

"My experiences in L.M. Salem, 1858 -
1918, S.J. Simpson, Evangelist."

(Of no great importance except for dates)

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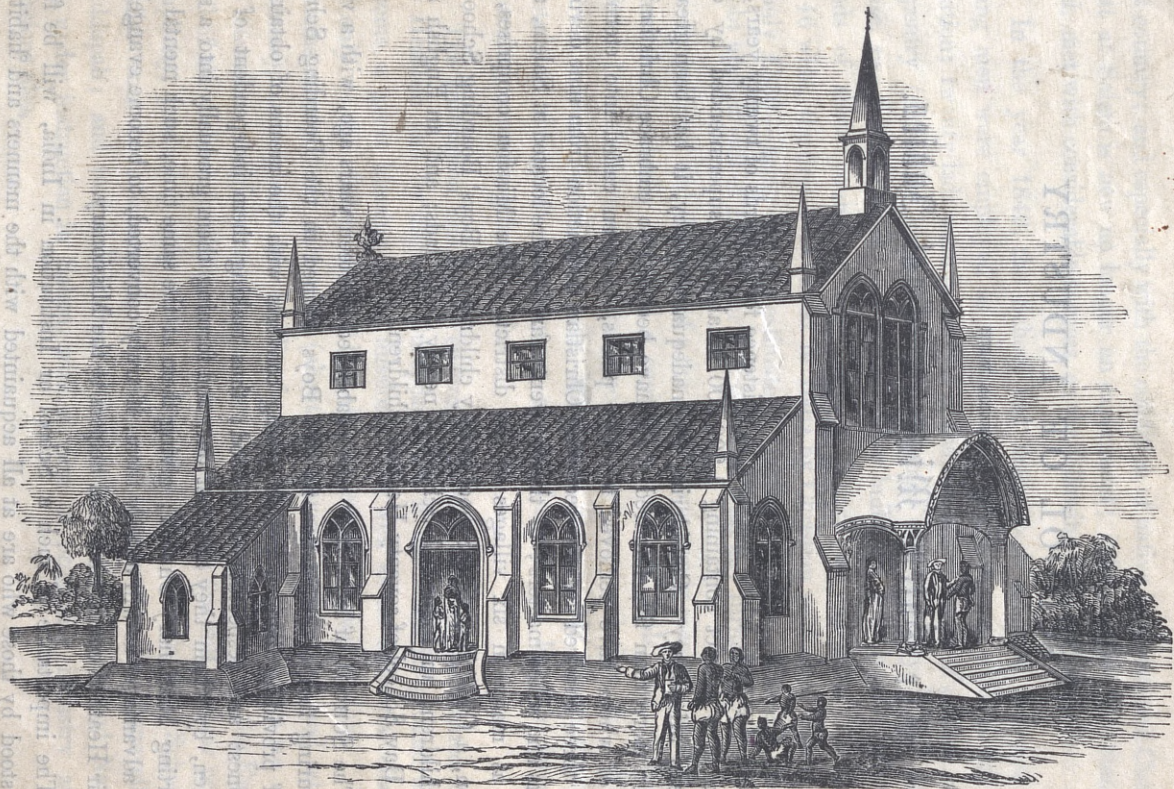
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MISSION CHURCH AT SALEM, MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

+ The area down on the floor is Arulappan a brick layer of the Industrial School and who fell down while he was at work.

SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY

IN CONNEXION WITH

The Salem Mission, East Indies.



This MISSION, which has been in existence for upwards of twenty years, is situated in a district containing 1,200,000 inhabitants, superintended by one European Missionary. Considering its inadequate agency, it has been greatly blessed; more than five hundred souls have been led to embrace Christianity, many of whom have removed to other places, or been called into eternity. About three hundred are now receiving Christian instruction from nine devoted teachers and schoolmasters; of these, twenty families are located at Salem, and about as many in six villages of the district. The Mission comprises, in addition, a Girls' Boarding School of fifty children; a Boys' Boarding School of forty children; an Industrial School of nearly forty lads; and an English and Tamil Day School of seventy Heathen children.

The SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY was established fourteen years ago, with a view of securing further instruction for the Boys trained in the Boarding School, and of providing them and other young converts with the means of obtaining an honest and respectable livelihood; thus making them independent of the Heathen, by whom they are cast out, and forming them gradually into a self-supporting Missionary Church; giving them at the same time, such mental and moral advantages as will qualify them, if truly converted, to become evangelists to their Heathen countrymen and helpers to the Missionary.

The importance of such a School or Institution in India, will be fully understood by those who are at all acquainted with the manners and habits of

that country; and especially with the condition of native inquirers and Christians. That at Salem is now no longer an experiment; it has, under the blessing of God, met with considerable success, as the following facts will show :—

In the year 1849, the School had made such progress that two of the young men were employed as teachers in the Mission, one without any remuneration; twenty lads were instructed in the respective trades of cabinet making, carpentry (including house-building), turning, and masonry. The Mission-house, two School-houses, and several other buildings, were built chiefly by the hands of these young converts; also, a Church [*see engraving*] 70 feet long by 46 wide, the first ever raised in India by Christian workmen, and at a cost of only £330—being half the estimate of Heathen builders. There is, however, a debt upon it still of £130, nor is it provided with any furniture yet.

By industry and the help of a few truly pious young men educated in it, the School has gradually acquired a capital in buildings, tools, and materials, of £600. It has twelve carpenters' benches, three turning lathes, &c. For two years it maintained an European Missionary artizan, Mr. BOESINGER, who erected, to the great astonishment of the Indians, an English forge with apparatus, a smelting furnace, &c.

