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This thesis entitled "Advent of Christian Missionaries in South Travancore: A socio - Religious Identity of the oppressed" is an earnest attempt to focus the efforts taken by the Protestant Missionaries of the London Missionary Society to create social awakening and through that preparing the people to fight for the social Identity and equal rights. The LMS Missionaries first came in 1806 and established schools attached to the church. They introduced western education to the people and prepared the grounds for the oncoming fights. When I was searching for a research topic one of the senior professors of Scott Christian College suggested this topic. I consulted leading historians and researchers on this subject. From the discussions I had with them I could understand that this topic is of academic importance and has much scope for further research. Hence I selected this topic.

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