

It is requested that the answers be forwarded to the *Clerk of your own Presbytery*, on or before the 1st of March, 1875.

The committee recommend that these questions be brought under the notice of the congregation from the pulpit.

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." Heb. iii. 2.

"I will heal their backsliding; I will love them freely." Hosea xiv. 4.

"I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever." John xiv. 16.

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Convener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

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Missionary Intelligence.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

AFRICA.—The Rev. J. Allison, writing to Dr. M. Mitchell, says:—You will be glad to hear that the revival which took place about a year ago on this station, of which I informed the committee at the time, has furnished satisfactory evidence of its being a real work of God. Only one of the souls then converted is, at the time I am writing, under Church censure, and he appears to be in a humble, penitent state of mind. There are twenty-one young girls and fifteen young lads, the fruits of the late revival, who were baptized in their infancy.

During the present year I have admitted twenty adults to full Church membership by baptism. A considerable number of them are the fruits of the revival alluded to above.

INDIA—POONA.—The Rev. Dhanjibhai Nauroji, in writing to Dr. M. Mitchell, says: In your last letter you ask what should be done to carry on evangelistic efforts among the non-Hindu and lower Hindu classes of Poona. It is not difficult to answer the question; the difficulty lies in carrying out the measures that suggest themselves. There is a large population of these races in the camp and city of Poona. I am told by competent men that the Mahars, Mangs, Chumars, &c., who are classed as the lowest of the low, cannot be less than ten thousand souls, living in the outskirts of the city and the camp; and that their number is increasing every day as they flock in here to find work. If to this you add the number of lower Hindu people, the whole population comes to between twenty-five and thirty thousand souls.

Now, what should we do to extend the kingdom of Christ among these degraded and neglected classes? My opinion is, that we should establish as many schools for their children of both sexes as we can. I need not enter into the rationale of this with you. Over and above the powerful impression of Christian education on the minds of the young (and the younger the better), the fact that we are taking interest in the welfare of the children of those who are despised and looked down upon with contempt by their countrymen, will give us a happy influence among them, and will dispose them to regard us as their true friends. Nothing touches the heart of a man so much as the thought that his children's interests are cared for by others. The classes we are speaking of are generally very sensitive;