

\$10,000. The Indian Government grants but a very small allowance for each child, and then only if the children are proved to have been born within the British domains. Many are from native states. Great efforts are being made to interest individuals and churches in the welfare of these Rajpootana orphans.

The Rev. W. Shoobred gives a most interesting letter from Beawr. He says: "As soon as we crossed from Gujerat into Rajpootana on our journey up country, the fearful ravages of the famine became painfully apparent. Villages almost or entirely depopulated, unburied skeletons found lying by the waysides, an increasing difficulty in procuring transport bullocks, supplies of milk refused on the plea that all the cows had died, poor wretches moving about like walking skeletons, or attempting to do work for which, from exhaustion, they were totally unfit,—all only too plainly attested how terribly the country had suffered from the dire scourge, and that, although the worst was past, there still existed much misery and destitution."

Mr. Goldie's journal from Old Calabar speaks of progress in the opening up of new stations, into which native agents have been sent, and in the growth of the stations already established. The contemptible character of the people and the unfriendliness of the king prove great hindrances.

From Egorora, Transkei, in Caffraria, the Rev. William Girdwood, who seems to be a universal genius, has been exercising a great influence for good among the Caffres. His medical skill is sometimes thwarted by native sorcerers, but in most cases it has proved successful and a door has been opened for the gospel by its means. Mr. Girdwood also builds houses, wins the good graces of a chief by repairing his ploughs, furnishes a lame man with crutches and an easy chair of his own construction, and performs the duties of a large missionary staff.

Messrs. Villiesid and Ben Oliel have been pursuing the work of God in Cadiz, and, although successful in some respects, have been prevented by active priestly agency from procuring a suitable place for holding public worship. Mr. Ben Oliel has in the meantime visited his former field of labour in North Africa.

In Madrid the Christian Church has been organized as Presbyterian, Professor Knapp, of the Baptist Church of America, having, with rare catholicity of spirit, sunk his Baptist views in a desire to advance the cause of Christ in Spain.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Mr. Rea, of the Indian mission, writes from Borsud, telling of a tour which he recently made among the Dherds. In a month he visited between thirty and forty villages, and was generally well received. He found caste to be one of the greatest obstacles to the progress of the truth. At Amud many Hindoo men, and even women, came at stated times for religious instruction, and some nineteen young people, many of them young men in tolerable circumstances, signed a paper requesting to be taken under the care of the Mission, and that a man should be appointed to teach them regularly, with a view to their eventually embracing Christianity and being admitted into the Church. A worthy old Christian was appointed to remain and instruct them. Mr. Beatty, of this Mission, has also been itinerating with happy results among the villages around Rajkote.

The Rev. A. R. B. McCay, of Victoria, says, "We are realizing more and more our position as a Mission Church, and the reports of our Missions