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Description: NB in 1859 the Quarterly Reports were collected together in a separately bound volume: C-1.25, see below. The style of indexing remains very cursory, but the inner organisation of the volume is somewhat different from C-1.23, and we have, consequently, listed the different sections here with the number of documents in each. The volume begins with a section which has lost its title page and index, but is evidently the minutes and correspondence of the "Missionaries' General Conference" of the Basel Mission in India, the Mission's local directorate. This section consists of 13 documents, some very substantial. It ends with a 4-page lithographed draft of the regulations for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Indian Catechists working for the Basel Mission, and with a 56-page lithographed draft of regulations for Basel Mission schools in India. There follows a separate section for the minutes of the Canara District Conference [of the Basel Mission] in September and November 1859, followed by the Stations of what we would now call the Basel Mission district of Southern Karnataka: Mangalore (68 documents, NB documents 60-68 have been misfiled between document 45 and 46); Udipi & Mulki (20 documents); Madikeri (44 documents, including some letters written from Anandapoor). The District Conference Minutes from South Mahratta, March and August 1859 (two documents) precede the documents from individual stations in this North Karnataka district; Dharwad (5 documents); Hubli (10); Gadag Betgeri (9); Malasamudra (6); Guledagudda (3); The District Conference minutes from Malabar (2 documents) are followed by the sections for the individual stations in North Kerala: Cannanore (36 documents); Talatscheri (27); Calicut [the orthography has returned to 19th century orthodoxy] (25); Chomabala (13); Palghat (11) and Keti (18). An envelope at the end of this volume contains two documents reflecting discussion taking place in the Mission Committee in Basel: Gundert's opinion on the position of English-medium schools in the Basel Mission in India dated Basel 5th July 1859, and an extensive minute on a Committee decision relating to industrial and economic activities of the Basel Mission in India, dated April-June 1859.

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