

In India the Church has, in all, 13 European missionaries and teachers, 10 native missionaries, and 21 native teachers. There are 2,561 scholars; 3 orphanages, with 166 inmates; 4 congregations of native Christians, with 192 communicants. Among the Jews there are 22 agents, male and female; and in the Colonies there are 40 missionaries, supported in whole or in part by the Committee of Assembly.

The missionary revenue is estimated at £127,158, supplied from the following sources:—Ordinary collections, £21,595; collections for Home Mission, £23,000; for Education, £25,811; for Endowment, £38,694; for Foreign Missions, £13,770; Royal Bounty Supplements, £2,000; Propagation Society Supplements, £2,288; in all, £127,158.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN PATAGONIA.

Many of our readers will, no doubt, remember the sad fate of a former Patagonian mission, under the superintendence of Capt. Allen Gardiner, whose life was sacrificed, under most painful circumstances, on the dreary shores of Terra del Fuego. Sad as was the result of that enterprise, the work has not been abandoned. A son of Capt. Gardiner, the Rev. A. W. Gardiner, has established himself, with a catechist, at Sota, in Chili, where he has gathered around him a congregation, many of whom have been converted through his instrumentality. On the Falklands there is a mission station at Keppel Island. There are eleven natives of Terra del Fuego under the care of a missionary and two catechists in Cranmer. The missionary also superintends two other stations in Patagonia—Santa Cruz and El Carmen—at each of which places there are two brethren. There is a missionary ship—the “Allen Gardiner”—employed in connexion with the missions. Former impressions, as to the low and degraded state of the Fuegians, have been removed, or modified, and many of them are found to be quiet and well-conducted, fair in their dealings, and modest in their behaviour. An interesting account is given of a young man who was under the care of the missionaries. The superintendent of the mission, the Rev. W. H. Stirling, says. “Full of gentleness and good nature is this Fuegian lad, as far removed from a savage as I am. Not a man in the “Allen Gardiner” but likes him; not a man but has expressed surprise—not at the degradation of the boy, but at his good qualities, his docility, his willingness to oblige, his quick accommodation to his new circumstances, his good looks and cleanly habits. The fact is, I went to Terra del Fuego, screwed tight upon my prejudices, or pride, or both, to view my own superiority with as much humility as possible and to exercise a very large charity towards a people belonging to the far end of the human race. To my surprise, I found myself wondering at the evident resemblance to myself which these savages presented, and then struggling to convince myself that they must be worse than they seemed to be.”

The above particulars we gather from a communication in a late number of “Christian Work.”

MADAGASCAR.—BRIGHTENING PROSPECTS.

The Rev. W. Ellis, writing from Madagascar, under date the 6th of June, gives the following encouraging account of the state of things in the Island:—

“Our congregations now assume their former appearance in respect to numbers, while considerable additions have been made to the churches during the church meetings of the past week. If the nobles and best friends of the country are true to themselves, and the compact between the sovereign and the nobles be maintained, I cannot but think there is a better prospect for the temporal and spiritual prosperity of Madagascar than there has ever been before. There are naturally difficulties enough to tax the wisdom and energy of any Govern-