The Institution has had to encounter great difficulties, occasioned both by the Heathen and by ungodly Europeans, but it has stood its ground and has become a great blessing in its missionary as well as its industrial character, not only to the Salem district but also to other Mission stations. It now contains nearly forty labourers (about ten having already left and set up in business); and eight or ten families in the villages—among whom we observe an interesting religious movement—are desirous of partaking of the European skill of the School for their smelting furnaces, which are still in their primitive simplicity, producing only 5 lbs. of iron at a time. From this School, two similar ones have emanated, and are now in operation in Tinnevely and Cuddapah; and twelve lads from Coimbatore, Santhapooram, and Nagercoil, are under instruction in Salem, with a view of promoting industry at those Missions also.





My Experiences
In the London Missionary Society District
October 1853 to 1918.

By
S. J. Simpson Evangelist.

Received at L. M. S.
16 New Bridge St E.C. 4
Nov. 1919.

Of no great value
Except for dates and
details - if they are
taken.

My dear Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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Respectfully,
to Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

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Preface

The object of this little book is to give a short account of the work of the London Mission in the Salem District so far I knew it, since the times of the late Revd J. M. Leckler. Though it is short yet it contains the writer's Experiences which the Missionaries have done in this District.

First the writer's design is to show his heart-felt Gratitude to the London Missionary Society for all the benefits (bodily and Spiritually) that he has received from his 8th years onwards through the kindness of the Directors and the Missionaries who came to this Mission field. The writer was supported and Educated by this Society to work for Christ in his Vine yard and to tell about His Great Love to his fellow Country men.

Secondly the writer during his retirement was asked to give some of his Experiences in—

this mission during his long active service
and this induced him to write this book-let.
No doubt it is very imperfectly done but
he trusts that he has given a faithful
account of his Experiences.

He must thank W. J. Lechler Esq. who has
been so kind as to provide him with some
needful details of his father the Revd J. M. Lechler.
He also to thank Mrs A. M. Crouch and Miss M. G. Lodge
for having furnished him with some particulars
about the Lois a Cox boarding Home, Salem.

London Mission } S. J. Simpson
Ammapet Salem }

1919

A Short account of the writer's life

In October 1853 my father Samuel Seaton brought my Elder brother Daniel and myself to Salem from Madras in order to put us in the Boarding School. My forefathers were natives of Tranqubar. My parents were connected with the Church of England. I was born on the 15th of May 1846, and was baptized by the late Revd. Belderbeck in the C.M.S. Church, George town Madras. My parents were too poor though belonged to a respected family to give any sort of Education though some of my father's kinsmen were employed in the C.M.S. as teachers and catechists, yet they did not help us in our Education. My father felt very sorry that he could not Educate us. At that time there were no free boarding schools in Madras. My father was advised by some of his friends to get us admitted into the boys' boarding school Vellore which was in -

Charge of one of the Senior Scudders.
So my father took my Elder brother and myself to Vellore but he was told that the School was intended only for the limited number of children of the adherents of the American mission. My father was directed by the same Missionary to the boarding School Connected with the L. M. S. in Bangalore. Though my father was in short of money to go to Bangalore yet he went there though with great difficulty and saw the L. M. S. Missionaries and requested them to admit us into their School, but he was greatly disappointed when he was asked to go to Salem where there was a free boarding School for Tamil Speaking boys and Girls in Charge of the Revd. J. M. Lechler since the boarding School in Bangalore was only for Canarise Christian children.

The Merciful Father in Heaven led us to Salem and fed us all the way miraculously and brought us safely to Salem. The Father who careth for the poor that trusteth in him had prepared a place for us in Salem long before we left Madras. My Father took us to the Revd J. M. Lechler on the very day that we arrived at Salem and Explained to him all his difficulties and the hardships that we had met on our way and asked him earnestly to give room for us in his boarding home. The beloved Missionary heard all the Experiences of My Father Sympathized with us and took us into his boarding home at once. Before we turned our faces towards the home he fixed his Eyes upon me and foretold "You will work for the Lord in course of time though now you are a boy but -

8 years old." Years passed. God was so merciful as to remember me and to choose me an unworthy man to serve Him and tell my fellow Country men about the Good Tidings of Jesus Christ.

In December 1853 my father left Madras for good and brought down to Salem our Mother, Sisters and my younger brother Christopher who is also a Catechist in the Mission for a long time, now he is placed at Muthampatty. Through the influence of Mr Manikam Pillay my parents settled at Salem. Thus Salem became our own Country. The Revd Lechler was so kind as to Employ my father as a Sexton in the Salem Church. He did his Sextonwork for 19 years and died January 20-1880.

After the death of Mr Lechler Reverends G. Mabbis, W. E. Morris, Dr Phillips and W. Robinson took great care of me and

trained me up for Mission work. Revd W E Morris sent me to the Government Zillah School, Salem for my Education in 1866.

After my school career he (Wm Morris) recommended me to the L. M. S. District Committee Salem in 1867 to be trained in the Theological class. Accordingly Revd G. Hall B.A the Principal of the Theological Institution Madras, admitted me into that Institution and trained me for three years, at the end of three years course I returned to Salem for work. Dr Phillips who was then in Charge of the Salem district gave me practical training for my future work. He sent me to Yercaud to open a new Primary School in Connection with the mission as a teacher-Catechist in March, 1872. This was the first appointment that was given to me in the mission. Thus my active service in my beloved mission —

Commenced 47 years ago. I thank God He
has been with me through out all these years
In the year 1878 I was sent down to be a
teacher in the Salem High School under the
Revd G C Newport where I was till the end of the
year 1879. Afterwards I was appointed as the

Head master of the Christian Girls School under
the Supervision of

x Mrs Newport and her successors till 1885. This over
the Revd W Robinson put me in charge of the
Congregations at Sooramangalam and

Husthampet. At this time I had also to do
Evangelistic work in Amalve Division as it
was one of the mission fields. In the year 1887

I was given charge of Sunkery Doog under the
Supervision of the Revd W Robinson, after two
years there I was sent to Rasipuram Division
where I was lost my second son. ~~It was now~~

It was now that I was transferred by the
Revd A A Dignum to Aturaburg where I was
an Evangelist and in charge of the Congregation

there from 1890 to 1898. After a period of 9 years there I was again sent to Yercaud to be in charge of that Congregation there. In 1900 I became ill and so I came to plains, well again to the Citrus Taluq from 1901 to 1905. I was again appointed for Santry Droog for a period of a little less than two years. This over I was sent for the third time to Yercaud where I worked from October 1906 to August 1913. In 1914 I was in charge of the Congregation at Husrampet for the second time. While here the Mission relieved me from active service after this long period of 47 years from 1872 to 1918.

