

want of ministers, and most of them could and would do something to support them in whole or in part. Yesterday's mail brought two applications—one from Mr. Buchan, of Paris, in the Upper Province, who expresses his confidence "that an active missionary would be of great benefit to the neighbourhood, that there is no resident minister of any denomination in the village, and that the country around is well settled." Mr. B. offers liberally towards his support, independently of what might be derived from other sources. The other is from the Deacons of the church in the Indian Land. This last station your Committee have some prospect of being able to supply in the course of a few months.

The great hope of the Committee, in reference to this most important object, is, under God, in the seminary about to be established to qualify pious young men to fill the stations of ministerial labour which the whole country is presenting to them. It will be some years, however, before the regular course of instruction will be completed. Meanwhile souls are perishing, and it is, therefore, most desirable to obtain from Britain, as speedily as possible, some active and zealous labourers for immediate service in the Lord's vineyard.

#### THE MAGAZINE.

The utility of such a periodical is so clear, as a medium of communication between the different societies and members of the general body, and the means of diffusing missionary and other information of an interesting nature, that your Committee determined last year to make the attempt to establish a work of this kind. They consider it highly conducive, if not even essential, to a general diffusion of religion throughout the Colony, and especially to preserve alive and deepen the feeling which

each should take in the prosperity of the whole. It is not in their power to say that the work has hitherto paid its own expenses; although their design and hope were that it should furnish a surplus to aid the general fund of the Society; but it has been gradually extending its circulation, and many new Subscribers have been added this year. The price it has been found necessary to raise; but so slightly, that it is still believed to be as cheap as any similar work can be got up in this province. The Committee are of opinion that it has in general been favourably received, and they are assured that very many persons would greatly regret its discontinuance. They would not, however, feel themselves authorized to recommend its continuance for any long period, unless its sale should at least cover the expenses of its publication.

#### CONCLUSION.

Upon a calm and deliberate review of the proceedings of the year that has passed, your Committee, although they perceive much cause for grief and humiliation, are yet encouraged to perseverance and hope. They have reason to believe that the wants of the Colony are beginning to be more sensibly felt; that in many portions of the country not only is the want of religious instruction deplored, but a desire has been excited, and is spreading, to have that want supplied. It is true that but little has been done; and we are a feeble body, compared with some others. But "who hath despised the day of small things?" and who *will* despise it? The philosopher will not, for he knows that the greatest effects often arise from causes that are scarcely perceptible; the historian will not, for he can trace back the mightiest empires to very small beginnings; the Christian will not, for he remembers that the kingdom