

No. of Pupils in Free Schools (omitting those at Sandwich Islands).....	8,261
No. of Pupils in Free Training and Theological Schools...	271
No. of Pupils in Free Board- ing Schools.....	302
Whole number of Pupils.....	—9,534

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The *Missionary Magazine* for October states that a very favourable response was made by the British Government with reference to the steps to be taken to put down the slave trade in the Pacific.

"The Directors have learnt with much pleasure (though not officially) that the measures actually adopted leave no doubt of the sincere and anxious desire of the Government to protect the defenceless natives from the lawless proceedings of the Peruvian slavers. Mr. Jermingham, the British Minister in Rio, has firmly protested to the Peruvian Government against the lawless measures of the slavers, and, in consequence of these remonstrances, that Government placed a vessel at the disposal of such of these islanders who, having been forcibly brought to Peru, were desirous of returning to their native country, and have ordered into a kind of quarantine such vessels as arrive from the Polynesian Islands, with slaves on board, in order that strict inquiries may be made into the means by which the islanders had been obtained. The "Tribune" has been ordered to the South Sea Islands, in order to communicate with our consuls, and to afford such assistance as can be extended to the islanders.

We earnestly hope that the success of these measures may lead both to the righteous punishment of the oppressor and the liberation of the oppressed; or, should they fail, that additional means, yet more stringent and effective, may be adopted till these objects are secured."

Three of the Society's missionaries have died lately—Rev. T. S. Wood, South Africa; Rev. William Howe of Tahiti; and Mrs. Jones of Benares.

The news from Madagascar is of a cheering character. Mr. Ellis has had an audience with the Queen, and was graciously received while he explained the object of the Mission. The following is his account of the interview:—

"The day after I had despatched my last letter to you, viz., 9th June," writes Mr. Ellis, "I paid a visit to the Queen at the

palace, in order to inform her Majesty and the officers of her Government, who were most of them present, of the state of the Mission, our intention and prospects. After thanking the Queen for the encouragement we derived from the unrestricted freedom and the full protection in the prosecution of our work, which we continued to enjoy, I stated we had opened schools for the education of the children in connexion with all the principal chapels in the capital, had nearly finished the large model and training school, and were anxious for an increased attendance, and for the greater progress of the children. That we had printed school lessons, and were engaged in printing other books in the Malagasy language for the use of the learners. That the friends of Madagascar in England had contributed a large sum of money, to be spent chiefly in purchasing materials and paying for labour, which would be supplied by her people, to build four stone churches on the spots on which christians had died for their love to Jesus Christ, to be memorials to future generations of christians, of the constancy, love, and truth of those who had died there; and that we had been for some time occupied in preparing materials for that work. The Queen remarked that that was good, but for any arrangements respecting the churches, or any assistance that I wanted, I could speak to the ministers and officers of the Government, pointing to the prime minister. I thanked her Majesty for referring me to the ministers, and said I believed they were already acquainted with that work. I added that it was chiefly from a sense of what was due to her Majesty as the sovereign of the country, that I felt it right to communicate to her directly what we were doing and projecting, rather than that it should be learned from any other source. We sought nothing from the Malagasy, but their good will and encouragement in our efforts to aid their progress as a nation and as individuals: we had no other object to accomplish than those which we had avowed, to teach them the religion of the Bible, and educate them for this life and the life which was to come; we had no secret objects in view, and we wished all our proceedings to be open and public, and therefore wished her Majesty to know what we proposed to do, as well as what we had already done. She thanked me for the information, said she had perfect confidence in us, and there would be no hindrance to our work. I stated further, that I had invited Mr. Cameron, who had done so much good in the country formerly, and who had accompanied me on my first visit to Madagascar, to come and assist in building these churches and in other work. That he had agreed to come with the entire approval of our friends in England, and would probably be here in two months. All pre-