

breadth 45; and it now contains a population of 2,400,000, of whom 1,670,000 are Singhalese, being Buddhists and devil-worshippers; 534,000 Tamils, votaries of Siva and kindred deities; 164,000 Moormen or Mohammedans, who speak Tamil and are the chief merchants and bankers of the island; some thousands of Burghers or Dutch descendants, whose dialects are English and Indo-Portuguese; and about 4,000 British.



BURMESE CART.

A fitter field for missionary operations could not have been selected. Not only was the country intrusted by Divine Providence to the British sceptre, it was a centre of influence for our millions of fellow-subjects in Hindustan, and for the outside multitudes of Burmah and China. We have already referred to the introduction of Methodism into Ceylon by the Rev. William Harvard, afterward Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in Canada.

Columbo, the maritime capital of the country, is an important mission station. It has much the appearance of a European town. It is entered by a bridge of boats, whose picturesque appearance strikes the attention of the traveller. Kandy, another important town, has a railway station, hospital, bar-