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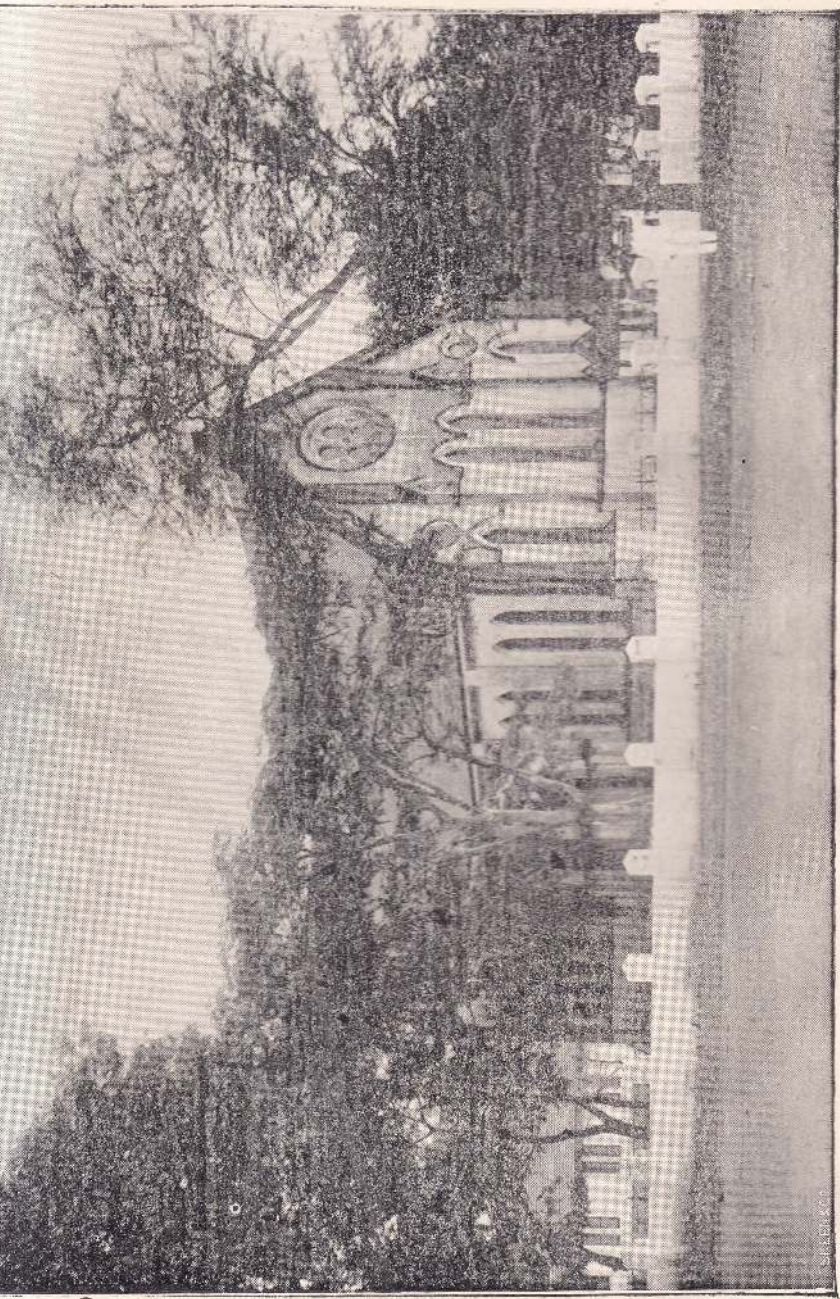
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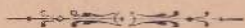
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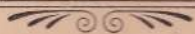
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Brief Account of its Formation & History



WITH

Report of 4½ Years of Pastorate,

BY

Rev. T. I. STOCKLEY,

1894-1898.



WITH ACCOUNT OF BUILDING WORK UNDERTAKEN BY
CHURCH; ALSO OF TEACHING & SPIRITUAL WORK
OF MEMBERS IN DIFFERENT BRANCHES;

AND

LIST OF MEMBERS, STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, &c.



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INTRODUCTION.



This being the first occasion on which a Report, Statement of Accounts, &c., have been printed for the Colombo English-speaking Baptist Church, a brief history and other features are included so as to make our younger members, friends and supporters, acquainted with the Church's work in the past. Some of the addresses of the members—scattered as they are in different parts of the island and of the world—are wanting. The accounts are printed in as compact a form as possible. They are always given in full detail to the Business Committee and in Church Meeting.

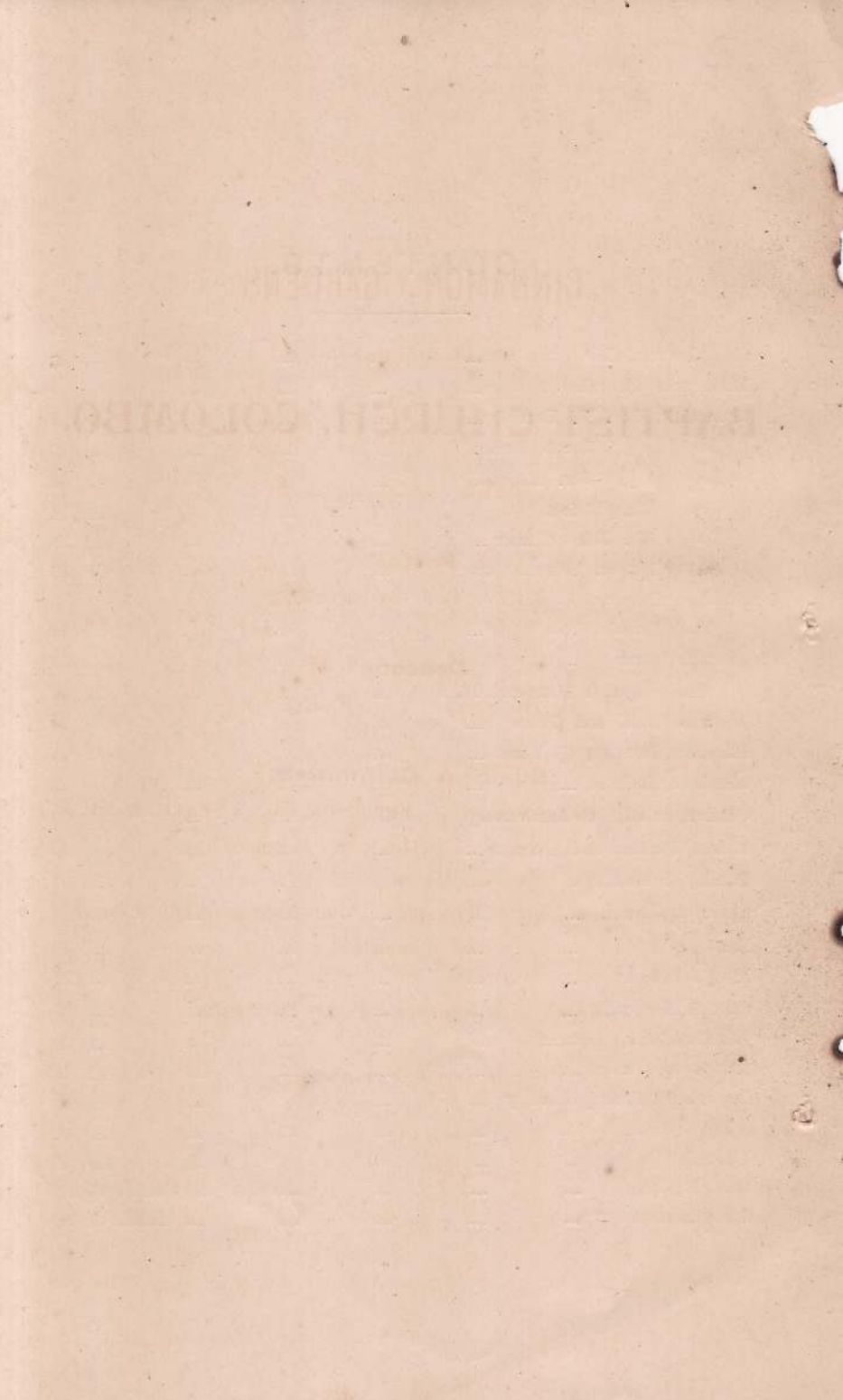
Primarily, this little pamphlet is intended for the use of Church members and regular attendants in the congregation. May it have the effect of strengthening the cause by exciting more interest in good work, and in regular attendance at the services and weekly meetings. May it also lead employers to induce their native servants to attend the Sinhalese and Tamil services held in the Cinnamon Gardens Church Building.

COLOMBO, 6th December, 1898.

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BAPTIST CHURCH, COLOMBO.

Pastor :

REV. T. I. STOCKLEY.

Deacons :

P. D. DE SILVA. | G. B. LEECHMAN.

Business Committee :

PASTOR AND DEACONS AND J. FERGUSON, W. A. PATE, A. H.
JOACHIM, S. VANHOFF, R. MACKAY,

WITH

H. T. GARDINER AND J. FONSEKA, *Joint Secretaries for Church
and Committee.*

Treasurer of the Church—P. D. DE SILVA.

Auditor—J. FERGUSON.

HISTORY

OF THE

ENGLISH-SPEAKING, OPEN COMMUNION, BAPTIST CHURCH COLOMBO.*

UNDOUBTEDLY the beginning of this Church must be traced to the work of the Rev. J. Chater, the first Agent of the Baptist Missionary Society in Ceylon. Mr. Chater left England in 1806, being deputed to assist Carey, Marshman and Ward in Bengal. But even his landing on the shores of India was a matter of difficulty, and it was thought advisable by the Serampore Missionaries that he (and a coadjutor who came out from England with him) should proceed to Burma. He remained there off and on till 1811, and it was due to the illness of his wife that Mr. Chater then thought of Ceylon as a mission field. He landed at Colombo in 1812. We read in some early notes on the Mission, that while learning Sinhalese and the local *patois* of Portuguese, Mr. Chater "preached in English in a large warehouse, which was afterwards bought by the Mission and converted into a Chapel. His hearers were European soldiers and a few Burghers who understood English. Among the latter was a pious young man named Hendrick Siers, who soon became a valuable assistant as a preacher to his countrymen."

Three years afterwards the Church in Colombo numbered only three members, but then an addition was made by the baptism of two Europeans of the 73rd Regiment. Still no impression seems to have been made on the Sinhalese, for although Mr. Chater, after acquiring a knowledge of their language, gave notice that he should preach in it, when the day of service arrived not a single individual, except the members of his own household, came to the place of worship.

*Prepared by Mr. J. Ferguson for a Social Meeting of Church, Congregation and friends, held in "Ferguson Memorial Hall," 25th October, 1898.