It has been suggested that this short account would be incomplete, if I omitted to say something about my marriage, which took place on Monday the 29th December 1873. My wife - Elizabeth Annal was Educated in the Wesleyan Mission boarding home in Bangalore under the care of the Revd J. E. Symons.

Thank God that he has thus far led us a long and happy life together and blessed with Eight Children. Six males and two females, of whom it has pleased him to receive unto him three of the sons while the two Daughters have left us to have their own Homes after their Marriage.

After my retirement Miss Lodge and Miss Crouch have been kind enough to provide me with a house to live in as long as we may continue to be attached to the School in Ammapet, where my wife is given the work of a Bible-woman under the Supervision of Miss Crouch.

In Conclusion I bless the Lord and shall not forget all his mercies which He hath done to me and to my wife and my Children during my life time.

During my active service God blessed all my work and gave me grace to bring some souls to Christ's feet.

I Period

European Missionaries

Revd J. M. Lechler (Senior) 1840 to 1861.

" Libler Assistant Missionary
who was transferred to Madras after
his marriage.

Artisan Missionaries of the Industrial
Schools under the Revd J. M. Lechler.

Mr C. Rahm... Carpentry and Cabinet works

" Boesinger... Iron work and Machine works }

" Ephingers... Masonry and other works.

" Holsworth... Boys' Boarding Home

Miss Shill... Girls' Boarding Home.

Indian Mission agents.

Mr A. Suresashamathu Evangelist.

" J. Manikam Pillay.

" A. Athi Venkatchalam Chettiar } Dealers.

Mr A. Suresashamathu was the first
Evangelist during the time of the Revd J. M.
Lechler being brought from Nagarcot
by the latter in 1857. He served the Mission

until the time of Dr Phillips. He died in Salem after his retirement.

Boundaries of the Old Mission Compound in Town Salem.

North..... Public Main Road

East..... Salem Fort

South..... Turumanimuthu River.

West..... Ladakara Street Shevapet.

The ruins of old walls still remain there. During Mr Lechler's time the Mission Compound was very large and Extensive. There were many useful buildings, but they were all pulled down during the time the Revd G. Mabbis and also a part of the Compound was sold. Again a portion of the remaining Compound was sold by Dr Phillips owing to the unhealthiness of the locality for Europeans, but he bought a spacious and healthy piece of land near Huzhampet, where he -

built a fine two storied bungalow and also Mrs Lechler's Memorial Tamil Theological Seminary and quarters for the Tutor in Charge were built by the Revd W Robinson. The piece of Ground lies to the North of Salem town near the Central Jail.

There is also a memorial Book Depôt kept in memory of Mr Lechler in the heart of Salem town in which there is a Free Reading Room and a Preaching Hall. The building was bought and improved by Mr Lechler many years ago.

In the centre of the old compound Salem, stands the large and beautiful Church. In the North there are two tombs one of them being Mr Lechler's; The old Church, Y M C A Hall and the old Gate keeper's house. In the East there is an old Girl's boarding home, which is

now used as boys' Primary School, the old Mission Bungalow is now the High School building to which Revd A. A. Signum added a Lecture Hall and an Industrial School. There is also a house for the High School Head Master.

In the Compound there was a large and spacious Garden with a Well, in which there were many grafted Mango trees, Coconut trees and various other fruit trees. Different kinds of Vegetables were grown in the garden. The whole Gardening was chiefly done by the School boys only. This fine Garden was once visited by the then Governor of Madras.

The late Revd J. M. Lechler was a very hard working Missionary and was blessed in all his undertakings.

He arrived in India in connection with C. M. S. in 1834 and commenced his work in Palamcottah on July 13th 1834. About two years later he severed his connections with C. M. S. and commenced to work with Mr Rhenius independently and after the death of the latter joined the L. M. S. and laboured a short time in Coimbatore. He was transferred to Salem where he arrived on May 8th 1840 and laboured here till his death on June 14th 1861. Revd George Walton who had been his predecessor died on June 9th 1841.

Mr Lechler it is said was able to preach in Tamil within a year after his arrival in the country and was such a good Tamil scholar that he wrote several books and translated some English books into Tamil.

He married Miss Woodman on the 24th July 1840, and had children of whom

only three are now living.

Salem Church

The foundation of the present Church in Salem was laid on the 20th February 1852 and the building was completed in 1856 with its front Porch. Many years after Dr Phillips Mr Lechler's son-in-law repaired the church here and there and put up Granite steps in front of the building. An Industrial School was established in the year 1840 by Mr Lechler with a view to give manual instruction to the boys in the boarding school and providing them and young converts with the means of obtaining an honest livelihood, thereby making them stand on their own feet, and thus to build up a self supporting Church. They were given at the same time such mental and moral training as would qualify them to

became Evangelists to their non-Christian
Country men and helpers to the Missionary.
This Industrial School was the first of its
kind in South India and taught many
lads some useful trade like Cabinet
making, building, turning, masonry, Ratan
work and blacksmith's work.

