

Indies : and it has, from time to time, contributed largely towards the translating and printing of the Scriptures and other books in several Eastern languages ; and also to the establishment and encouragement of Charity Schools, and the erection of Churches in that quarter of the world.

(To be continued.)

### BRITISH NATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The following exhibits an interesting view of the very extended operations of this valuable institution. The instruction in the schools under its patronage is conducted according to the Madras system, as improved by Dr. Bell, which differs in many respects from the Lancastrian system. In all these schools there is religious instruction according to the principles of the Church of England.

#### CITY NATIONAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

On Wednesday, April 29th, the children of the city of London National Schools underwent a public examination, in the Egyptian Hall, at the Mansion House, in the presence of the Queen, who was attended by various members of the Royal Family, and the principal officers of the household. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London and Gloucester, and several other Prelates, were present, with the Lord Mayor, and many persons of distinction.

A square space being left in the middle of the hall for the children, upward of 700 boys, and between 200 and 300 girls, were placed in order. After singing a hymn, and repeating part of the Church service, the greater part of them retired ; each class being afterward successively introduced for examination. They went through their usual exercises of spelling, reading, and arithmetic. Questions were asked them on the meaning of dif-

ferent words and passages, as they read the Scriptures ; which were answered, in general, very satisfactorily. The girls carried round the room specimens of their needle work, which her Majesty and the Princesses examined with much attention. The children performed their exercises, in the manner of the system, by signal from the Monitors ; the lifting of the hand, the opening of the Bible, the use of the slate, the dropping on the knee for prayer, were all executed with military precision.

#### GENERAL MEETING.

On Friday, the 1st of May, a meeting was convened at Freemasons' Hall, in support of the National Society ; his Royal Highness the Duke of York in the chair.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, with many other peers, spiritual and temporal, were present.

After some introductory remarks by the Duke of York, the Archbishop of Canterbury entered into a view of the progress and present state of the society.

Resolutions were moved and seconded, respectively, by the Earl of Harrowby, and Mr. Wilberforce ; by Lord Brownlow, and George Gipps, M. P. by Sir T. D. Ackland, Bart. M. P. and William Haunting, Esq. M. P. by Sir Robert Peel, Bart. M. P. and Beeston Long, Esquire, and by Sir Charles Flower, Bart. and Mr. Alderman Atkins, M. P.

We subjoin these resolutions ; as they will show, in few words, on being compared with the statement of the sixth report, the progress of the society since the anniversary of 1817.

1. That it appears to this meeting, that since the institution of the National Society, in 1811, various benefactions and subscriptions have been contributed, amounting, in the whole, to £38,208 : 1 : 7.