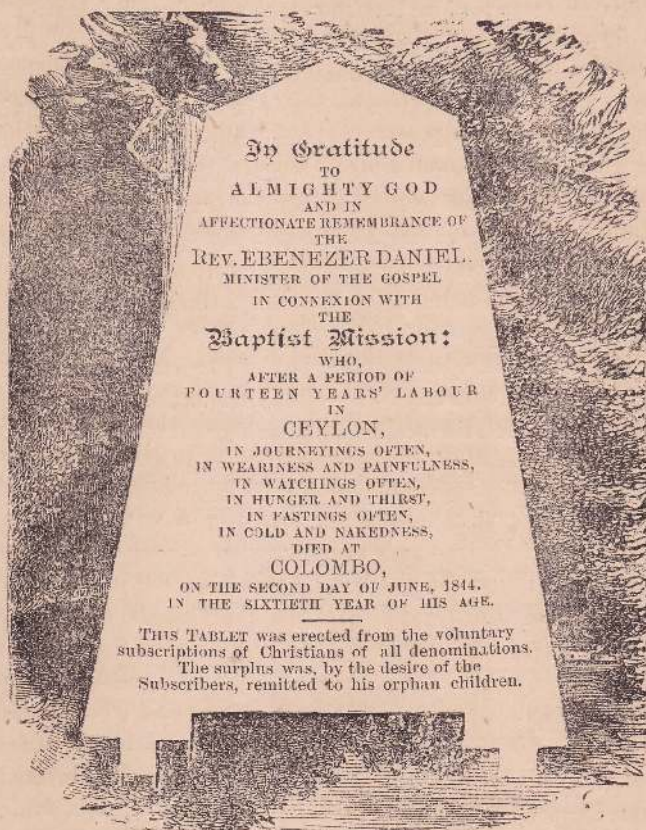
In 1814, the first Wesleyan Missionaries in Colombo—Messrs. Lynch and Squance—record that they occasionally preached in Mr. Chater's neat Chapel situate in the Pettah; and in 1816 we read that Mr. Chater had a regular service in the Fort for the Military.

It is not our purpose to follow the work of this Missionary, or how in course of time, he was supported by colleagues and was very successful in native work. There is some doubt whether the "warehouse" which became the first Baptist Chapel stood at the end of Baillie Street, opposite Queen's House, where the Oriental Bank afterwards was built, or was where the Wesleyan Chapel, Fort, afterwards was (now occupied by Wrenn, Bennett & Co.), or whether the warehouse bought by the Mission, on which the first Chapel was erected, stood on the site of the present Baptist Chapel, Prince Street, Pettah. In any case we may suppose that the five or six who composed the Church meeting there in 1815-16, must have continued to meet together for prayer, communion, and the reading of the Scriptures, profiting by a regular service occasionally from the Missionary when he could get away from his Sinhalese work. By 1818 we know Mr. Chater had built a Chapel for Sinhalese services, residence and school at Grandpass; and that besides translation and other literary labours, he was much interested in Mission work towards Hanwella; and for some years we hear nothing more of the English-speaking Church in the Fort or Pettah, Mr. Spence Hardy mentions in his Jubilee Memorials (page 248) that the Wesleyan Mission rented a Chapel belonging to the Baptists in the Fort of Colombo. This was evidently the Chapel near Chatham Street alternately used by the two bodies; but in 1834 the Wesleyan Mission would seem to have purchased it (page 245), and Mr. Clough built a new Chapel there. In 1824, it is narrated in Mission records, the little Church in Colombo received an addition of eight members, one of them being Whyto Nadan, afterwards the devoted pastor of a Sinhalese Church. But we suspect this record refers to the Sinhalese Church at Grandpass and not to the English-speaking members in the Fort or Pettah, who perhaps were not counted as a separate Church at all at this time. In 1826 the Church at Colombo was said to comprise 22 members. Mr. Chater died at sea on the way home on January 23rd, 1829. His successor was the Rev. Ebenezer Daniel, who for 18 years had been the pastor of a large and flourishing Church at Luton, Bedfordshire, and who landed in Ceylon in August, 1830. He entered on his new work with apostolic ardour. We are told: "He preached twice in English on the very day he landed, and lost no time in making arrangements for regular

services. Sunday Schools were commenced in the Colombo Chapels and a perceptible revival followed. Mr. Daniel's first year of labour in Ceylon was spent in preaching in English and by interpretation in Sinhalese." In 1831, 23 persons were baptized and added to the Church ; but we have no means of saying how many of them belonged to the English Church. In 1834 a Girls' School on the Mission premises, taught by Mrs. and Miss Daniel, was attended by 50 girls and prospered greatly. There were 24 native converts in 1834. In 1836 a Chapel was built in Slave Island for Portuguese services conducted by Mr. Siers. In 1837, 17 persons were added to the Church—one English, 4 Portuguese and 12 natives. We may feel very sure that part of Mr. Daniel's preaching in English was in a Fort Chapel ; because it is on record that Mrs. Stewart Mackenzie, the wife of the Governor (who arrived in 1837 and left in 1841) used to attend the service either in a Chapel nearly opposite Queen's House or at the foot of Chatham Street. If the former, the building is likely to have been sold to the Ceylon Bank which opened in June, 1841, or to the Western Bank of India (afterwards the Oriental Bank) which began on 23rd October, 1843.

On the 2nd November, 1838, another Missionary, Mr. Harris, arrived to help Mr. Daniel in Colombo, enabling the latter to devote himself to jungle work. In 1839 the Mission sustained a loss in the death of Mr. Siers who could preach in three vernacular languages—Sinhalese, Portuguese, and Tamil—while he also preached in English with acceptance to the British troops. Through Mr. Harris's work 4 English soldiers were baptized. In 1840 Mr. MacCarthy succeeded Mr. Siers in charge of the Portuguese work in Slave Island Chapel. In 1841 Mr. Harris removed to Kandy and Mr. Dawson arrived to help him and manage a Printing Press. In 1843 we read of a gentleman connected with the Colombo Church, supporting a Mission worker at Ratnapura, in the neighbourhood of which the former had a sugar estate. Towards the end of 1843 Mr. Daniel's health began to give way. We read that he was taken seriously ill on Sunday evening, May 26th, while preaching in the Pettah Chapel, and was conveyed by the Chief Justice Sir Anthony and Lady Oliphant to their house and nursed with all care till his death on the Sunday following. (Mrs. Daniel had died at sea, on the way home with her two daughters in November, 1835.) An immense concourse of persons of all denominations, together with Buddhists and Hindus, attended Mr. Daniel's funeral, and £300 was readily realised as a " Daniel

Testimonial Fund," £20 of which was devoted to a tablet above his grave in the Pettah Chapel, and the balance transmitted to Mr. Daniel's orphan children. The following is the inscription on the tablet:—



A resolution of the Baptist Mission Committee, signed on August 22nd, 1844, by Dr. Angus as Secretary, conveyed special thanks to Sir Anthony and Lady Oliphant for their great kindness and attention to Mr. Daniel in his fatal illness. Mr. Dawson now occupied Colombo, conducting no doubt one service at least in English; while Mr. MacCarthy, who had been removed from Slave Island to Kurunegala, was now sent to Kandy. In 1844, on September 15th, the Rev. Jacob Davies from Horton College, Bradford,—a learned and devout man—arrived, and Mr. Dawson returned to Kandy. In 1845, we read that “the labours of Mr. Davies

in Colombo produced a perceptible impression on some of the young men who attended the Pettah Chapel; and Mr. Davies laboured so hard in preaching, training students, learning the language, &c., that his health gave way." Mr. MacCarthy returned to Colombo to preach in Portuguese. The Chapel in Slave Island, we read, "fell to ruins in 1843, and some attempts were now (1845) made to raise subscriptions for a new one, but without success. A Sunday School was commenced this year (1845) in the Pettah Chapel by Mrs. Davies and others; and this school was continued there till when, as the regular Sunday services were abandoned in the Pettah, the school was transferred to the Cinnamon Gardens Chapel and continues to this day, being now held in the Ferguson Memorial Hall. In 1846, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis arrived. The former went to Kandy and afterwards to Matara; the latter remained in Colombo. In 1846 Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Lewis commenced the Sinhalese Girls' Boarding School. Mr. Lewis preached in English, and by interpretation the first year, and then he and Mrs. Lewis were transferred to India. About the middle of 1849, Mr. Allen came from Matara to Colombo to help Mr. Davies whose health had failed. Mr. Davies was carried off by an attack of dysentery that year on Nov. 2nd, deeply regretted by a wide circle. His funeral, like that of Mr. Daniel, was numerously attended. "Amongst those who stood round the grave we noticed (a local paper says) the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary, the Hon'ble the Queen's Advocate, &c. The funeral sermon was preached on Sunday last by Mr. Allen, one of the two surviving Baptist Missionaries, to an overflowing congregation, many of whom appeared deeply affected." A subscription was raised for the bereaved family and to defray the cost of a marble tablet which was erected in the Pettah Chapel. The inscription is as follows:—

TO

Affectionate Remembrance

OF THE EMINENT PIETY AND LEARNING OF THE

RE V. JACOB DAVIES,

Baptist Missionary

WHO HAD A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS LABOUR IN CEYLON.

DIED AT COLOMBO, ON THE 2ND OF NOVEMBER, 1849,

IN THE 64TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.

THIS TABLET has been erected by Christians of all denominations who attended his preaching and exhortations.

We have now arrived at a period in the experience of the Baptist Mission in the Colombo District, when we can refer to the authentic records of the English-speaking Church-meeting in the Pettah Chapel, in order to follow up its history.

We have no official reports of the Church until March 29th, 1850, when we have the opening record in an existing Church Book which reads as follows:—"At a Church Meeting held in the Baptist Chapel, Pettah, Colombo, on Friday, March 29th, 1850: After a short sketch of Christian character, and the mode by which such characters should be admitted to fellowship with each other, Dr. Elliott proposed that the Church should dissolve itself and be re-constructed. After the Church had dissolved itself, James Allen and P. Schumacher agreed to have fellowship with each other and to invite others holding the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel on an intelligent faith and in righteousness of life. Sixteen, after searching examination with regard to personal piety and general character, enrolled themselves as members of the Baptized Church of Jesus Christ, meeting for worship in the above-named place. Others who were not present are expected to follow their example. James Allen was elected Elder, and agreed to act in that capacity as far as his ability to do so would permit. The subject of strict Communion* was brought before the Church and was postponed for consideration at a meeting to be held as soon as practicable. The meeting then separated after prayer for the Divine blessing."

Dr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Charters, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were among the earliest members of the Church. Next year Dr. Elliott, Messrs. Schumacher and Nelson were chosen Deacons. Dr. Elliott regularly took one service up to his death in 1859.

From the report of the Colombo Division of the Baptist Missionary Society for 1850 we may take an extract:—"In the Pettah the Gospel has been preached by the Missionaries of the Society ever since the days of Chater, the first Missionary. Two services are held in the Chapel on the Lord's day. They are in the English language, conducted by the Resident European Missionary who is the stated minister of the place. The Morning Service commences at 8½ o'clock,

* It was brought up at subsequent meetings; but there is no record of a decision being arrived at; the Church continued "open."

and the Evening Service at 6 o'clock. Every Monday evening also a meeting commencing at 7 o'clock is held for devotional exercises of prayer and praise and Scriptural reading. A Sabbath School is connected with the place in which from 40 to 60 boys and girls are instructed in the great truths and doctrines of Christianity. The congregations are generally good, that in the evening being the larger. In the early part of the year the Church which consists of 37 members dissolved itself by mutual consent, and a reorganization was effected. 21 of the former members were enrolled and subsequently 2 more. To these 11 others have been added during the year, on a public profession of Repentance and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by immersion, so that the Church now consists of 34 members. To these the ordinances of the Church are administered by the minister of the place. Others are expected to join us, having, as we trust, given themselves to God. It has been felt for some time past that the Chapel was far from convenient as a place of worship, not simply too small in proportion to the population around and the usual congregation, but (on account of the lowness of the roof and the crowded surrounding buildings), so hot as to be at times almost intolerable – so uncomfortable indeed that many who wished to come were prevented from attending at all. A few friends, therefore, wishing to meet the wants of the population and advance the interests of the Redeemer, have determined, with God's help, to erect a larger, more convenient and better ventilated building. At a meeting called for the purpose about £150 were subscribed, to which additions have been made till the sum has reached about £200. Another £100 is yet wanted to meet the estimate for a plain, substantial and suitable Chapel, and we confidently hope that a generous public, fully appreciating the value of the voluntary principle, will rapidly and promptly help us in our attempts to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom. Considerable success has attended the preaching of the Gospel by the Baptist Missionaries in this place, for which we desire to be grateful to God who alone can give success."

