

By its divine teachings and saving influence the native Christian community have every where been increased in numbers, knowledge, character, and strength. It copes successfully with the remains of heathen vices, maintains spiritual struggles, stimulates to the fulfilment of those duties which it expounds, enlarges knowledge, and is carrying the native Church onward in the path of self denial, of purity and of zeal. Among the heathen it has carried light, conviction, and change to many hearts. It has overcome all the barriers which ignorance, superstition, ancestral customs, pharisaic pride, and caste, have for ages been erecting against Christ's message of truth and mercy. The Brahmin of Benares, proud of his scholastic lore; the Cooly on board of the emigrant ship; the young scholar of Calcutta boasting of his English education; the Hindoo pilgrim at the very shrine of Jugger-naut; the Mohammedan resting on his hard earned works of merit; have all found Christ in the pages of His word, and have laid aside old habits, and have publicly professed that in Him alone are found true life and hope. Such illustrations of the grace and power with which the Spirit follows His word, repeated in hundreds of instances, year after year, cannot but lead His servants to thank God and take courage.

Of CHINA, the Committee say, that although they would rejoice if they could report a more effectual and widely extended work in this vast empire, they thankfully observe some measures of progress and improvement, and believe that they may reasonably entertain the hope of a gradual, if not rapid enlargement of the Society's operations. The circulation of Scriptures has been effected in larger numbers during the year than in the preceding year; and, but for the disturbed state of the country in parts adjacent to some centres of Missionary labor, more might have been accomplished. Facilities for promoting Bible dissemination and preaching to the natives