

ANTI-OPIUM LEAGUE.

A

PUBLIC MEETING

TO PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUANCE OF

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC

BETWEEN

INDIA AND CHINA

WILL (D.V.) BE HELD

In the TOWN HALL, RYDE,

ON

Tuesday, March 21st, 1893,

WHEN ADDRESSES WILL BE GIVEN BY

MR. W. RAJU NAIDU,

(Delegate from the Native Christians of Madras.)

AND

MR. A. LANGMAN,

(Of the China Inland Mission.)

The Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. by

W. PENN, ESQ.,

SUPPORTED BY

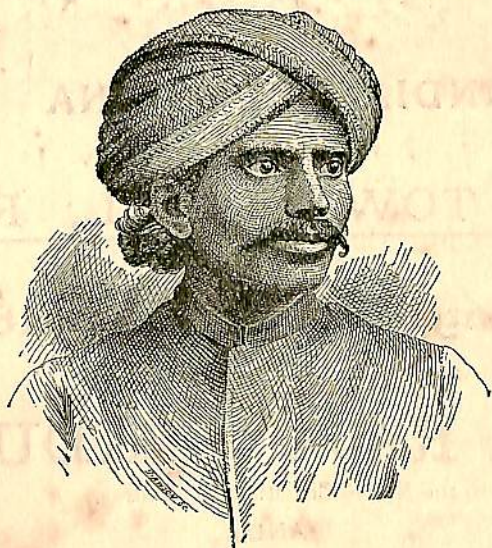
**REVS. W. H. REDKNAP, E. B. PEARSON, J. WHITTOCK, G. JAMES,
AND OTHERS.**

A Collection will be taken to Defray Expenses of Anti-Opium Work.

A MADRAS JOURNALIST APPEALS TO ENGLAND FOR JUSTICE TO HIS COUNTRY IN THE MATTER OF THE OPIUM CURSE.

Mr. W. Raju Naidu is the son of a village magistrate and landowner of the Chingelput district of the Madras Presidency. He received his education at the Pachayappa's College in Madras. Mr. Naidu's family, like himself, were Vishnavites, a leading Hindu sect. This college education, though a high class English one, was entirely on heathen lines. A visit by an English lady, a Zenana missionary, to his home, was the first means of directing his thoughts to Christianity, and he was finally received into the Church at Vepery, Madras, by the revered Dr. Rudisill, of the M. E. Mission. Some time after his

W. RAJU NAIDU,
of Madras.



Representative of the Indian Christian
Church in South India.

conversion, he became editor of the *Eastern Star*, the organ of the Native Christian Church of South India. His previous frequent contributions to the principal Madras papers gave him considerable practice for this post.

Before his conversion Mr. Naidu was well known as an ardent Social reformer, advocating the abolition of child-marriage, and the cessation of the cruel oppression of Hindu widows.

In his crusade against the growing Opium evil in India, Mr. Naidu comes to England as the bearer of an influentially signed memorial to the Christian Churches of Great Britain from the representatives of the Indian Christian Church of South India. Near relatives of Mr. Naidu, once wealthy men, are now in abject poverty through the Opium vice. He therefore speaks with the authority of one who has indirectly suffered from the curse.