The Pettah Chapel in this year contributed £24 11s. 3d. in monthly subscriptions, and £32 4s. 7½d. in weekly offerings. From the Mission Report for 1851 we may quote as follows:—"At the commencement of the year, it was resolved that a more suitable building than that in which we had been accustomed to worship should be erected, and we have the result of the purely voluntary principle in the neat, unassuming, substantial and convenient building in which we now

assemble. In six months from the time of vacating the old house we met again on the same site. During the interval of building, worship was conducted in a house hired for the purpose, so that we have without interruption enjoyed the means of grace. This building was erected at a cost of £300. The furniture cost £100 more, and some additional work outside £15, making a total of £415; and we feel no small pleasure in being able to say it is paid for. All honour to the voluntary principle. The Baptists are few, but they did what they could, as the subscription list will testify; the congregation helped, and the public generously responded when appealed to. The preaching has been attended with some success; God has confirmed His own Word, and the Church has been increased with men and we trust with piety. At the close of 1850 the number of members was 34. This has been increased to 49 by baptisms and receptions from other Churches. One has been excluded. The congregation is still good, and we hope gradually increasing and assuming a character of growing steadiness. The Sabbath School has an average attendance of 40 to 45 boys and girls, and is under able superintendence." And in the Report for 1852-3 we read:—"The number of members at the close of 1851 was 49. Since that time six have been added to the number: 4 by baptism and 2 from other Churches, and 6 have removed to other places, leaving the number of members still the same. The Pettah must be regarded as an important Church, destined we trust to become self-supporting, and in addition to this a Missionary Church sending forth from its own body preachers of the Gospel to various parts of the Island."

It is striking to see the local subscription list for the Baptist Missionary Society in those years, headed by H.E. the Governor Sir George Anderson £5, Chief Justice Sir Anthony Oliphant £5, Hon. Queen's Advocate £5; the Colonial Secretary, Auditor-General and Treasurer also all giving, while Lady Oliphant gave £15 and the Governor's wife, Lady Anderson, £5 to the Sinhalese Girls' Boarding School. In 1853 the total got from the Pettah Chapel in every way was £97. The list of contributions towards building the new, that is, the present Chapel in the Pettah, included £50 from the Baptist Missionary Society, while a large number of officials from the Governor Sir George Anderson downwards, some merchants and planters helped as well as a long list of Ceylonese subscribers. Twenty-five years later the name of the Governor, Sir William Gregory, headed the list of subscribers to the Cinnamon Gardens Chapel building fund.

In 1855 our dear friend, Mrs. Pate, joined the Church. In 1857 Messrs. R. V. Dunlop and G. B. Leechman became members, and Mr. Dunlop took services with Mr. Elliott, while he and Mr. Leechman reconstructed the Sunday School. I do not find any reference to the death of Dr. Elliott in the Church book for 1859, but it was a great loss; and in May, 1860, Mr. A. M. Ferguson was chosen Deacon in his stead.

For several years at this time Deputations (generally two members) nominated by the Church used to visit a Mission station to cheer the brethren and report on what they saw at the following Church meeting. In 1861 it was agreed to make an effort to get a Pastor for the Church. In Feb., 1863, the Rev. Jas. Allen (on his leaving for England) resigned the office of Elder which he had held for 13 years; and the Rev. H. R. Pigott (who had arrived in 1862) was requested to act as Elder. In April, 1863, Mr. John Corner was elected Deacon as Brother Schumacher was removing to Kandy. Mr. Allen, on his return in 1864, became Elder again, he and Mr. Pigott conducting services alternately till Mr. Allen's death in 1866. The following resolution was carried on May 9th that year:—"That this Church deeply feels the loss it has sustained in the death of one who so long watched over it and presided at its meetings; that the hand of God be recognised in this dispensation, and that we humble ourselves before Him and feel that we have a fresh call to diligence in the work of Christ, and finally that while thus feeling our own loss even in our departed brother's great gain, we also desire to record our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Allen and her family, whom we commend to that God whom he who is gone so long served." "It was also suggested: That a tablet be erected to the memory of the late Pastor (Rev. James Allen), and also to the late Dr. Elliott." Both tablets were erected in the Pettah Chapel, costing some £50 with suitable

inscriptions:—

Sacred to the Memory

OF THE

REVEREND JAMES ALLEN,

WHO

AFTER A LABORIOUS CAREER OF TWENTY YEARS IN THIS ISLAND

AS

A MISSIONARY OF THE GOSPEL

IN CONNECTION WITH

The Baptist Missionary Society,

DIED AT COLOMBO, ON APRIL 30TH, 1866,

AGED 56 YEARS.

AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AS FOR MANY YEARS PREVIOUSLY,

HE WAS PASTOR OF THE CHURCH MEETING IN THIS PLACE,

AND WAS TO ITS MEMBERS, AND TO ALL WHOM HIS

MINISTRY REACHED, A FAITHFUL AND

ELOQUENT PREACHER

OF THE

GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD.

The Church and Congregation to whom he so long ministered
have erected this tablet in affectionate
regard to his memory.

In Memory of

CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT, M.D.,

PRINCIPAL CIVIL MEDICAL OFFICER;

A DEACON OF THIS CHURCH,

AND

A PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

TO THE CONGREGATION ASSEMBLING IN THIS PLACE.

AS A SERVANT OF CHRIST,

AN ENLIGHTENED CITIZEN, A DISCERNING PHILANTHROPIST.

AND

A SKILFUL PHYSICIAN,

HAVING SERVED HIS DAY AND GENERATION WELL,

HE DIED IN THE LORD, AT COLOMBO, ON MAY 22ND, 1859,

AGED FORTY-NINE YEARS.

THIS TABLET is erected by the members of the Church
and Congregation with whom he was
wont to worship.

The number of members on the roll on Dec. 31st, 1866, was 57.
On Dec. 27th, 1867, we find the following resolution:—"That the
Church desire to express their regret at the loss they have sustained

by the removal of Mr. John Corner from their midst, after sustaining for many years the position of a zealous and useful member, an earnest Sunday School teacher, and one who used the office of a Deacon well, —consoled by the thought that his departure from earth is only the entrance into heavenly happiness, the Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family bereaved of such a parent."

In consequence of some members retiring on strict communion principles during 1867, the number at the end of the year was 52. The Church and congregation raised in 1867 for the Baptist Missionary Society £133; for sundry objects £125 7s. 5d., or £258 7s. 5d. in all.

In 1868 a tablet was erected to Brother Corner with the following inscription:—

Sacred to the Memory of

JOHN CORNER,

LONG A CONSISTENT MEMBER

AND

USEFUL DEACON OF THIS CHURCH

"A GOOD MAN"

HE FELL ASLEEP IN CHRIST ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 1867,

AGED 64 YEARS.

**THIS TABLET is erected by the members of the
Church and congregation.**

In 1868, the Rev. F. D. Waldock became co-Elder with Mr. Pigott, taking alternate services. At the end of 1870, the members numbered 65 and the contributions totalled £259 2s. 8d. In 1871, Mr. J. Ferguson succeeded Mr. G. B. Leechman as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

On April 10th, 1872, the Church expressed its grateful appreciation of the services in preaching, &c., rendered by Mr. R. V. Dunlop on his leaving for England. In 1874, Mr. P. D. De Silva was elected Deacon, and the Church resolved to become self-supporting. The Rev. T. R. Stevenson, selected by Mr. Waldock and Mr. Leechman, came out as first Pastor, arriving in December on a three years' engagement.

The death of the very worthy Senior Deacon, Mr. P. Schumacher, is thus recorded in the *Ceylon Observer* of February, 1873:—

At Maradana, Colombo, on the 9th February, [1873] Mr. Peter Ernst Schumacher, late Paymaster's Clerk, Ceylon Rifles, aged 64 years.

DEATH OF MR. P. SCHUMACHER.—Our obituary today includes the name of a most worthy Christian man, Mr. P. E. Schumacher, late Paymaster's clerk of the Rifle Regiment, and Senior Deacon of the Pettah Baptist Church. Unassuming and retiring in his manner, yet withal a staunch, true, and thoroughly good man, Mr. Schumacher won the respect of all who knew him. His steady industry and high integrity were well-proved during over forty years' service in connection with the Rifles' Paymaster's Office, while as member and office-bearer in the Church to which he belonged, Mr. Schumacher, by his consistent Christian character, secured the special esteem of all connected with him. Of late years failing health confined him to his house and interfered with his usefulness; but his name will long be remembered, among his countrymen especially, as that of one who shewed an exceptionally striking example of what a Christian's life and character ought to be.

In June, 1875, the building of a new Chapel in Cinnamon Gardens was considered and a Committee appointed. The Memorial Stone was laid on April 4th, 1876, and the Church opened Oct. 18th, 1877.

In June, 1881, the Rev. T. R. Stevenson resigned the Pastorship and returned to England. During the rest of 1881 and up to Feb. 1883, services were conducted by the Missionaries aided by several lay friends, and more especially by Mr. L. Liesching of the Civil Service. In Feb., 1883, great regret was felt at the death of Brother Garnier. In that month Capt. Passingham assumed the Pastorate for a year.

On October 10th, 1883, there is the following entry:—"The Church having no further need for the use of the Pettah Chapel so long and kindly lent by the Baptist Missionary Society at a nominal rent, it was proposed by Mr. G. B. Leechman, seconded by Mr. James Miller, and unanimously agreed to by the Church that the following letter, signed by the Deacons, be sent to the Rev. F. D. Waldoek, Baptist Missionary Society:—

"DEAR MR. WALDOEK,

"On behalf of the Church of which we are Deacons, we beg to express to the Society of which you are the Agent, our grateful sense of their kindness in allowing us so long the use of the Chapel in the Pettah. As you are aware we have concentrated at the Cinnamon Gardens Church all the services formerly divided; Mr. Rode, however, in whom Mr. J. Ferguson reposes great confidence, wishes to carry on a Sunday School in the Pettah Chapel, and we therefore send you the keys by him so that you may confer with him and decide.

The Chapel and all connected with it are in good order except that one lamp is broken.

Yours very truly,

(Signed :)	A. M. FERGUSON,	} <i>Deacons,</i> <i>Baptist Church,</i> <i>Colombo.</i>
„	P. DE SILVA,	

“P.S.—We have no doubt that you will kindly consent to the removal of the Memorial stones on the walls, should it be found desirable. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the keys.”

In November, 1883, farewell was taken of Capt. Passingham and grateful thanks tendered to him. The Rev. H. A. Lapham was next welcomed to the Pastorate, and he continued to the end of 1886 with great acceptance, special thanks being accorded on his return to purely vernacular missionary work. In February, 1887, the Rev. F. Durbin of the Pastors' College arrived as Pastor, the membership being 95. By 1890 it was 147. In March, 1890, it was resolved to build a Manse, which was finished and entered into by June, 1891. The cordial thanks of the Church were given to the Rev. F. D. Waldoek for his valuable services so kindly rendered in regard to the building of both the Gothic Church (capable of holding 400 persons) and the Manse and outhouses. In November, 1893, Mr. Durbin returned to England; and early in June, 1894, our present Pastor and his family arrived.