A missionary artisan Mr Boesinger
Erected to the great astonishment of the Indians
a forge with the necessary apparatus a smelting
furnace &c. In the year 1849 the mission house
the two school houses and several other buildings
were built chiefly by the (young converts)

Industrial school boys, also the present
Salem Church 70 feet long by 44 wide the first
ever raised in India by Christian workmen
only and at a cost of only £130/- being half
the estimated cost of non-Christian builders.

Mr Lechler supported the whole of the
mission work with the incomes of the Industri
al

School. There was also a Shop which contained clothes and many other English articles for the use of Europeans under his management to help the poor Christians that were in the Villages.

Rev^d A. A. Dignum reopened an Industrial School similar to that in Mr. Lechler's time for the benefit of Christian boys in the congregation but unfortunately it has been closed after some years of useful work.

Mr. Lechler's chief work was Itinerating and the whole of the Salem district was traversed by him frequently. He was also engaged in caring for the Church in the Salem Town, the membership of which increased rapidly under his Fatherly Care. Churches and Schools were built in numerous villages which were called by Christian names such as

Manivelangam; Muthalote; Gangavilly; Arulore; and Samathanapuram near Konarepatthy. These Villages are in Antur Taluq.

In 1854 Mr Lechler took ill and was ordered to go to England after 20 years of incessant labour, and returned from home a year after to continue his work. During his absence the mission work and the Industrial school were entrusted to the Revd C. Rahm missionary artisan, who left the mission of his own accord some years before Mr Lechler's death and worked independently at Yercaud. He died 'In Faith' at a old age - 91 years - in the year 1913. August 11th at Yercaud.

Revd J M Lechler opened several mission Stations in the Salem District viz Thipatore, Rasipoor, Sandarapet, Muthalove, Konaripatti and some other Stations in Atur taluq. Yercaud and Sooramungalam which are still our chief mission fields.

As a result of his faithful and fervent labour in the District many people of

the lower classes Embraced Christianity of whom Joshua, Matayappan and their families were foremost. Churches were established in some Villages of the Puttalam but he had to undergo many troubles and persecutions before he formed these churches. He sowed the 'Living Seed' in those parts with tears and prayers. After ~~many~~ unwearied labour he reaped Sheaves full of Corn. On his missionary tour he and his mission agents were beaten severely in several places and suffered persecutions but patiently bore all for his Master's sake and went on preaching the Kingdom of God with great hopes of the future harvest. By his undaunted spirit Christianity flourished and churches grew up in the Sabana District.

His time was devoted to various kinds

of work such as Town preaching, touring
teaching boys and girls in their schools,
conducting a Bible class for the Industrial
School lads.

Besides these both Mrs and Mr Dechler
conducted the Sunday School after the
morning service in every Sunday. This
Sunday School was intended for the
whole congregation. Week day prayers
meetings were regularly held by him
through out the years. It was his habit
to question the congregation and the
School children in the middle of the
service to draw their attention to the
sermon. As a rule every one who knew
how to write and read were required
to take notes, so that the subjects of the
sermon might be discussed in the
following week days meeting. There was
a singing class too held every Saturday

Evening in which different sorts of tunes were practised with the help of an Organ.

In addition to all these there were other forms of Service in which he Engaged such as Composing Hymns, Old and new Testaments Histories; Bible Catechisms and some School books designed for the use of Church, Bible Class and Schools. By his preaching Christ in the town and in the Villages some high Class people were converted from Hinduism and were baptized between 1857 to 1859. VIZ. One of the high class brahmmins, one Mr Ramasawmi Iyer assist^{ant} Superintendent of Police with his wife from Salem - Agrahakaran, and a respected and well known Silk weaver named Anthi Vinktachalam Chetiar from Shervapet. and Swaminatha Pillay, Yesuthasen

workman. in the Alur taluq.

As far as my faint memory goes I can say that the late Revd Jm Lechler the first Missionary that laboured with great zeal in the Salem District opened a path through the jungle of Idolatry for his successors and laid strong foundations and left it to the missionaries that came after him to raise on them any form of fabric in after time, so that the Kingdom of Christ might come into the heart of the Salem District,

Mr Lechler could command every body's respect Even Collectors had respect for him, and occasionally consulted him on certain subjects.

He and his devoted wife lived among Christians like parents loved them and helped them more than parents in all their difficulties, sorrows and sickness. They gave their

very life for the Christians and for the School Children? In him there was no partiality. Thousands of poor people, Orphans, Christians and non-Christians were fed, clothed freely during their time. There was also a poor house set apart for the poor old widows, lames, blinds and helpless sick persons, where they were kept and fed daily.

As God Father and God mother they set a very good Example to their Congregations and to the School children by their deeds and words. Mr Lechler expected that every Christian lad would learn some useful manual trade.

Rev. J. M. Lechler endured many hardships as a good Soldier of Jesus Christ does and fought a good fight for his Master's Cause and finished his course and entered into his Lord's Kingdom to receive the Reward (The Crown of Righteousness) that is promised to all that served the Lord Jesus faithfully in this life.

On the last Sunday the day of his death he preached twice both in the morning and Evening. The beloved (Father) missionary preached that Sunday morning on the text "For it is the Power of God unto Salvation to Every one that believeth" Romans 1.16. His last words before he died were "I obtained Mercy" in Tamil "நீர் பெரிசாகிய கருணை". His Father in Heaven has been pleased to give him perfect 'Rest' above for his incessant labour in this life. Cholera attacked him at 10 P.M. on the Sunday he last preached and he died on the following day before day-break. He passed away in peace to live with his Master Christ for ever. Mrs Lechler was then in England. His remains were interred near the Old Church in the Mission Compound. The funeral service was conducted by Mr Brett the then Collector of Salem District.

