

native church: a Marathi class has been taught; the English congregation has had three diets of worship each week, and amid all his duties, Mr. Mitchell has been ably seconded by Mr W Beg, student in divinity, who is about to be licensed as a preacher of the go-spel, as well as by Mr M. Mitchell from Bombay, while absent from that city in quest of renovated strength. He has, at the same time—and this remark applies to other stations—been aided by the labours of some from other denominations, whose desire, like that of Mr. Mitchell, is to see Christ magnified, and souls saved through faith in his name. To these stated duties your missionary has added lectures on literary and theological subjects, that by all means he may save some; and whether in proclaiming the truth, or in defending it when assailed, Mr. Mitchell has been as untiring as heretofore. He reports that he sees the old superstitions, with their worse than stony incrustations, gradually giving way. Idolatry is to a large extent disowned, and though multitudes equally disown the truth as it is in Jesus, yet error is slowly sapped, and at the word of Him to whom all power in heaven and earth is given, it will fail. But the weakening of one delusion often leads, by Satan's subtlety, to the introduction of another; and Mormonism has invaded a neighbourhood where Hinduism is gradually growing weaker.

BOMBAY.

The appliances at this mission are very various and extensive, at once to communicate truth and impress it on the hearts and souls of the heathen. At the mission house, Ambroli, the services on the Lord's day continue almost without interuption from morning to night. Dr. Wilson, the native ministers, and others, take part in these proceedings. The catechetical form of instruction is combined with other modes, and, judging from the zeal with which your agents persevere in this work from year to year, it is well fitted to promote the object of their labours. The Rev. Robert Nesbit and Rev. J. M. Mitchell conduct similar services, or employ similar agencies, elsewhere, both on the Sabbath and throughout the week. Converts, catechumen, and youth of all orders, are thus assiduously kept under the most wholesome influences, and, as far as the committee can judge, thorough and Scriptural means are employed for leavening the young mind with truth, and undermining the hoary and tottering superstitions of the East. Nor are even the asylums, the jails and hospitals forgotten. In the vernacular schools for boys and girls, similar means are employed; and, though the committee cannot give minute information regarding your Institution and the details of the operations there, it is manifest that high appliances are brought to bear upon the 363 who are in training there. The missionaries say in their report that "each of them devotes from 17 to 19

hours each week to active labour connected with the Institution—exclusive of their preparations for their duties there. Dr. Wilson, in addition to his classes, spending part of that time in its general business, and Messrs. Nesbit and Mitchell devoting it all to tuition in the Institution itself". The Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, a native preacher, also teaches in the Institution upwards of five hours daily, and these and other means are in the course of being blessed to promote the great end for which your missionaries are sent out.

Several tours have been made for preaching the gospel during the past year. Dr. Wilson itinerated in the Nizam's country and the British province of Kandesh, when multitudes daily heard the gospel. Portions of Scripture and tracts were sold or distributed, and the fruits of these labours have already appeared. Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Mitchell also spent some time in similar work on the coast to the south-east of Bombay, and in many other places at other seasons—Mr. Dhanjibhai and Mr. Narayan, were engaged from time to time in a similar manner, so that the good seed of the kingdom has been widely scattered. And what has been the results of these labours? "At present", your missionaries announce, "we have to announce the admission into the church of seven native adults and one infant during the past year".

Dr. Wilson reports, in a recent letter, that the native church in Bombay, encouraged by these additions, has continued during the past year, by the blessing of God, in a prosperous spiritual state, "all its members, as far as we can judge, walking in the fear and love of the Lord, and adorning the christian profession". He adds, "The worth and weight of our native missionaries and preachers are universally acknowledged". Mr. Dhanjibhai, Mr. Hormazdji, and Mr. Narayan, are all spoken of in terms of great esteem by your senior missionary at Bombay; and they appear to be, indeed, workmen that need not be ashamed—at once advancing the great cause of truth, and holding up the hands of the missionaries by their abundant labours. During the past year, the Rev. H. Pestonji visited Europe on his private affairs. Dr. Hoffman, one of the Royal chaplains at Berlin, introduced your missionary to the King of Prussia, who conversed with him for an hour on subjects of mutual interest.

Nor should we fail, when referring to Bombay, to mention that the two young Abyssinians who lately went forth from your Institution there, continue to hold fast their profession, and prosecute the work of Christ among the mountains of Ethiopia. They are both allied by marriage to the Royal race of that country, and may be blessed as the instruments of good to many.

SATARA.

This branch of your missionary operations is under the management of Rev. James