In 1895-6 Mr. Waldoek at the request of members of the Ferguson family built the “Ferguson Memorial Hall”; and in 1898 the finishing touch was put to the building operations by a contract with Messrs. Walker Sons & Co., Ltd., to erect a wall-railing and gates round the property. At the same time as a thank-offering it was resolved to raise R1,000 in aid of building operations and repairs for the native Churches.

In 1897 a proposal was made to open the door to membership in the Church to unimmersed Christians, there being no “Independent” or “Congregational” Church in Colombo; but as some of the members did not approve, the proposal was withdrawn.

The 21st Anniversary of the Church opening was celebrated by services on October 23rd, when collections for the Building Fund realized R607.25. The number of Church members is now 201. The amount annually raised for the Pastorate, Incidentals, Poor and Missions, apart from building is now over R6,000 a year. Since the

Church became self-supporting in 1875, the total amount contributed through its agency for the Pastorate, Building Purposes, Incidentals, in aid of the Poor and Mission work cannot be less than R180,000 for the 24 years, or an average of R7,500 a year for all purposes—an encouraging example of the successful working of the voluntary principle offered to the other Churches in the Island.

[P.S.—It was stated by the late Mr. A. M. Ferguson at a meeting held during 1882, that the Prince Street Pettah Chapel was originally a dwelling-house gifted or sold to Mr. Chater early in his Colombo work.—J. F.]



STATEMENT

OF

BUILDING OPERATIONS AND FINANCES,

1875-1898.*

THE CINNAMON GARDENS BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING.

The Building Committee were the Rev. T. R. Stevenson (Pastor), Messrs. A. M. Ferguson, G. B. Leechman, Ebenezer Rusbridge and P. D. De Silva (Deacons), C. A. Leechman, Jno. Ferguson, Jas. Miller, Allsop and Arnold Siebel; and Rev. F. D. Waldock (Hon. Architect and Superintendent of Building).

A block of land was bought from Government containing 1 acre 1 rood and 20 perches for R4,181.

The Memorial Stone was laid in April 4th, 1876, and the Church was opened for service in October 18th, 1877.

The total cost of Land and Building was	... <u>R27,007·96</u>
Subscriptions, Donations, &c., gave	... 16,509·00
Collections, &c. ... ...	... 898·96
Loan from Baptist Missionary Society £800†=...	9,600·00
	<u> </u>
	<u>R27,007·96</u>

THE MANSE.

In February, 1889, the Church secured an additional piece of land from Government (extent 31¼ perches) for which we paid R625 in order to erect a bungalow for the Pastor. Total cost of the Manse and outhouses, &c., was nearly R8,000 including land. (We also paid R155 for half cost of raising the wall adjoining the Mosque.) To provide funds

* Prepared for the Social Meeting, October 25th, 1898, by the senior Deacon, Mr. P. D. De Silva.

† This loan was fully repaid by July, 1887.

apart from sum for building fund, subscriptions and donations, we got a loan from the Baptist Missionary Society of £300 at 4 per cent in June, 1890, (of which we have repaid £200 sterling, leaving a balance still to be remitted of £100 on which we pay 4 per cent interest per annum. The Society is in no hurry to have this balance repaid, and the rent of Manse is ample security for the loan). The Manse like the Church was designed by Rev. F. D. Waldoek.

"THE FERGUSON MEMORIAL HALL."

This was built as a memorial to our late Senior Deacon and his worthy wife, the inscription on the stone at the door being :—

"FERGUSON MEMORIAL HALL.—This Hall was erected to the memory of A. M. Ferguson, C.M.G., who died December 26th, 1892, and his wife Annie M. Ferguson, who died August 23rd, 1890, who for some 50 years were actively connected with the Colombo Baptist Church."

The total cost of the erected building was R4,835.31, and this was provided by the two sons, son-in-law and nephew of the late Mr. A. M. Ferguson, with the aid of R500 legacy from Mr. A. M. Ferguson's estate. The Hall was designed by the Rev. F. D. Waldoek. The furnishing of the Hall was provided by Church members and friends costing R610. The oil-painting of Mr. A. M. Ferguson placed on the wall is by Mr. Trevor Haddon and came from the Ferguson family costing them about R1,000.

WALLS AND GATES ROUND PROPERTY.

For a long time the need of a wall to enclose the properties, to preserve the compound from being overrun by stray cattle, &c., and to give a worthy finish to what had been done, was felt. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Walker Sons & Co., Ltd., who have completed the walls, gates, and railing at a cost of R2,750, all of which has now been paid by the subscriptions and donations of members and friends, special collections, proceeds of lecture, &c.

As a Special Thank-offering to God for all His goodness to the Church and congregation during the past, it was resolved to raise a Special Thank-offering Fund of R1,000 to be placed under the control of the Rev. W. D. Hankinson, the Missionary now in charge of the Colombo District of the Baptist Missionary Society in Ceylon, to be used for building and repairing purposes in connection with the Native Churches. This fund is now in process of being raised.

BRIEF REVIEW
OF
4½ YEARS' WORK IN CEYLON,
BY REV. T. I. STOCKLEY.

I have been asked to give some account of the work it has been my privilege to do during the 4½ years I have been in Ceylon. It is difficult to do this with any sense of satisfaction, but I may mention a few things which may be of interest.

But first of all I should like to express my sincere thankfulness to God for the health which I have enjoyed during the time I have been in the island; for the strength which has been given me to minister to the needs of the Cinnamon Gardens Church as well as to others; for the true helpers which I have found in some of our friends here; and for the many kindnesses which have been shown to Mrs. Stockley, my family and myself by many friends. When I review this period of 4½ years I have abundant reason for devout thankfulness and praise.

Our first experiences of Christian work in Ceylon were very trying. Leaving behind us in England the large, earnest, and successful work in which we had engaged in Sheffield and Eastbourne, we passed many months of considerable mental struggle. We came out for a term of three years, and we did not then think that the period of our work in Ceylon would extend to its present length. However, we are now thankful that it has done, and perhaps the Master may have yet such a further term for us to labour here as will one day surprise us.

It is impossible to put all the spiritual results of 4½ years of Christian work on paper. I can give a few figures, in the earnest hope, however, that they give a very inadequate report of the actual blessing which has been received.

Up to the date of our Anniversary in October, 44 new members had been added to the Church roll—13 by transfer and testimony, and 31 by baptism. Two of these have now been transferred to England, and one erased, so that of 44 added during the $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, 41 names still remain.

During the period of my ministry here the Church has lost by death 8, by transfer 5, by resignation 4, and by erasure 2, in all 19. Deducting these from the 44 added, we have a net gain of 25 names to the Church roll, and a present total membership of 201. The Church roll is a very interesting one from the point of view of the variety of nationality, etc. But it is also interesting in regard to the locality of our members. Out of the 201 about 90 are out of Colombo, some in different parts of Ceylon, others are in India, the Straits, England and elsewhere, and only about 100 of those living in and about Colombo can be expected to attend the services.

I have conducted some 31 marriages: of these there were 9 in which one or both the parties are members of the Church. The funerals have been very numerous, and unfortunately I have kept no record of these. We have also had a few dedication services in the homes of our friends, where the dear little ones newly given to their parents, have been dedicated to God in earnest united prayer.

During my pastorate here the Church has had the joy of starting a real bit of missionary work amongst the Sinhalese—first in the village of Mabodala, and now at Alutgama where Miss Boorman and her Sinhalese helper are now labouring. This work is supported by the gifts of Christians of different denominations in and out of Ceylon and has received the Divine seal of the Master's blessing.

In regard to the Church property, I have had the joy of seeing that greatly increased in accommodation and value. The "Ferguson Memorial Hall", the generous gift of the Ferguson family, is a beautiful building; while the walls and gates now enclosing the whole of the property add greatly to the comfort and appearance of the whole. Thank God for these material things!

SPECIAL MISSIONS.—During my $4\frac{1}{2}$ years in Ceylon I have had the privilege of conducting several Special Missions in different parts of the Island. By interpretation to Sinhalese audiences I have had such special work at Makewita, Hanwella, Welgama, Matara, and other

places, while amongst the Tamils in the Jaffna Peninsula I have been permitted to do three weeks of work which I count amongst the most fruitful work of my life. Five weeks of the present year were spent in mission work in South India, especially in Travancore, where amongst the Syrian Christians much blessing attended the effort. Besides these Special Missions we have had the joy of visiting either for rest or work, Kandy, Hatton, Nuwara Eliya, Haldummulla, Happy Valley, also Glenorchy, Alton, Batgodde, Abbotsford, and Maratenne Tea Estates where we have had seasons of much refreshment with our upcountry friends.

My ordinary services and meetings in Colombo at present may be of interest to some of the friends:—

ON SUNDAY we have the two regular services, morning and evening, and the Young Men's Society of King's Helpers in the afternoon, with a Tamil Communion Service once a month and occasionally other Special Sunday Services.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY are used largely for extra, outside meetings, such as S.C.A.* meetings, a monthly "Quiet Day" in the country with missionary workers, Y.M.C.A., Missionary Conference, or general outside work.

WEDNESDAY, our usual service at 6, and S.C.A. Bible Class at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY.—Bible Lesson for Senior City College boys at 12-30 noon, and meeting at the "Fernery," Flower Road at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.—Band of Hope at 5 p.m., and Bible Class at School of Agriculture at 7-30 p.m.

SATURDAY.—Occasionally Mrs. Pate's meeting in Flower Road at 8 o'clock.

VISITING is another important part of our work, and, if possible, I usually give the evenings from 4 to 6-30 p.m. for this work, thus leaving for my own private and general reading and family life—how much time do you think? *Very little indeed; very much less than I ever had in my life.* Indeed, even the hours set apart for meditation and thought in preparation for these services and classes are so broken and disturbed by callers, that I feel my congregation on Sunday loses much which it would be a joy to me to give. My general reading is so crushed out that I scarcely dare to think of it.

* "Soldiers Christian Association."

In conclusion, what shall I say of these past $4\frac{1}{2}$ years? The work has been full of failings I am sure, but some blessing has been given, and I can say that I was never happier in the work here than now.

As a Church I feel we need to get together more, that we may get into closer touch with each other; we ought to have a larger number out at the prayer-meetings for earnest waiting upon God; and we want more personal effort on the part of the members with more inviting of others to come to the services. Then I think we should soon see a much larger increase and richer blessing on all we do than we have yet known.

God bless you, my dear friends. Let us all join hands yet more firmly in holy fellowship and prayer and work.



REGISTER OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

ADMITTED.

