

servants, who amid much weakness and unworthiness, are earnestly striving to advance His royal standard further and further into the hitherto unconquered realms of heathenism.

At Nagpore, Mr. Hislop reports several admissions into the Native Church of the branch stations of Kampti and Sitabaldi.

CAFFRARIA.—We quote, from the November *Record* of the Free Church, the following intelligence communicated by the Rev. Mr. Laing of Burrishill :

"In the good providence of God," I have to report the baptism of nine adults, all women, and of four children. The baptism of these persons took place before the congregation, on Sabbath the 22d ult. The candidates, speaking generally have been two years in the class of catechumens. We had some hesitation in coming to a satisfactory understanding as to the amount of Scriptural knowledge possessed by six of them, who are far advanced in life. We meet once a week with the whole class, and with a few twice a week ; but when any are proposed for baptism, they are specially examined by the Session, in order that the nature and degree of their knowledge may be more fully ascertained.

"This more special examination, however, did not satisfy us, and I took them two and two at a time, in order to come to a more clear understanding as to their views and feelings. The result was satisfactory, and I was, therefore, able to recommend them more strongly to the Session than I could have done on the previous examinations. One of them is partially deaf, and is, besides, very old, and the other five have grown up in heathenism until they have reached old age. We have, therefore, found it difficult, in the use of the ordinary means of instruction, to impress definite ideas of the leading truths of Christianity on their minds. With all their defects, I trust they are among those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity ; and, having this persuasion, we could no longer keep them back from baptism.

"In point of knowledge, the other three gave great satisfaction. One of them is named Nonyakugo. She is a young intelligent woman, the wife of Qungwana, a man who was mentioned with much approbation when he himself was baptized. This family live at the distance of eight miles from Burrishill, and promise, by knowledge and by conduct, to be effective witnesses for Christ among the heathen.

MADAGASCAR.

The *Missionary Magazine* of the London Missionary Society for November, contains interesting and encouraging intelligence with reference to Madagascar, and the wide opening for the gospel there. The King has erected a spacious stone building for the purposes of education ; and it is to be placed under the charge of one of the missionaries lately sent out with a view to the training of suitable christian natives as school-masters. Our friends will read with interest the following extracts from a letter written by the Rev. Mr. Ellis.

"The young nobles, my pupils, continue their daily attendance, and this morning the Queen sent to say she would send her little adopted boy to learn with the rest, though he has hitherto been taught only in the palace. I attend the King daily, read the Scriptures with him, and converse with him on their contents as well as on other matters. I continue my Sunday service at his house, and, as I am told by his officers, with increasing interest and satisfaction to the King, who sometimes interrupts me to express his entire concurrence in something I may have said, or to impress it more forcibly upon the minds of the hearers. Besides these engagements—which take the best hours of every day, viz., from half-past ten in the morning till three in the afternoon—my house, during other intervals, is seldom free from persons who come to seek medical aid, or instruction and advice on religious subjects.

"I take a service, or part of one, every Lord's day, in each of the large chapels in the capital alternately ; and am sent for by day, and sometimes called up at night to visit or administer medicine to the sick. These demands