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Sometimes the success of mission work is best seen by comparing one decade with another. Another method is to take a single field and survey its work as a whole, or the work of a single agency in the field. Rev. F. Wilkinson, of the London Missionary Society, has given a recent resume of the work of that society in Southern India. It appears that the society has 440 places of Christian worship, varying in size and value from the small mud-wall village chapel to the large, substantial brick or stone church building. In these places of worship are gathered stately more than 52,000 worshippers, not all communicants, but all professedly Christian in their belief. Twenty thousand of these have received baptism, and 5,500 are communicants in the Church.

In missionary statistics as a rule only communicants have been numbered, and these should always be kept distinct in missionary reports; but as a matter of encouragement, it is just to consider those also who profess intellectual belief in Christianity, many of whom, indeed, indulge in the hope of personal acceptance of Christ. It is usual to treat those persons with some caution, owing to their antecedents. They occupy something like the position of Catechumens in the early Church, or Probationers in the Methodist Church.

Thirty-four missionaries and four unmarried ladies constitute the European force of the London Mission in Southern India. These are assisted by 300 native preachers and a large number of teachers. —*For. Mis.*

Eighteen years have now passed since British and American Book and Tract Society was organized in Halifax. Since its organization about 10,000 persons have been found in the Maritime Provinces destitute of copies of the Word of God and have been supplied. A colporteur labored last year on the coast of Labrador and found many who could neither read nor write. In some cases not one in a whole family could read. Several Protestant families were without the Bible. There are localities on the coast where the sound of the gospel is not heard and where there are no schools. In such places the Sabbath day is very much desecrated. We who enjoy great privileges should remember the destitute and also prize highly what we enjoy. To whom much is given of them much will be required. —*Com.*