

Aitken, who has laboured there alone since the year 1848. The number of pupils at present attending the seminaries is about 200—100 in the English Institution, and 100 in the Maratti schools. The adopted son of the late Rajah of Satara lately joined Mr Aitken's seminary, accompanied by some of his attendants, and the Assembly will at once perceive that that measure is symptomatic of progress,—it is equivalent to a prediction that Hinduism and its iron vassalage must pass away.

Though this devoted labourer has not yet been privileged to report any actual conversions, the committee are thoroughly assured that he is energetically and believingly employing his seed time, and in due time he will reap.

#### SURAT.

The Rev. Dhanjibhai Nouroji has laboured for some time at this station in friendly co-operation with the missionaries of the Irish Presbyterian Church; but the committee are not able to submit any details.—There is a seminary, however, at which 130 Dheds attend.

The only remaining station is in Central India, at

#### NAGPORE.

The Rev. Stephen Hislop and the Rev. Robert Hunter have continued throughout the past year to labour at this station—sowing beside all waters—in season and out of season, promoting the great cause for which the church of Christ was planted on the earth.

It was remitted to the Foreign Missions' Committee by a former Assembly, to consider and specially report on the rate of allowance to be paid to the native agents of different classes in India; and they have carried on a lengthened correspondence with the different stations on the subject. It has been from time to time under their careful consideration, but as they have been endeavoring to combine all interests in this somewhat complex matter, they have not their report fully ripe for the Assembly.

Little now remains for the committee to add upon this wide and exhaustless subject, but to congratulate the Assembly and the Church on the blessing vouchsafed to the labours of your missionaries in India during the past year. The gospel has been preached far and wide in Asia. Between 8000 and 9000 of the young of that vast country are daily under Christian influences. About twenty-five adults have been added during the past year to the Church by baptism.—Appliances in every proper form are employed to weaken superstition, and plant the truth; and would the Church arise, and take hold of the Almighty arm, in the spirit of the patriarch, saying, "Except thou bless me, I will not let thee go," the day of India's regeneration might soon appear. The committee do not for a breath ignore the difficulties which lie in the way of that consumma-

tion, but neither can they ignore the progress made—the promise given—and the growing liberality of not a few in this land towards this greatest of causes. They call to mind that during the past year 56,000 Bibles have been circulated in Bengal, or 14,000 more than in any former year. They remember the public profession and the baptism of the young prince Dhulleep Singh, as well as other tokens for good of a similar kind. They recollect that one section of the Church of Christ counts 712,000 converts in all India, and has 80,000 more under Christian training. Inveterate prejudices, as they know, are overthrown, roads are opened, electric communications are employed, moral marvels have been wrought; in short, Providence and revelation, like two witnesses, attest that the day of India's emancipation has dawned—shall we say some of them have done nobly? but more has yet to be done—far, far more. One man among the Wesleyans of England has given at the rate of seven guineas a day for a year to the cause of foreign missions. That must be imitated. A Queen of England, Anne, once said in a public document that she would "always be ready to do her part towards imitating and encouraging so good a work." That example must be copied by many in high places. By command of our beloved and gracious Queen Victoria, the Earl of Chichester lately wrote to the chiefs of Aberokuta to tell them that "England has become great and happy by the knowledge of the true God and Jesus Christ," and the message was accompanied with two copies of the Word of God from our Queen,—one in Arabic, another in English. That also is to be hailed with thanksgiving, and imitated in every sphere. In a word, the committee foresee the time when it will be no hyperbole to say that the gospel is preached to every creature under heaven." Were the Spirit to be given in answer to the prayer of Faith, nations would be born in a day, and meanwhile, it is ours in our spheres of labour, to pray, and trust in the living God,—even as our devoted missionaries do.

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