Ondatje, Mrs. F.	...	...	June	15	1858	by baptism	
VanHoff, Jas.	...	...	March	19	1854	do	
Pate, Mrs. Maria	...	...	do	18	1855	do	
Leechman, G. B.	...	...	July	8	1857	by transfer from London	
Krickenbeek, Mrs.	...	...	Nov.	20	1859	do baptism	
Siers, Mrs. E.	...	...	do	21	1861		
De Silva, Peter Daniel	...	...	Sept.	7	1862	do do	
Leechman, W. Carey	...	...	Dec.	2	1863	do transfer from London	
Ferguson, John	...	...	do	18	1864	do baptism	
Robinson, Mrs. H.	...	...	April	30	1865	do do	
Pate, William	...	...	do	30	do do	do	
Wait, Mrs.	...	...	Oct.	16	1867	do transfer from Matale	
Waldock, Rev. F. D.	...	...	Dec.	4	do do	do	Kandy
Waldock, Mrs. M.	...	...	do	4	do do	do	do
Woutersz, Mrs. H.	...	...	March	1	1868	do baptism	
Andree, Mrs. F. L.	...	...	do	1	do do	do	
Pate, Charles H.	...	...	April	5	do do	do	
Ohlmus, Mrs.	...	...	do	5	do do	do	
Pieris, Mrs. Dr.	...	...	May	5	1869	do transfer from Kandy	
Earde, Mrs. J. H.	...	...	do	30	do do	do	do
Vandort, Mrs. Sophia	...	...	Dec.	21	1870	do do	do
Heyzer, Mrs. J.	...	...	do	21	do do	do	do
Ferguson, Mrs.	...	...	Nov.	19	1871	do do	London
Malowney, Mrs.	...	...	June	23	1872	do do	baptism
Ferguson, Alick M.	...	...	July	10	do do	do	London
Corner, Mrs. Edward	...	...	Nov.	2	1873	do baptism	
Pate, Mrs. Edwin	...	...	Dec.	28	do do	do	
Ferguson, Donald W.	...	...	April	12	1874	do transfer from London	
Fernando, Peter	...	...	June	30	1875	do baptism	
De Silva, Mrs. J. S.	...	...	Sept.	29	do do	do	
Corner, Edward S.	...	...	do	29	do do	do	
Mulholland, Mrs.	...	...	Nov.	29	do do	do	
Pate, Edwin...	...	...	do	29	do do	do	
Pate, Arthur...	...	...	Sept.	27	1876	do do	
Ondatjie, Mrs. E. F.	...	...	do	27	do do	do	
Wood, Mrs. J. W.	...	...	do	27	do do	do	
Ernst, Mrs. J. B.	...	...	do	27	do do	do	
Marshall, Mrs.	...	...	do	27	do do	do	
Skeen, Mrs. G. A.	...	...	May	30	1877	do do	
Andree, Mrs. A. G.	...	...	Sept.	12	do do	do	
Newman, Mrs. J.	...	...	do	12	do do	do	
Andree, Mrs. C.	...	...	do	12	do do	do	
Martin, Mrs. Alfred	...	...	April	3	1879	do transfer from Penzance	
Martin, Alfred	...	...	June	11	do do	do	do
Firth, H. E. ...	...	...	Aug.	10	do do	do baptism	
Rankine, Mrs. W.	...	...	Dec.	17	do		
Walker, Edmund	...	...	Nov.	23	1881	do transfer from Glasgow	
Smith, Mrs. Logan	...	...	April	27	do	do baptism	

ADMITTED.

Cook, Mrs. Mary	...	...	March 24 1889	by baptism			
Gnanamutto, Christian	...	...	do 24	do do do			
Wilson, Corporal Fred. C.	...	...	do 24	do do do			
Schoorman, Mrs.	...	...	do 31	do do do			
Mayow, John H. Wynell	...	...	July 24	do do	profession,	previously	baptised
Rosairo, Mrs.	...	...	June 10 1890				
Corner, Mrs. R.	...	...	March 31	do do	baptism		
Compton, Private Thomas	...	...	do 31	do do	do		
De Fry, George	...	...	June 4	do do	profession,	previously	baptised
Labrooy, Mrs.	...	...	do 4	do do	transfer from	Kandy	
Rodrigoe, Mrs. A. W.	...	...	Aug. 31	do do	baptism		
Joachim, Miss Clara	...	...	do 31	do do	do		
VanDort, Mrs. Cary	...	...	do 31	do do	do		
Goonetilleka, Fred. E.	...	...	do 31	do do	do		
Richards, Mrs. Horace	...	...	May 3 1891	do do	transfer from	Penzance	
Ferguson, Mrs. Alick M.	...	...	do 13	do do	profession,	previously	baptised
Richards, Horace	...	...	June 17	do do	do		
Burdett, Mrs.	...	...	do 28	do do	baptism		
Earde, Miss Ella	...	...	do 28	do do	do		
Wydeinan, Oswald	...	...	do 28	do do	do		
Corner, Charles	...	...	do 28	do do	do		
De Silva, Jr., Mrs. J. S.	...	...	Sept. 27	do do	do		
Hobson, Private Walter	...	...	do 27	do do	do		
Corner, Jr., Edward	...	...	do 27	do do	do		
Labrooy, Oswald	...	...	do 27	do do	do		
Simpson, James	...	...	do 29	do do	do		
Todd, Henry	...	...	do 29	do do	do		
Mitchell, Private Alex.	...	...	do 29	do do	do		
Smith, Alexander	...	...	Feb. 3 1892	do do	profession,	previously	baptised
Lamont, Walter	...	...	do 3	do do	transfer from	Glasgow	
Ondatjie, Miss	...	...	March 15	do do	profession,	previously	baptised
Gidlow, Mrs.	...	...	June	do do	profession		
Capp, Mrs.	...	...	do	do do	do		
Elhaart, Henry D.	...	...	do	do do	do		
Cotton, Charles	...	...	July 3	do do	baptism		
Cotton, Henry	...	...	do 3	do do	do		
Berger, Mrs.	...	...	Nov. 16	do do	do		
Miles, Fred. J.	...	...	Dec. 18	do do	do		
Fernando, J. R.	...	...	do 18	do do	do		
De Silva, Miss Rachel	...	...	do 18	do do	do		
Hamilton, Private Geo.	...	...	March 19 1893	do do			
Blazé, Mrs.	...	...	do 22	do do	profession		
Layzell, A. E.	...	...	do 22	do do	restoration		
Hunt, Geo.	...	...	April 30	do do	baptism		
Burdett, Fred.	...	...	do 30	do do	do		
Bingham, Corporal John	...	...	do 30	do do	do		
McKnight, George	...	...	June 28	do do	transfer from	Ports-	mouth
Bishop, W.	...	...	July 5	do do	baptism		
Beaufoy, Samuel	...	...	do 30	do do	do		
Barclay, Charles	...	...	do 30	do do	do		
Hankinson, Walter Davenport	...	...	Sept. 20	do do	transfer from	Rawdon	
Whitfield, Miss Clara	...	...	do 24	do do	baptism		
Pietersz, Bridget	...	...	do 24	do do	do		
Maddock, Llewellyn	...	...	do 24	do do	do		
Williams, George Raleigh	...	...	do 24	do do	do		

ADMITTED.

Lee, Samuel Green ...	...	Nov.	19	1893	by baptism		
Jansz, Miss Hester Alicia ...	...	do	19	do	do	do	
De Silva, Miss Stella ...	...	do	19	do	do	do	
De Kroes Miss, Norah ...	...	do	19	do	do	do	
Wait, Percy ...	...	do	19	do	do	do	
Waldock, Miss Ethel ...	...	Feb.	4	1894	do transfer	from Seven Oaks	
Moore, Private Francis ...	...	July	22	do			
Thompson, — ...	...	do	29	do	do baptism		
Stockley, Thomas Ings ...	...	Sept.	2	do	do transfer	from Ceylon Baptist Church Place Eastbourne	
Stockley, Mrs. T. I. ...	...	do	2	do	do	do	
Martin, Jr., Alfred ...	...	Feb.	3	1895	do	do Metropolitan Tabernacle	
Martin, Miss Winnie ...	...	do	24	do	do baptism		
Malowney, Miss Rosalind ...	...	do	24	do	do	do	
Dawson, H. ...	...	Nov.	3	do	do profession		
Pate, William A. ...	...	do	27	do	do transfer	from Kandy	
Bishop, Geo.,... ..	...	do	27	do	do	do Adelaide Place Church	
Huxthead, Miss Annie ...	...	do	27	do	do testimony		
Boorman, Miss Jennie ...	...	do	27	do	do	do	
Parker, Charles ...	...	Dec.	27	do	do baptism		
Perera, John... ..	...	do	29	do	do	do	
Malowney, Miss Clara ...	...	do	29	do	do	do	
Woutersz, Bertie ...	...	do	29	do	do	do	
Wilson, Corporal R. ...	...	Jan.	31	1897	do	do	
Walmsley, Private Thomas ...	...	March	do	do	do	do	
Jones, Lce.-Corporal Joseph ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Smith, Lce.-Corporal William ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Hitchin, Sergeant Albert ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Wood, Miss Annie ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Wood, Miss Daisy ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Wait, Stanley ...	...	May	do	do	do	do	
Brindle, Private James ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Hutton, William ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
College, Lce.-Corporal Harry ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Pickering, Private James ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Doe, Corporal Sydney ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Fernando, Miss Ina ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Lee, Edward Foster ...	...	March	1898	do	do	do	
Mackay, Robert ...	...	May	do	do	do	do	
Williamson John ...	...	do	do	do	do transfer	from Edinburgh	
Brown, Private Albert ...	...	July	do	do	do baptism		
Bolling Private Arthur ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Moulding, Francis Wm... ..	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Shepherd, Lce.-Corporal H. ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Ashton, Corporal Arthur ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Gardiner, H. T. ...	...	do	do	do	do transfer	from Watford	
Gardiner, Mrs. H. T. ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Gardiner, Arnold ...	...	do	do	do	do	do	
Moodie, Miss Helen J. ...	...	Sept.	do	do	do	do Luton	
Ferguson, R. H. ...	...	Nov.	23	do	do baptised	Chatsworth Road Church, Norwood, and testimony	

OUR DIRECTORY.

- Andree, A. G...Awisawella
Andree, Mrs. C...
Andre, Mrs. F. L...Kegalle
Andree, Mrs. R.G...Awisawella
Ashton, Corporal Arthur...L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo
- Barclay, Charles...Birmingham...England
Beaufoy, Samuel...Laurie's Lane...Bambalapitiya...Colombo
Berger, Mrs...India
Bingham, Corporal John...England
Bishop, Wm...England
Bishop, W...Engineer, S.S. "Aska"... In Scotland
Blaze, Mrs...Regent Street...Colombo
Bolling, Private Arthur...L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo
Boorman, Miss Jennie...Alutgama Mission.. Henaratgoda
Brindle, Private James...L.N.L. Regiment...Trincomalee
Brown, Private Albert...L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo
Burdett, Frederick...Hedges Court...Dean's Road...Colombo
Burdett, Mrs. F...Hedges Court...Dean's Road...Colombo
- Capp, Mrs...Gangwarily Estate...Dolosbage
Charles, Mrs...Post Office...Udapussellawa
College, Lance-Corporal Henry.. L.N.L. Regiment...Trincomalee
Compton, Private Thomas...England
Cook, Mrs. Mary... Portsmouth...England
Corner, Charles...Grandpass...Colombo
Corner, Mrs. Edward...De Soysa's Building...Slave Island...Colombo
Corner, J. Edward...Travancore S. India
Corner, Edward S...De Soysa's Buildings...Slave Island...Colombo
Corner, Mrs. Robert...Opposite Selby House...Grandpass...Colombo
Cotton, Charlie...In England
Cotton, Henry...Railway...Nawalapitiya
- Dawson, H...England
De Fry, George.. No. 86, 2nd Division ..Maradana...Colombo
De Silva, Peter Daniel...St. Peter's...Havelock Town.. Colombo
De Silva, Miss Rachel...St. Peter's.. Havelock Town...Colombo
De Silva, Mrs. John S Havelock Town...Colombo
De Silva, Samuel E ..Hyde Park Stores... Slave Island...Colombo
De Silva, Mrs. Samuel E...Hyde Park Stores.. Slave Island...Colombo
De Silva, Miss Stella ..Hyde Park Stores...Slave Island.. Colombo
De Kroes, Mrs. Mary...Borella...Colombo
De Kroes, Miss Norah...Borella...Colombo
De Jong, Mrs. H. O. de...Nawalapitiya
De Silva, Jr., Mrs. J. S...Wellawatte...Colombo
De Silva, Mrs. J. J. B...Fort Colombo
Doc, Corporal Sydney.. L.N.L. Regiment.. England
- Earde, Mrs. J. H.. Dean's Road...Maradana...Colombo
Earde, Miss Ella...Dean's Road ..Maradana...Colombo
Elhart, Miss E. R...2nd Division...Maradana ..Colombo

