show us that He can dispense with; to teach us humility, and dependence. On the 18th of July,

1821, we were informed that Abraham was sick. Mr. Hunter went to visit him, as I was engaged with other duties, and could not then go, intending to see him in the morning. He expressed himself to Mr. Hunter in a resigned and Christian spirit, and requested that I would go and see him next morning; but alas! I was not to behold poor Abraham any more in this world. During the night, he became worse, and begged his people to come and inform me; but no one dared to venture across the esplanade for that purpose, owing to the fear that prevails of passing near the gallows on which three murderers have lately suffered. He grew still worse, and his relatives and friends brought in the heathen instruments, to perform the ceremonies used to recover sick people.—When he saw this, raising himself a little, with his remaining strength, though suffering great pain, he begged them to FORBEAR. "What have I to do with these?" said he. "I have renounced heathenism. I am a Christian. I am going to my Saviour. O Lord Jesus, save me." They inquired what sort of burial they were to think of—"Take no trouble about that," he added: "the Missionary will do all for me. Say to him, I wish to be buried as a Christian." He then spoke to them about the value of the soul, and shortly afterward died, on the morning of the 19th of July.

The steadfastness of this Convert to the last, and his resistance of the attempts to introduce foolish ceremonies, even when he had not the help of our advice in his extremity, cannot but be encouraging. He had better helps than man could afford him; and we have sufficient evidence to believe that he will be of the number, concerning whom our Lord declared, *That many shall come from the east and from the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac,*