

renounced him as their Gooru for ever. Not hearing from him for several days, I began to apprehend that he might be worse than was represented, or that his mind was not yet fully made up to the dangerous attempt of an open profession of Christ.

On Friday evening, the 1st of July, Tambiran alighted from his conveyance at the Mission-House, and in a most affecting manner said, "Now I cast myself upon God's providence and this Mission, and hope never to be forsaken:" and added, as I led him in, "May the Lord Jesus help me!" All our Christian people and children were astonished, and nothing but anxiety and prayer seemed to occupy them. The scene was peculiar, and deeply interesting. Here was an aged venerable man, highly respected by his own nation, who had wandered through the mazes of Heathenism for half a century, in search of peace and comfort to the soul; but being disappointed, was arrested by the Gospel message, and having heard of Jesus the Saviour, now fled for refuge to the hope set before him.

No sooner was it known among the people on Sunday, that Tambiran had removed from his residence, than great searchings of heart took place; and it was presently discovered that he was at the Royapetta Mission. Messengers from all parts of Madras came to ascertain the fact, and great excitement existed. It was only afterwards that we became informed of the numerous plans devised to carry him off by force. The great number of Heathen who visited him on Saturday and Sunday considerably heightened our fears that all was not well intended.

Tambiran now resolved to cut off the long hair and beard, which for so many years no razor had been allowed to touch; this act caused another shock to the Heathen. They had some expectation that he might have been drawn away by device or guile; but when this decisive act came to their ears, hope expired. On the second Sunday in July, the new Convert appeared for the first time divested of his heathen robes, and worshipped, with the great congregation, at the feet of Him who had wrought by his Spirit the wonderful change; while numbers of Heathen, who would not defile themselves by entering the Chapel, gazed, and thronged the doors and windows on every side of it.

At this time the party of new Missionaries arrived from England, which gladdened our hearts, and strengthened our hands. I had been contending single-handed with this phalanx of the enemy, having all the extensive Madras station in charge; but now the battle was turned against our adversaries, and a shout of help, and victory in the name of the Lord was in our camp! It was resolved that the baptism should take place be-