Elhart, Miss Margaret.. 2nd Division...Maradana..Colombo
 Elhart, Henry D...Local Board...Nuwara Eliya
 Ernst, Mrs. J. B...Mutwal...Colombo
 Estropp, Mrs...Port Dixon...Straits Settlements

Felsianes, Lewis...No. 112, 2nd Division...Maradana...Colombo
 Ferguson, John.. Calton Lodge...Turret Road...Colombo
 Ferguson, Mrs...Calton Lodge...Turret Road...Colombo
 Ferguson, Miss Annie M...England
 Ferguson, Miss Eleanor H...England
 Ferguson, Alick M...13, Ellerdale Road...Hampstead.. London
 Ferguson, Mrs A. M...13, Ellerdale Road...Hampstead...London
 Ferguson, Donald W...5, Bedford Place..Croydon...Surrey...England
 Ferguson, Mrs. D. W...5, Bedford Place...Croydon...Surrey...England
 Ferguson, Ronald Haddon, B.A...Calton Lodge..Turret Road...Colombo
 Fernando, Peter...Small Pass...Colombo
 Fernando, Arthur J...Havelock Town...Colombo
 Fernando, Miss Ina...Havelock Town...Colombo
 Fernando, J. R...Mattakkuliya...Colombo
 Firth, Henry Edward...Stationmaster...Kalutara
 Firth, Mrs. H. E...Kalutara
 Fleming, H. C...C.G.R...Colombo
 Fonseka, Jas. L.. Wellawatte...Colombo
 Fonseka, Mrs. J. L...Wellawatte..Colombo

Gardiner, Arnold...Chapnall...Ward Place...Colombo
 Gardiner, H. T...Chapnall...Ward Place..Colombo
 Gardiner, Mrs. H. T...Chapnall...Ward Place...Colombo
 Gidlow, Mrs...Maurata
 Gnanamuttu, Christian...Forbes Road...Colombo
 Goonetilleke, F. W.. Medical Officer ..Ratnapura

Hankinson, Rev. Walter D...Baptist Mission House...Colombo
 Hamilton, Private George...Gordon Highlanders...India
 Henry, Mrs. C. M...Matale
 Hepponstall, Cecil...Ratnapura
 Hetherington, Thomas.. America
 Heyzer, Mrs...Wolvendahl.. Colombo
 Hitchin, Sergeant Albert...L.N.L. Regiment...Trincomalee
 Hobson, Private Walter...Gordon Highlanders...India
 Hunt, Geo...176, Colpetty.. Colombo
 Hutton, Private William...L.N.L. Regiment...Trincomalee
 Huxtead, Miss Annie...Lady Havelock Hospital...Colombo

Jansz, Stephen...Rangoon...Burmah
 Jansz, Mrs. Edwin...
 Jansz, Miss Hester...Havelock Town.. Colombo
 Joachim, A. H.. Darley Road.. Colombo
 Joachim, Miss Clara...Darley Road.. Colombo
 Jones, Lce.-Corporal Joseph...L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo

Krickenbeek, Mrs...Kurunegala

Labrooy, Mrs...Straits Settlements
 Labrooy, Oswald...Kollupitiya.. Colombo
 Lamont, Walter...Rheinland...Kollupitiya...(In Scotland)
 Laurie, Frank M...Maratenne...Bogawantalawa
 Laurie, Mrs. Frank M...Maratenne...Bogawantalawa
 Layzell, A. E...26, Norwich Terrace...East Durham...England
 Lee, E. Foster...City College...Colombo
 Lee, Samuel G...City College...Colombo
 Leechman, G. B...The Point...Glenie Street.. Slave Island

Leechman, W. C...England
 Lodowycke, Mrs...Dikoya
 Mackay, Robert...Bambalapitiya . Colombo
 MacKnight, Geo...Liverpool . England
 Maddock, Elwlyn...New Zealand
 Malowney, Mrs...Mutwal . Colombo
 Malowney, Miss Clara...Mutwal . Colombo
 Martin, Alfred...Galle Face Cottages...Colombo
 Martin, Mrs. Alfred . Galle Face Cottages . Colombo
 Martin, Miss Winnie...Galle Face Cottages...Colombo
 Martin, Jr., Alfred . Galle Face Cottages . Colombo
 Marshall, Mrs...Darley Road...Colombo
 Mayow, J. H. Wynnell...Batgoda...Haldummulla
 Miller, James...Kollupitiya . Colombo.
 Miles, Frederick J...Happy Valley . Haputale
 Mitchell, Private Alexander...Gordon Highlanders...India
 Moodie, Miss Helen J. . Baptist Mission House...Kynsey Road . Colombo
 Moulding, Private Francis Wm. . L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo
 Mulholland, Mrs . Angulana

Newman, Mrs. J (? In Straits)
 Nicholas, Miss Millic...Grasendale...Kollupitiya...Colombo
 Nicol, William...Glenorchy...Nuwara Eliya

Ohlmus, Mrs... Barber Street...Colombo
 Ondatje, Mrs. F. Bambalapitiya . Colombo
 Ondatje, Miss ..Bambalapitiya . Colombo
 Ondatje, Mrs. E. F...Havelock Town...Colombo

Parker, Charles...Kollupitiya . Colombo
 Parker, Mrs. Charles...Kollupitiya.. (N. S. Wales)
 Pate, Mrs. Maria...The Garden...Flower Road . Colombo
 Pate, William A...No. 7, Green Street . Colombo
 Pate, Edwin . Hatton
 Pate, Mrs. Edwin.. Hatton
 Pate, Arthur . Hatton
 Pate, Charles...The Fernery...Flower Road...Colombo
 Pate, Mrs. Charles...The Fernery...Flower Road...Colombo
 Pate, Miss Emily...The Fernery...Flower Road...Colombo
 Pate, Miss Harriet...The Fernery...Colombo
 Perera, Mrs. R. N.. Cotta
 Pieris, Mrs...Police Station...Maradana...Colombo
 Pietersz, Walter...Inspector of Police . Maradana...Colombo
 Pietersz, Miss Bridget...(c/o Dr. R. N. Perera)...Cotta
 Perera, John...Polwatte...Colombo
 Pickering, Private James...L.N.L. Regiment...Trincomalee

Rankine, Mrs. William . Kandy
 Rankine, W. Oscar...Wekande...Colombo
 Richards, Hastings...Jaffna
 Richards, Horace...Kollupitiya . Colombo
 Richards, Mrs. Horace...Kollupitiya . Colombo
 Robinson, Mrs. H...Wekande...Colombo
 Rodrigoe, Mrs. A. W...(Near R. C. Cathedral)...Kotahena...Colombo
 Rosairo, Mrs...2nd Division Maradana . Colombo

Schoorman, Mrs...Pussellawa
 Shepherd, Lee.-Corporal H . L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo
 Siers, Mrs...Maradana...Colombo
 Simpson, Private James...Gordon Highlanders...India
 Skeen, Mrs. G. J. A. . Bedford . England
 Smith, Mrs. Logan...Kadugannawa

Smith, Mrs. Frank...New Moor Street...Colombo
 Smith, Alexander (? Mr. Koonrad)...(Near Post Office)...Mutwal...Colombo
 Stockley, Rev. T. I...The Manse...Cinnamon Gardens...Colombo
 Stockley, Mrs. T. I...The Manse...Cinnamon Gardens...Colombo
 Smith Private William...L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo

Thomas, Mrs...Galle
 Thomas, Mrs. Patrick...Galle
 Thompson, E. T...Australasian Baptist Mission...Seragunja...East Bengal
 Todd, Private Henry...Gordon Highlanders...India
 Trowell, Mrs. W. G...Kandy

VanDort, Mrs. Carey...Kurunegala
 Vandort, Mrs. Dr...Clairvaux...Cinnamon Gardens...Colombo
 VanGeyzel, Miss Ann...Straits Settlements
 VanGeyzel, Miss Lizzie Isabel...Straits Settlements
 VanGeyzel, Vincent...Straits Settlements
 VanHoff, George...Dam Street
 VanHoff, James...Small Pass...Colombo
 VanHoff, Samuel...Small Pass...Colombo

Wait, Mrs...Kollupitiya...Colombo
 Wait, Owen...Local Board...Kurunegala
 Wait, Percy...Bangkok...Siam
 Wait, Stanley...Kollupitiya...Colombo
 Waldoek, Rev. F. D...England
 Waldoek, Mrs. F. D...England
 Waldoek, Miss Ethel...England
 Walker, Edmund...67, De Parys Avenue...Bedford...England
 Walmsley, Private Thomas...L.N.L. Regiment...Colombo
 Whitfield, Miss Clara...Darley Road...Colombo
 Whitten, Mrs...c/o A. Pietersz...Dolosbage
 Wijeykoon, Mrs. J. A...St. Helen's...Cotta Road...Colombo
 Williams, Private George Raleigh
 Williamson, John...Bambalapitiya
 Wilson, Mrs...Upcountry
 Wilson, Corporal Fred...Gordon Highlanders...India
 Wilson, Robert...Badulla
 Wood, Mrs...Flower Road...Colombo
 Wood, Miss Daisy...Flower Road...Colombo
 Wood, Miss Annie...Flower Road...Colombo
 Woutersz, Mrs. H...Maradana...Colombo
 Woutersz, Bertie...Maradana...Colombo
 Wydeman, Ebenezer...Caledonia estate...Lindula
 Wydeman, Oswald...Hunupitiya Mills...Colombo



CINNAMON GARDENS BAPTIST CHURCH. CELEBRATION OF 21st ANNIVERSARY.

(From "Ceylon Observer," October 24th.)

Yesterday the Anniversary Services were held at Cinnamon Gardens Baptist Church when, despite the unfavourable weather, large congregations assembled at both the services, which were conducted by the Rev. T. I. Stockley, Pastor. Special hymns were sung by the congregation, and throughout the services were characterised by much heartiness. In the morning the Pastor spoke of the delights of public worship and showed how that throughout the history of the Christian Church those who were faithful believing members had always delighted to meet together in worship despite the persecutions which arose. When the most life abounded in the Church the services were distinguished by their simplicity and earnest preaching; but ritual arose which deadened the spiritual life of the Church and became more burdensome to the people than Judaism had ever been. The rev. gentleman commenced his discourse by the following reference to the opening of the Church in which they were assembled:— "It was twenty-one years ago last Tuesday that the building was opened for public worship. On that occasion the Rev. Mr. Scott, of the Wesleyan Mission, was the preacher, and the service, I am told was one of much power. Since that time the worship of God has been maintained in this place year by year, and so today we celebrate the 21st Anniversary."—In the evening Mr. Stockley dwelt on the worship that was the most acceptable to God, viz., the offering of a broken and contrite heart being the most welcome in His sight. The collections were on behalf of the building fund connected with the property. Mr. Stockley announced in the morning that their liabilities were now about R1,600, as in connection with that fund they had decided to give R1,000 as a thank-offering to aid the native churches in buildings or repairs. The congregation made a liberal response to the appeal, the offertories for the day amounting to R607-25.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

(Abridged from Report in "Ceylon Observer," October 26th.)