After this Sad Event the whole mission was in a deplorable Condition as there was no European Missionary to take immediate charge of the work, but Mr Manikam Pillay was in charge. A few days after Revd G. Hall B.A came from Madras with the Revd Campbell of Bangalore to make arrangements to carry on the work here. They abolished the Industrial School and other Schools that had been very useful to the Mission work and sold all the tools and materials of the work shop and sent away all the boys and girls to their houses. Some of the boarding children who were orphans were left in charge of the Revd Campbell who acted until another new missionary came from England.

The mission land which is in Sooramangalam was given to the London Mission Society, Salem by Mr A Venkatchalam Chettiar during the time of Mr Lechler. The

latter built the Church there to hold Divine Services for the use of Europeans as well as Tamil Christians who work in the Railway department at Sooramungalam.

Mr Manikam Pillay was a chief Deacon in the mission at that time who was brought by Mr Lechler from Tinnareilly and the whole management of the mission was entrusted to him not simply because he had been Mr Lechler's favourite but because he was so good, active and faithful as to discharge all his duties satisfactorily. His deaconship continued in the Salem mission till the time of the Revd C. Muthu the first Pastor of the Salem L.M. Church.

Mr Vinktachalam Chettiar too was a Deacon in the Church and was a good helper to all Christians. He was also very faithful to his mission until his death.

II Period

From 17th June 1861 to 1918

Successors of the late Revd J. M. Lechler

Revd Campbell of Bangalore in Charge

1861. nine months only

Revs Giddins Mabbis 1862 to 1865

" W. E. Morris 1865 - 1869

" M. Phillips Ph.D. 1869 - 1910

Tirupatore, Salem & Madras.

" Henry Tollet 1870 Came in
January & died on the 15th March
1870

" N. Rice 1873 - 1876.

" J. C. Newport 1879 - 1881

" E. Demarc 1882 - 1883

" W. Robinson 1883 - 1910

" A. A. Lignum 1885 - 1905

" C. G. Marshall 1888 - 1914

Tirupatore, Salem, Madras.

" R. C. Porter 1893 1915

Salem & Tirupatore

" R. Robertson B.D. 1907 - 1919.

Revd G. Matthews M. A. B. Litt. 1912 to 1915.

" C. J. Whitney B.A. 1913 — 1916

" W. J. Hatch of Coimbatore 1916 — —

Lady missionaries in charge of Girls' Schools
and Zenana work: -

Mrs Phillips

" Newport

" Lemare

" Robinson

" Marshall

These were in charge of
Christian Girls' School and
Caste girls' School Shevapet.
Salem.

Miss Lois A Cox 1891 to 1892

" A. M. Crouch 1891 — 1919

" M. G. Lodge 1892 — 1919

" E. A. Mummery 1915 — 1918

" Brown 1919

Indian ministers

Mr A. Sureshamuthu Evangelist Died

Revd Charles Kutthu First Pastor Died

" Aralappan Moses Tirupatore Retired

" A. Sivasagayam Assistant missionary
Tonnakal taluq Died

Revd Zechariah Ross 2^d Pastor and Tamil
Seminary Tutor Died

" J. D. Moses 3^d Pastor

" James Rathnam Seminary Tutor,
and Evangelizing Missionary,
now he is Acting Pastor

Mr P. Sundram B.A. Principal High School
and Church Secretary.

In the beginning of the year 1862 after
the death of Mr Lechler three Missionaries
were sent out from England by the
London Mission Society. VIZ:- Reverends-
G. Mabbis to Salem, Dr Phillips to Tirupatore
W. C. Morris to Cannabatore.

1862 to 1865:- Revd G. Mabbis arrived at
Salem in 1862 with the view of strengthening
the feeble Church and Congregation
and Schools. He took great care of the
Christian Children and sought out
those children that were scattered abroad.

Mr Lechler's School that had been closed were reopened with some boys and girls gathered from various places. He introduced English together with Tamil into the Schools. Mrs Mabb's taught English to the children. Mr Mabb's sole object was to open a Theological Institution in Salem District. He wanted to re-organize the Church and Schools at first because the Church was not in good order after the death of Mr Lechler and the Theological Institution next. He sent for teachers from different places such as Madras, Jaffna and Madura. Revd Zachariah Ross and his brothers came from Madura.

Mr Mabb's opened new schools one in Attur taluq and another in Sunkry-Droog to carry on Christian work. He formed a special Bible class with

a number of Students (I was one of them) to be trained for mission work and taught Scripture lessons and began with John's Gospel. He planned many schemes but unfortunately was transferred toagercoil in 1865.

The Origin of Christian Pettah, Fort Salem
During Mr Mabb's time in 1863 Christians were sent out of the Mission Compound and suffered much for want of a dwelling place. Then the L. M. Christians made a petition to Mr & Paul Pillay (the father of Mr K. J. Paul) who was then the Siashtadar of Salem District. He was very kind to the Christians and tried his best to help them in their hour of need. So he spoke to the Collector on behalf of the said Christians. On his recommendation the present site was given freely to the London Mission Christians only.

Rev. Kabbos divided the land manai by manai according to the number of Christians. Each manai was 60, 70, 80, 90 feet long and 25 feet wide. The land was allotted to every one by lot. Thus the site came to the possession of our London Christians and called "The Christian-Pettah".

1865 to 1869:- Rev. W. E. Morris from Coimbatore was here between 1865 and 1869 in place of Mr. Kabbos. He also did very good work for the Edification of the Church. He laboured very earnestly and preached the Simple Gospel in the town as well as in the districts. The boys' and girls' schools were well attended to and improved. He was an earnest missionary, his object was that the congregations should be strengthened in the experience of Grace and in the knowledge of Christ that shapes the desires and directs the will. As a pastor of the flock he cared for his

Sheep and brought into the fold all those that had strayed. He cherished all the means of Grace pertaining to the Church. His Sermons, addresses and prayers were always very attractive and fervent. He was a missionary who won the hearts of his hearers and who made them understand the Greatness of their inheritance in Jesus Christ. He kept up the Bible ^{Study} Class and he conducted it and encouraged all young men and mission agents to attend it regularly.

