



African Chief.

The above is an excellent likeness of an African Chief. We are sure that no one who examines this peculiarly striking and interesting countenance can fail to see strong lineaments of humanity, and apparently just as great susceptibility of intellectual and moral advancement, as may be seen in the descendants of Japheth or Shem. Great sternness and resolution, as well as physical strength, are characteristics of the people which he represents. These are the qualities which they cultivate, but in ancient times some of the African nations were considered among the most enlightened in the world. They still have a written language, but rank amongst the lowest of the half civilized nations. Astonishing efforts, attended with great sacrifice of life and means are now being put forth by christians and philosophers in England and America to explore this vast country, and to enlighten and christianise the people.

According to report, a white Christian community exists in the centre of his, the hottest region on the globe. It

is supposed that 150 languages are spoken in the known parts of Africa.

There are comparatively few Missionary labourers in Africa.—From Caffreland, we have some intelligence which we copy from the *U. P. Magazine*.

THE DEPARTURE OF REV. MESSRS. NIVEN AND CUMMING.—The Rev. Messrs. Niven & Cumming sailed for Caffraria in the *Norfolk*, which left London about the end of June. Mr. Niven has been instructed to make enquiries respecting various matters which, in the altered circumstances of the country, explicit information is desired; and according to the intelligence which he will send home, will be the decisions formed with regard to the resumption and the future prosecution of the mission in Caffraria. It is earnestly to be hoped that the Lord will break up his way, guide and sustain him in the enquiries which he has to make, and present there a field of missionary labor so wide and so safe, as to remove all hesitation as to the duty of immediately occupying it. We doubt not that our readers will