

V.—SOUTH AFRICA.

1871-2.

In continuation of the grants for 1869 and 1870,* a grant of £20 was made by the Committee, on the 7th February, 1871, to Miss Francis E. Colenso for her school near Bishopstowe in Natal.

In 1872 the Committee received from Miss C. a report of the school for three months ending the 30th November, 1871, showing thirty-four pupils of various ages, from three to eighteen years, and periods since admission varying from one month to four years, and with the number of attendances varying from one to fifty-six during the quarter, and with a daily average of pupils present in each of the twelve weeks varying from twelve to nineteen.

Miss Colenso, in a letter dated December 19th, 1871, mentions that the reason of the small number of attendances of so many of the little children has been that it was a very sickly season amongst them. They have all had a slight form of ophthalmia, bad enough to keep each child at home for many weeks.

On the 5th January school was to begin again after the Christmas holidays.

Miss Colenso writes that she has been a great deal herself in the school during the past year. A school-feast was to take place at Christmas, and the first donation of £20 from the New England Company has been laid out in giving each child a new frock or blouse. Miss Colenso teaches both the

* See Report for 1870, p. 233.