Besides the Church and open air preaching in the Town and in the district, he used to teach boys in the School 2 or 3 hours Every day Except when he was in Camp. When any sickness prevailed among Christians such as Cholera or any other contagious disease he used to go to their houses and attend on the patient very carefully whether it was day or night he would not rest until the patient got better. He treated the poor Christians very kindly and loved them

and sat with them on the floor and prayed for them when he conducted the Cottage prayer meetings. As a rule he visited Every Christian house and Enquired after the welfare of the family first and then spoke to them about their souls. His hard labour and thirst after souls were not in vain in the Salem district. During his time

Samuel Ruthrappa Asary, who was a Gold-Smiths by Caste, heard him preaching in the street at Narasingapuram on several occasions was convinced of the truth was converted and was baptized along with his wife in 1869. By the Asary's influence and by his Christian life some of his relatives became Christians during Dr Phillip's time. The old Asary was made one of the mission agents later on to work among his Caste people. He had been a great Scholar of Hinduism. The Asary lived in

Parasingapuram where he and his devoted wife proved themselves true and faithful followers of Jesus Christ, all their life. The late Revd J W Lechlet had presented him with a new Testament some years ago while he was touring in those parts of the district. The Avaray read the Book carefully over and over with prayer and was convinced of the truth of Christianity and then with his wife accepted Jesus as his Saviour before many of his caste people and others. He preached Christ very bravely before his cast men and others in all places and was not ashamed of his faith in Christ. He died in the year 1903, and I had the joy of conducting his burial service. His wife also died two or three years after I left the place.

Revd W E Morris the beloved missionary was compelled by medical advice to go home owing to some serious trouble in his

throat. His incessant work made him sick. He left Salem reluctantly in 1869.

Some information about Huothampet mission land:-

The Mission Street at Huothampet came into existence as the residence of Christians in the time of one Mr David. Mr David was a man from Tinnevely. Mr Lechler had employed him as a catechist of the L.M.S. in Salem. Owing to some misunderstanding between the Missionary and himself, he had to sever his connection with the mission. Mr David went about preaching the Gospel as usual, maintaining himself by private subscriptions from benevolent Christians in and around Salem. At that time the site of the said Mission Street was a wild and unoccupied plot of ground. Mr David aimed at getting this place and bought

it for his residence and for others uses connected with his work. how he got the said site, whether he bought it out of the funds he raised for his work or obtained it as a free grant from the Government for his Christian work is not known. That the said site was his is a fact. While he was living in this place those Christians, who for some reason or other had ceased their connection with their mother Church L. M. S. in the time of Mr Lechler were going one after another to this place for shelter. Mr David was glad to welcome them. He gave permission to those who wished to build houses on this site. Thro several houses were built.

Mr David became naturally their Adviser and Spiritual guide. He formed a sort of Congregation of them, Conducting Divine Services, Administering the Sacraments.

Both Mr Lechler and his Successors
Mr Hobbs tried to no purpose to get him
and his people back under their control,
and Supervision. At last Revd Morris
Succeeded and won them back to the
Mission. At an anniversary Service
at Salem Church. There were Speeches
made both by messors Morris and David
Concerning the Said Mission Street.

It was now at this meeting and within
the four walls of the Salem Church
building that a note book containing
particulars about the said site and
the work there in was handed to
Mr Morris by Mr David Catichest.

1862 to 1910:- Revd St Maurice Phillips
from Truro Circle Succeeded
Mr Morris in 1869. His views and objects
were very liberal more like those of
his Father in Law Mr Lechler.

His Sphere of work was chiefly Confined to Timpatore Circle, Salem and Madras.

Most of his time was spent in Salem District. His aim was to reform the whole Mission and improve the Church, Congregations and Schools both in the town and in all parts of the District. He was one of the most popular and remarkable missionaries that came to the Salem District. He proved himself a most Capable Missionary and did very meritorious Service. He became a great Scholar in Sanscrit and received the D. Th. Degree.

Many buildings were Erected by him in ^{the} several Stations of the District. VIZ:-

In Timpatore, Sunkrydroog, Karasingapuram and Yercaud. The large Church in Salem town and two other Churches in Atur taluq were repaired. The last two Churches were altered and rebuilt in a refined fashion by —

Reverends Q A Dignum and R Robertson
respectively during their times.

Dr Phillips's main object was to propagate
the Gospel through out this Country for which
he trained agents.

In addition to his other work he travelled
through the whole of India and visited many
Hindu sacred places and temples to learn
at first hand all about Hinduism. He
also visited Palastine and America, where
he was present at the great Parliament of
Religion at Chicago. Many came to Christ
who were without Christ and were turned
to the Light of Life from other Religions
and were added to the Church of Christ through
his labour. He laboured in the vine yard
of Jesus in those parts. His first wife was
Miss Mary Leckler the mother of Mrs Marshall.
He left Madras on furlough in 1910 and
remained at in England, his service

in the Mission (L. M. S.) was 49 years. As far as my knowledge goes I can say that Dr Phillips never failed in any of his attempts and schemes. He was one of the blessed missionaries that came to India. God had been pleased to establish and to bless all his work. During his stay in India he wrote books and published them for the good of the public. The teaching of the Vedas, the Evolution of Hinduism in English and many other book-lets and pamphlets on Hinduism both in English and Tamil. Mrs and Dr Phillips were liked by all Christians and others in all places. He did no harm either to his agents or to his congregations, but he did good to all during his life time. He served his Master, The Lord Jesus with a perfect heart and with a willing mind all the days of his life. At last his Master, the Lord said unto him, while he was in England, "Well done, thou good and

faithful Servant; thou hast been faithful
over a few things, I will make Thee ruler
over many things, Enter into the Joy of
Thy Lord." He was taken from all his
work here below to rest in Christ above for-
ever. Now he is in Glory of his Lord, Enjoying
everlasting happiness. He died in England.
{on the 18th or 29th} in August 1810 1910

The High School connected with the L.M.S.
at Salem was Established in 1872. The present
high School in Salem has gradually grown
to the present state out of a small beginning.
This high School was Established by
Dr Phillips 1874 with the intention of having
a Christian high School in the Salem District
for the good of Christian boys and at the
same time to teach Christianity to Hindu
boys. In order to strengthen the Institution
he sent for an able Christian
Graduate Mr P. Sundram B.A who came

from Madras and took charge of the Institution in March 1883. Since then the High School has been completely modified to suit the present system of Education under his efficient management and supervision.

