

fore the brethren went to their stations; and the first Sunday in August was fixed as the time for the reception of this convert into the Church of Christ, by that solemn ordinance.

At seven o'clock in the morning we proceeded to the Chapel, distant near four miles; two police attached themselves to each conveyance, with the serjeant who accompanied us. Crowds of natives had filled the Chapel, and the street in front of it, and we could only obtain admittance by a private entrance.—The police had mixed with the congregation to prevent any rush or accident; and although the Chapel was crowded to excess, every thing was conducted with the greatest decorum.—The breathless anxiety, the deep silence, the earnest attention manifested by Europeans, country-born persons, and natives, increased the solemnity of the whole service. But when Tambiran approached the Altar, the congregation rose simultaneously to witness the act of his renouncing Heathenism. There he gave up his yellow robes, the sacred locks of hair, and the Lingham, the abominable object of adoration among so many of the Hindoos. He then received from the hands of the Minister a copy of the sacred Scriptures and the Liturgy, in the Tamil language, and knelt down; and, after a gentleman had audibly pronounced "Wesley Abraham," he was solemnly baptized in "the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The christian part of the congregation then stood around him, and joined in singing the hymn of praise he had prepared, and which has since been published in Tamil and English, and sought for by thousands of natives. The last stanza is here given :

" Encircling the temple in holy processions with prostrations and tears,
 In every street and every place I saw the same figured images
 Adorned with garlands, flowers, heathen vestments and jewels,
 And at all other feasts I slavishly served.
 O liberating Lord God! O all-gracious Teacher! O Triune Deity!
 Thou! who graciously receivest me at thy feet :
 I worship Thee, the Lord Jesus!
 I worship!"