The Anniversary Services in connection with the twenty-first anniversary of the Baptist Church, Cinnamon Gardens, were brought to a close yesterday evening by a Social Gathering of the Church and

congregation. The "Ferguson Memorial Hall" was well filled and the room presented a striking and pleasing appearance, the platform having been decorated with ferns and flowering plants tastefully grouped, while the hall itself was ornamented in a similar manner. The large company comprised:—

The Rev. T. I. Stockley, Pastor of the Church, and Mrs. Stockley, the Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Hankinson, Mr. Leechman, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. R. H. Ferguson, Mrs. Pate, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rusbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fonseka, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pate and the Misses Pate, Mrs. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pate, the Rev. W. C. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, Mr. L. T. Gardiner, Mr. A. T. Gardiner, Miss Huxted, Mr. W. Mackenzie, Miss Moodie, Mr. Richards, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Willis (China), Miss Boorman (Henaratgoda), Mr. P. D. de Silva, Mrs. E. S. Corner, Mrs. F. Hardy, Mrs. Wait, Mr. S. T. Wait, Miss Horan, M. H. C. Perera, Mr. and Mrs. Christian, the Misses Christian, and Messrs Christian, Mrs. (Dr.) and the Misses VanDort, Mr. R. L. Direkze, Mr. A. H. Joachim and the Misses Joachim, Mr. S. E. de Silva, Mr. S. VanHoff, Messrs. Karunaratne, Miss M. Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pate, jr. Mr. R. Corner, Miss Vaneyek, Messrs. W. Wydeman, S. G. Lee, O. Wydeman, Fonseka, Austin, B. de Silva, Miss Etta Jansz, Miss Rachel de Silva, Miss Stella de Silva, Mrs. Jno de Silva, Messrs. A. A. Joachim, H. VanDort, W. Stevenson, F. Lee, H. Fernando, Mrs. Wood, Miss Gray, Mr. Ernest Silva, the Misses Wood and the Misses Auwardt, Miss Koelman, Mr. J. Perera, Mr. Parker, Mr. Hunt, and several soldiers of the L. L. N. Regiment, who regularly worship with the congregation.

The programme included the singing of special hymns and short devotional exercises; the latter being led by Mr. J. L. Fonseka, Secretary to the Church for many years. After a few words of introduction from the PASTOR,

Mr. J. FERGUSON said he was placed in the forefront because he had been going through early books on Ceylon, Mission Report and Church books in order, if possible, to put together a consecutive account of their Church. He expressed his indebtedness to the Rev. T. Moscrop for aid from his Mission Library. [He then read extracts from the history of the Church as given on pages 6 to 18.]

Mr. PETER DE SILVA (Deacon) followed with a very interesting address, referring to the history of the Church in the Pettah and alluding to the names of many associated with the early history of the Church—the late Dr. Elliott, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. R. V. Dunlop, Mr. A. M. Ferguson and others, including the Rev. J. Allen, who was the missionary pastor of the Church when he became associated with it.—[As Treasurer of the Church Mr. de Silva then gave the information on pages 19-20 as to the funds of the Church &c.]

Mr. G. B. LEECHMAN's address was devoted to reminiscences of the late Rev. J. Allen, Dr. Elliott and Mr. Schumacher (who was described by

an official superior as being "good as gold"); also of Mr. L. Liesching and Major Passingham, formerly of the 91st Highlanders, who, with other laymen, had rendered the Church much valued aid at important crises in its history.

Mr. A. H. JOACHIM spoke on the Sunday School work and alluded to the labours of Mr. Leechman, the former Superintendent, and Mr. Ferguson, the present Superintendent, remarking that their School was the successor of that formerly held in connection with the Pettah Church which was commenced by Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Allen so far back as 1845. Some new branches of work were referred to.

Mr. WM. PATE (after welcoming Mrs. Ferguson on her return to the island) spoke of work at the week day services at the Church and in various bungalows, and to work started at Hatton, specially alluding to the meetings held for a long series of years at the residence of Mrs. Pate, senior. By means of these gatherings, not only had direct spiritual good been done to many, but they had been the means of bringing forward workers for God, who might otherwise have found a difficulty in choosing their sphere. Each day in the week they had some gathering, either at the Church, at the residence of some of their members, or in connection with some Agency or Association closely allied with their religious work.

Mr. R. MACKAY spoke of the new society formed for young men under the name of "The King's Helpers," and described its aim and objects. He urged all young men to join it.

PRESENTATIONS.

Towards the close of the meeting the Rev. T. I. STOCKLEY, in the name of the congregation, presented Mr. P. D. de Silva, who has held the office of Treasurer of the Church for many years, with a handsome Bible suitably inscribed, as a memento of the members' appreciation of the good work done in the past and their hope for a continuance of the same self-denying labours for many years to come.

Mr. PETER D. DE SILVA suitably replied.

Mr. LEECHMAN then made a similar presentation to Mr. Fonseka, the Secretary of the Church, who, on account of removal to a greater distance from Colombo, is gradually withdrawing from the duties of the Secretariat. He paid a warm tribute to the earnest labours of Mr. Fonseka.

Mr. FONSEKA acknowledged the presentation in a few suitable words.



CINNAMON GARDENS

ENGLISH-SPEAKING

BAPTIST CHURCH.

LIST OF PASTORS.

Rev. J. ALLEN (Elder) 1850 to 1863 and 1864 to 1866.

Rev. H. R. PIGOTT (Elder) 1862 to 1870.

Rev. F. D. WALDOCK (Elder) 1868 to 1874.

(Self-supporting Church).

Rev. T. R. STEVENSON 1874 to 1881.

Capt. PASSINGHAM 1883.

Rev. H. A. LAPHAM 1884 to 1886.

Rev. F. DURBIN 1887 to 1893.

Rev. T. I. STOCKLEY 1894 to —

DEACONS.

C. ELLIOTT, M.D.

P. SCHUMACHER.

J. B. NELSON.

A. M. FERGUSON.

JOHN CORNER.

E. RUSBRIDGE.

P. D. DE SILVA.

G. B. LEECHMAN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Held in FERGUSON MEMORIAL HALL, 7-15 a.m. every Sabbath.)

Superintendent ... J. Ferguson
Secretary ... A. H. Joachim
Librarian ... J. Perera
Harmonium .. Miss Ada Lover

Teachers.

<i>For boys.</i>		<i>For girls.</i>	
Bible Class—	A. H. Joachim	Bible Class No. 1	Mrs. Christian
1st Boys	—J. Pereira	No. 2	Miss Nicholas
2nd „	—E. Christian	1st Class Girls	Miss Lover
3rd „	—H. Fernando	2nd „	Miss Ada Lover
Infant	—Stanley Wait	3rd „	Miss Whitfield
		Infant	Mrs. Wood

CHOIR OF CHURCH.

Organist ... Miss Lyford
Choir leader ... Mr. Horace Richards

Practice on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE.

Friday evening 5 p.m.
 Rev. T. I. and Mrs. Stockley
 Mr. A. H. Joachim

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY OF "KING'S HELPERS."

Meet in FERGUSON MEMORIAL HALL every Sunday
 Afternoon at 4-30 P.M.

President ... The Pastor
Vice-President ... T. Cockerill
Secretary ... Robert Mackay
Treasurer ... W. Mackenzie

MEETINGS IN FLOWER ROAD.

At the "FERNERY" (Mr. C. H. Pate's) on Thursday at 8 p.m.
 At the GARDEN (Mrs. M. Pate's) on Saturday at 8 p.m.

☞ See for regular Church Services, &c.—outside back cover.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 1897 TO 30TH
SEPTEMBER 1898.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance in hand—Pastor's Fund, Lord's Supper and Incidentals, 1st October 1897 ...	R1,529 47	Pastor ...	R4,399 92
Book Collections—Pastor's Fund ...	R2,607 50	Gas Bill ...	115 51
Yearly Subscriptions ...	432 00	Church Appu and Cooly... ..	306 00
Rent ...	300 00	Organist ...	210 00
Interest ...	30 00	Tax on Manse ...	59 40
Collections at Sunday Services ...	1,162 08	Printing, Stationery and Postage ...	54 37
Psalms and Hymns sold ...	12 00	Allowances to Poor of Church ...	300 75
Discount allowed on bills paid to <i>Observer</i> Office for printing ...	16 75	Collection to Christian Literature Society ...	10 75
Collections at Communion Table ...	288 59	Do for B. M. S. Girls' Boarding School	31 55
		Sundries ...	198 99
		Balance in hand ...	691 15
	Total...R6,378 39		<u>R6,378 39</u>

(Continued *ap.*)

P. D. DE SILVA, Deacon & Hon. Treasurer.

[Subscriptions to the Pastor's Fund will be received by the Honorary Treasurer, P. D. De SILVA, Mercantile Bank.]

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

	R.	c.	R.	c.
Balance on hand on 30th Sept. 1897 ..			418	17
<i>Receipts.</i>				
Donations	1,428	22		
Proceeds of Lectures	255	65		
Christmas and New Year's Offerings	300	50		
			1,984	37
<i>Payments.</i>				
Interest on Loan Remittance	60	00		
Part Payment to Walker Sons & Co., Ltd., (Contract R2,750 for Walls and Iron Gates, &c.)	2,260	00		
Sundries	24	11		
			2,284	11
Balance on hand 30th Sept. 1898			118	43
			R2,402	54
			2,402	54

ABSTRACT BALANCES ON 30th SEPT. 1898.

	Dr.		Cr.	
	R.	c.	R.	c.
Incidental Account			246	08
Lord's Supper Collections			214	63
Pastor's Fund			230	44
Building Account			118	43
Balance on hand:—				
In Fixed Deposit	R350	00		
,, Current Account	364	25		
,,	95	33		
			R809	58
			809	58

Examined and found correct
J. FERGUSON, Auditor.

P. D. DE SILVA,
Treasurer.

CINNAMON GARDENS BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st Oct. 1897 to 30th Sept. 1898.

RECEIPTS.		R.	c.	EXPENDITURE.		R.	c.
To Balance on hand 1st Octo- ber, 1897	168	88	By Furniture for School	93	53		
„ Sales of Books	8	85	„ Anniversary Expenses and X'mas Tree	49	57		
„ Anniversary Collections	52	37	„ Subscription to India S. S. Union Journal	18	00		
„ Interest from Savings' Bank	1	90	„ Printing, Postage, &c.	13	00		
„ Donations	32	75	„ Prize Books	50	04		
			„ Remittances to S. S. Union London £2, for books, &c.	31	03		
						255	17
			„ Balance at 30th Sept. 1898.	9	58		
						R264	75
						264	75

(Sgd.) J. FERGUSON,
Auditor.