1870 :- Revd Henry Toller, relieved Dr Phillips from England and succeeded Mr Morris in the year 1870. He came to minister to the people of South India. The desire of his heart was granted him and began his work at Salem. Whence suddenly, after 7 weeks of service, the Master who sent, called him Home in Heaven to perform a higher work on the 15th March 1870. He was only 25 years of age.

1873 to 1875 :- Reverend Henry Rice acted for Dr Phillips while the latter went home on furlough.

1878 to 1881:- Revd G.B Newport came to South India in Connection with the London Mission Society and went toagercoil and laboured in the field for a period about 14 years. While he was there he learnt Tamil and became a Great Tamil Scholar. He was one of the popular professors of Theology and a missionary of Sterling qualities. He was transferred to Salem to be in charge of the Church and Elementary Schools in the town and at the same time he was the Principal of the High School. After a period of three years (3) he was transferred to Madras to revive the English Theological Institution there, which had been closed for ten or Eleven years after the departure of the lat Revd George Hall B.A. As the Institution was soon after shifted to Bangalore, his incessant hard labour

in teaching students and constant preaching affected his liver. As his illness became serious, he was advised to proceed on sea-voyage. Leaving the voyage very soon after his embarkation, he was suddenly called by his Lord to be with him forever. One of his good qualities was this, he never allowed any tale-bearer near his house during his stay at Salem.

He was a missionary above all and always received very high commendation from noble men, even the Travancore Rajah had a very high opinion of him. He was connected with the late Revd Lechler's family by his second wife Miss Rosa - Lechler.

1882 to 1883: - Revd E. Lemare was in charge of the high school, Church &c like his predecessors Mr Newport.

1883 to 1910:- Reverend W Robinson was in-charge of the mission after the Reverends Dr Phillips and Edemare. He was in charge of Coimbatore too. He was well spoken of his good nature and disposition. He is a Missionary that beareth all things and believeth all things and had a forbearing-Spirit all through his stay in Salem District. All his Efforts had proved Effectual in Salem. He was as good as his predecessors.

Besides his labours in the Church and in touring the District, he had been Engaged in writing books such as the Life of Rungeltamb the "Rishē", God and Son of God, A Summary of Christian-Doctrine for the use of the Tamil Theological Seminary-Students and the Salem Hymnal was Compiled by him. Now it is in use in our Churches. This good and beloved Missionary has left India on account of

illness and retired from his work. Mrs Robinson died at Salem ~~in~~ on the 20th December 1896.

During his time a plot of Grounds was secured by him for the use of poor Christians at Gireand, who suffered for want of houses and they were permitted to build houses of their own, which is called Robinson Pettah and lies between Lutherpet and Longlypet. Also there are two villages in the East of Salem Taluq 16 miles away from the town where lands were given by the Government for Christian Kovavars. Mr Robinson named them Elizabeth Pettah.

1886 to 1905:- Revd A A Dignum was one of the most useful and benevolent Missionaries that Salem ever had. He came from Cuddapah to Salem in 1886. He became a popular Missionary by his lectures and Speeches in the town and in other places. He was also an able Manager. His deep Desire and care

were to promote the material conditions of the Christians who live in Konarepet and Sandarapet and some other villages of the Atur Talug for which he spent his own money too and Educated the Children to be Employed as teachers and teachers. Catechists in their own villages. There are some fine buildings in Salem town and Yercaud and in Atur talug too Commemorate his name. So a noble and beloved Missionary cut of his Connection with the London Mission and joined the S.P.G in Tinmarilly after a service of many years in Salem.

1888 to 1914:- Revd C. G. Marshall, a Son in law of Dr Phillips who worked in the District for several years. He acted two years at Madras for Dr Phillips and came back to his own District to continue his work till 1914. His work

was confined to Salem, Trimpatore Circles and Madras. He was the Principal of the Tamil Theological Seminary after Mr Robinson. The Industrial School was also placed under his management. He was one of the good preachers and his sermons were full of thoughts and were extolled by all who heard him. In 1915 he was sent to the United Tamil Theological Institution Madurai and then to Trananecore as one of the professors. During his stay at Salem he improved the mission house built by Dr Phillips. On the Hills at Yerocand $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land were added to the mission land there.

Mrs Marshall is the Grand Daughter of the late Revd J. W. Leckler.

1893 to 1915:- R. C. Porter was in charge of Atankaluppi when Revd A. R. Dignum went to England on furlough and laboured very

hard and visited all churches, schools and discharged all the duties very arduously pertaining to the churches and touring in the Districts. Almost all his labours have been confined to the Serupatore circles until 1915. He was transferred to Coimbatore according to the arrangement of S. J. D Committee which was held at Salem in 1914. He treated all his agents very kindly.

1907 to 1919:- Revd R. Robertson B.D. was sent to Salem mission to take the place of the late Revd Dignum in 1907. Now he is the Senior missionary and in charge of the whole of the Salem District. He is a very active and vigorous young missionary and gives his heart to the work for which he was sent. He often goes on tour in the District and visits churches and schools, conducts Divine Services, administers the Sacraments. Helped the poor Christians who were in need.

Open air preaching both in the town and in the District has been carried on regularly.

He is the Editor of "The Christian Friend" = The Paliar Nithiran. It is a bright and cheerful Magazine for Children containing Stories Anecdotes and Studies.

1912 to 1914:- Revd G Mathews M.A. B.LITT. was in Charge of Rasipur Division, Sunkry Droog-Division and including Trechankode Talug.

Sunkry Droog and Sooramangalam Churches Congregations and all Elementary Schools both in the town and in the talugs. He was one of the most promising Missionaries that came to Salem, but unfortunately he was transferred to Coimbatore as it was in need of an able and learned Missionary.

1914 to 1915:- Revd C. J. Whitney B.A. came from Madras and took the place of the Revd G. Mathews and he has been also in Charge of Tirupatore Circles after the transfer of Mr Porter in 1915,

but the missionary volunteered to go to war
in 1916.

1916 - :- Revd W. J. Hatch of Combaratore succeeded
to Mr Whitney took Charge of his place and
also Alur talugg. Now he ^{is} in Charge of the whole
District of Salem after Mr Robertson's furloughs

Lois A. Cox Memorial Home

1891 to 1892 :- In the year 1891 Miss Lois A. Cox
came from Madras to Salem, but owing to her
illness she went back to her own country
Adelaide, South Australia and died there
in August 1892. The Lois Cox Memorial
Home was opened in the year 1895 under
the Charge of Miss Lodge. The building having
been erected between 1894 and 1895.

The money for its Erection was subscribed
for by friends in Australia in memory
of Miss Cox, who worked in Salem during
1891.

An appeal was made by Miss A. M. Brouch Early in 1892 pointing out the need for such a Home and the project was heartily supported by Miss Cox, who during her illness collected a little towards it. The intention in opening the Home was to have a place where Orphans chiefly from Christian families in the Salem District, and other Christian Girls could receive Education.

1892 to 19... :- Miss M. G. Lodge arrived in December 1892 and took Charge of the Girls' Boarding home which made very good progress in Every way. Sewing, Cooking and Gardening &c were also taught. The Lady's whole intention was to bring up the poor village Children to the Light of Christianity and to teach them Christ and his love towards the poor. Many Girls were well trained and were Employed as teachers in and out. Miss Lodge was the first Lady missionary that opened

the Girls' Boarding home in Salem after the manner of Mr Lechter. Miss Lodge was transferred to Erode in 1915 owing to the missionary of that place being on furlough and returned in 1917.

Miss Lodge and Miss Crouch also the fine large Hobart School building in their Compound built the use of the use of the boarding home girls and other Christians. They also bought the land surrounding the boarding home and taught the girls field work.

1915 to 1917:- Miss E. L. Mummery came to Salem in 1915 and left for Coimbatore in 1917. She also did a very good work at Salem during her stay here.

Work among Hindu women

1891 to 19...:- Lady missionary.

Miss R. M. Crouch arrived in the year 1891. November. Now the Lady is

in charge of the Bible women's work. The Girls' boarding School and other Girls' schools connected with the L. M. S. in Salem.

Under her Efficient Management and Care the work among the Hindu women has been carried on regularly and faithfully in all villages surrounding the Salem town. Bible women have been employed in each village about the town.

The Superintendent Miss Crouch often goes round to the villages to see & how the work is done in each village and she also visits people in their houses and speaks to them personally and questions them on the subjects which they heard & learnt from the Bible women. The women are able to read and to sing the Christian Lyrics well and freely. Some of the women are also able to ~~repeat~~ repeat Bible verses by heart, but in some houses old women come in their

against their wish and hinder them.

In connection with the work Miss Crouch has opened and maintains some Girls' Schools in the following places: -

Gogai, Richipolayam and Ammapet, besides the Christian Girls' School Fort, and the Shevapet Caste Girls' School.

During this period Miss Crouch has had built the Fort School and the Shevapet School and bought and rebuilt. The Richipolayam School and Enlarged the Ammapet and Gogai School buildings.

The Caste Girls' School at Shevapet was founded by Mr Phillips many years ago and the Christian Girls' School which is now called Fort School opened by the Revd G. Habbs were maintained and conducted by the missionaries and their wives successively until the year 1905, but the above said

Schools were handed over to Miss A. M. Cranch
in 1905.

The Salem London mission has lost a
fine chance by closing the Industrial School
and the Tamil Theological Seminary Institution
which would be very useful to Christian lads
and to Christian work in the future in the Salem
District. But now there is a boys boarding house
opened for Christian boys who ~~are~~ live in the
out-lying villages by the Revd R. Robertson -
during his time.

The missionaries that have succeeded the
late Revd J. M. Leckler to labour in the fields of
the Salem district and propagate the Gospel
in this now Christian country are:-

Reverends G. Mabbis, W. E. Morris, Dr M. Phillips,
Henry Toller, Henry Rice, G. A. Beecroft, E. Lemare,
W. Robinson, A. A. Dignum, C. G. Marshall,
R. C. Potter, R. Robertson B.D., G. Mathews M.A.,
C. J. Witney B.A., W. J. Hatch, and B. Little.

all the Lady missionaries.

All the above said missionaries and Ladies have had an honourable share in the Gospel Campaign. The quickened zeal of the missionaries throughout the District was due to the flaming torch of God awakening and compelling the Spirit in their hearts. All have utilised their opportunities and devoted their time, health, labour and money to keep up Churches and Schools have exhorted all Christians to grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in all parts of the Salem District and have borne witness to the great Love of God towards Sinners through his dear Son Jesus.

As the result of their unceasing and hard work and thirst after souls for Christ, many were converted from

Hinduism and were added to the Church of Christ by means of baptism. The Lord Jesus who had promised that He will be with his disciples always Even unto the End of the world has been with them and blessed all their faithful labours.

S. J. Simpson