ARTHUR H. JOACHIM,
Hon. Treasurer.

THE ALUTGAMA CHRISTIAN MISSION.

Committee :

MRS. FERGUSON.

MISS FERGUSON.

MISS A. M. FERGUSON.

MISS DR. LESLIE.

MRS. VANDORT.

MRS. H. TARRANT.

MRS. E. B. LOVER

MRS. MARTIN.

MRS. STOCKLEY:

PASTOR T. I. STOCKLEY,
(*Treasurer.*)

Missionary :—MISS BOORMAN, Alutgama, near Henaratgoda.

THE ORIGIN OF THE MISSION.

It was laid upon the hearts of some of the Lord's people in Colombo to begin a little village work in which Miss Boorman and Miss Huxsted, two devoted workers, could be engaged. Several things seemed to point to the village of Mabodela, about thirty miles from Colombo, and six miles from Veyangoda Railway station. A Ladies' Committee was formed, consisting of representatives of Cinnamon Gardens Baptist Church, along with the President and Secretary of the Colombo Y.W.C.A.; and thus the tiny Mission was launched. Mabodela is a jungle village, and difficult to reach, where the people are poor, steeped in ignorance, superstition and sin, with little idea even of their own Buddhism, and practically demon worshippers. Here the two lady friends began to work in July 1895. They took up their abode in a bungalow on a Coconut Estate. Friends came forward at once with gifts of furniture for the house, and money for the support of the workers. Donations and subscriptions came flowing into the Treasurer's hands most encouragingly, while with consecration and prayer the work was begun.

After eight or nine months' work at Mabodela many things seemed to point to a change of centre. It was a matter of much regret that the workers should be called to leave this village, but quite a number of things seemed to urge a change, and the Committee were unanimous that such a step should be taken. After earnest prayer for direction, a large, unoccupied field of work was offered us by the Rev. F. D. Waldock, Senior Missionary of the B.M.S. in Ceylon. This new base of operations is called Alutgama (or new village) nineteen miles from Colombo on the Kandy road. Here a most comfortable and suitable bungalow has been secured, and in May 1896, our workers removed from Mabodela to Alutgama.

(From Report for 1896-7.)

THE WORKERS.—Our friends will remember that in our last year's Report we were able to speak of two English workers—Miss Boorman and Miss Huxsted. We regret to say that this year we are only able to speak of one, Miss Huxsted having been led to accept the position of Matron of the Lady Havelock Hospital soon after our Report was issued. The Committee record their deep regret that the little Mission should lose so valued a worker as Miss Huxsted, and also their thankfulness that many of the suffering women of Ceylon will still derive comfort from her tender ministry, and learn from her lips the message of redeeming love. During most of the year Miss Boorman has therefore been the only English worker in the village, indeed the only white face in Alutgama. But Miss Boorman as a worker is exceptionally gifted with the plodding, stick-to-it faculty, and she has forgotten her loneliness in her love for the work.

THE ALUTGAMA CHRISTIAN MISSION.

Accounts for the year ending June 30th, 1897.

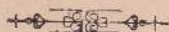
RECEIPTS.				R.	c.
By	Balance in hand	240	36½
„	Subscriptions	862	83
„	Donations	527	95½
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				R1,631	15
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PAYMENTS.				R.	c.
By	Allowances to Missionaries	975	00
„	„ to Miss L. Lewis	130	00
„	Rent of Bungalow for half-year	15	00
„	Forms, Whitewashing, etc.	30	00
„	Travelling Expenses	26	58
„	Printing	19	75
„	Other expenses	19	00
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„	Balance in hand June 30th, 1897	1,215	33
				415	82
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				R1,631	15
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Examined and found correct, July 1897.

T. I. STOCKLEY, *Treasurer.*

(Mrs.) C. FERGUSON.

As it has been decided for the financial year of the Alutgama Mission to close with December 31st instead of June 30th, the Report for 1897-8 will not be published until January 1899.



BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

(Commenced in Ceylon 1812.)

Rev. H. A. LAPHAM, Chairman of the Ceylon Conference, Matale.

Rev. W. D. HANKINSON, Secretary, Ceylon Conference, Colombo.

BAPTIST UNION, CEYLON.

<i>President</i>	...	...	W. D. HANKINSON.
<i>Vice-President</i>	...	...	Pastor J. M. PERERA.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	...	GEO. E. AMARASEKARA, Esq., Hanwella.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	...	Pastor D. A. BENJAMIN, Makewita, Jaela.

BAPTIST MISSION.

As of interest to our Church and congregaton, we extract the following particulars from the Annual Report of the Baptist Missionary Society for the Year ending March 31st, 1898, adding a few amendments within our knowledge:—

CEYLON.

1812—COLOMBO DISTRICT..	F. D. WALDOCK } <i>Retired, and</i> Mrs. WALDOCK } <i>in England</i> W. D. HANKINSON Mrs. HANKINSON Miss HELEN J. MOODIR (Girls' Boarding School)	
1812—COLOMBO, CINNAMON GARDENS	T. I. STOCKLEY * (Pastor of English Baptist Church)	
1887—COLOMBO, CINNAMON GARDENS SINHA- LESE CHURCH ..	In the charge of	Church Committee
1813—COLOMBO—GRAND PASS	}	J. S. Perera *
1845—COLOMBO — MAT- TAKKULIYA		
1887—COLOMBO, SOUTH ..	..	G. A. Aponso
1887—COLOMBO, NORTH, and WARAGODA ..	..	W. A. Peries
1832—BIYAMVILA and IM- BULGODA ..	..	J. Migel Perera *
1839—MAKEWITA and UG- GALBODA .. ..	..	D. A. Benjamin * } Church } Committee
1840—HENDALA .. ..	..
1863—BATAGAMA .. ..	..	F. Botejue *
1817—HANWELLA .. ..	..	Church Committee
1817—WELGAMA.. ..	..

* Pastor of self-supporting Church.

BAPTIST MISSION, CEYLON.—(contd.)

1838—KOTIKAWATTA	In the charge of	J. W. Perera *
1842—GONAWALA		Do.
1865—MORATUWA, KORA- LAWELLA, & RAWA- TAWATTA		Church Committee
1870—MADAMPE, N.W.P. ...		J. Raphael Perera *
1872—RAYIGAM KORALE ..		M. H. Perera
1891—DIYAGAMA		Don Andris
1894—WELIPENNA		D. R. D'Alwis
1886—AWISSAWELLA		J. D. D. Perera
1891—VEYANGODA		D. B. Lewis
1891—KANDUBODA		D. H. Perera
1893—KANDANA		Charles Peries
1893—RANALA		C. D. Hendrick
1894—CHILAW		Juan Silva

And 42 Day School Teachers.

SABARAGAMUWA (Rev. H. A LAPHAM†)
DISTRICT

1878—RATNAPURA	D. W. Abayaratna
1895—MADAMPE	W. Weeraratna
1890—RAKWANA	
1874—PELMADULLA	Theodore Silva
1881—BALANGODA	

And 8 Day School Teachers.

1837—MATALE DISTRICT	H. A. LAPHAM	H. D. Daniel, E. H. Abaya- koon, Laura Dharma- kirtti, D. J. Weerasinghe, H. Melder
ELWELA		J. H. Perera, H. D. Daniel
1887—RATTOTA		H. D. Daniel, D. Jaya- wardhene, J. F. Abaya- koon
KAKIRAWA		H. D. Daniel, D. Timotheus
1841—KANDY DISTRICT ..		D. W. Abayaratna, J. H. de Silva, E. Amarakoon, G. Williamson, E. Sum- anasekera
KATUGASTOTA		P. G. de Silva, D. J. Siri- wardhene, J. Weerasinghe
1841—GAMPOLA		H. Don Simon, J. Palewan- drum, S. de Silva
1863—KORRIGAMMANA ..		R. Paul, C. D. Perera
1854—KADUGANNAWA ..		A. de Silva, M. Sirimanne

And 16 Day School Teachers.

THE CEYLON MISSION.

PRINCIPAL STATIONS:—

Colombo, Kandy, and Ratnapura.

STATIONS .. ..	...	...	...	...	102
Missionaries .. ..	...	...	...	...	2
Native Evangelists .. ..	...	...	...	...	19
Pastors of Self-Supporting Churches .. ..	...	...	...	...	7
Female Missionary .. ..	...	...	...	...	1

* Pastor of self-supporting Church. † Although not so stated in the last Report, we know Mr. Lapham is in charge of the Sabaragamuwa as well as Matale districts.

COLOMBO DISTRICT.

The Colombo District, which extends from north to south about 90 miles, and inland about 28 miles, includes 14 churches financially independent of English funds, 11 evangelistic districts in which native evangelists supported by the Society are located, 37 vernacular schools with 2,068 children, and one Anglo-vernacular girls' boarding school with 42 scholars. The Rev. W. D. Hankinson is in charge of this District.

COLOMBO NATIVE CHRISTIAN GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Mrs. Waldoek, who for so many years superintended this most valuable institution, was compelled by broken health to leave Colombo for England in May of last year, when Miss Helen Moodie took over the full conduct of the school.

SABARAGAMUWA DISTRICT.

During the absence of Mr. Hankinson in England the Rev. F. D. Waldoek had charge of this district, and the work was carried on by the evangelists resident in Sabaragamuwa.

At Ratnapura, Rakwana, and Balangoda evangelistic services, visitations, day and Sunday-school work, the distribution of tracts and portions of the Scriptures, and systematic itinerations have been engaged in, but the whole district is an exceptionally hard and difficult one, the people for the most part being bigoted Buddhists, many of whom live upon Buddhist Temple land, and so are obliged to render annual services to the temples.

This District is now in the charge of the Rev. H. A. Lapham, of Matale.

THE MATALE AND KANDY DISTRICT.

This District, which includes some 10 churches and stations, with a considerable number of schools, is also in the charge of the Rev. H. A. Lapham.



POETRY.

HYMN

By A. M. FERGUSON,

(Written for the Anniversary of the Ceylon Baptist Mission, 1840.)

Lo! the Gospel sun hath risen
On this lovely Eastern Isle!
Captives, free'd from sin's dark prison,
Hail its beamings with a smile;
They are joyful
Freed from Satan's every wile.

Long amongst these scenes of beauty
Hath a moral desert been,
Where men wander'd, lost to duty,
Slaves to Satan and to sin;
Mid its darkness
Now the dawning doth begin!

Yes! the waste begins to blossom,
And the rock with water flows;
Sinners fly to Jesus' bosom,
There deposit all their woes,
There for pardon
Each repentant sinner goes.

Buddha's shrines are fast forsaken,
Crumbles many on Idol fane!
Slumb'ers have begun to waken
And to find all refuge vain;
Demon worship
And the Crescent soon must wane.

But though Superstition, wasting,
Melts like morning mists away,
Still we mourn how few are hasting
To the light of Gospel day;
Still how many
Wand'ers are and go astray.

Come then, O! Almighty Saviour,
Mount Thy glorious Gospel car;
Beam upon us with Thy favor
Let Thy coming shine afar.
Make Thy servants
Conquerors in the arduous war.

Strengthen every Christian warrior,
Make the powers of darkness fall;
Cast down each opposing barrier,
Now, at length, the Heathen call;
Reign victorious
God! Redeemer! all in all.

Then Ceylon, where beauteous nature
Clad in richest robes we see,
In the sight of her Creator,
Shall a second Eden be!
Pure and glorious,
Subject, King of Kings, to Thee.



