

success which has cheered your missionaries amid their arduous labours, and appears to knit them the closer to their much-loved work, even though the body be enfeebled by their abundant toils. But your committee need not remind the Assembly that it is by means of your great Institutions in India that the deepest impressions have been made by the agency of your labourers in the East.

2. CHINSUR. II.

The labourers here are.—Rev. Ebenezer Miller and Mr. W. C. Fyfe, aided by the native preacher, Rev. Prasanna Kumar Chatterjiya, and various other teachers and pundits. The number of pupils on the roll at the close of the late session was 727, divided into 14 classes. Mr. Miller intimates, that "between 600 and 700 of the pupils were present at the examination, and some hundreds of others to witness the proceedings". Among those present were several of the Professors of the Hooghly College, and the Chairman, Robert B. Chapman, Esq., the acting magistrate for the Hooghly district, at once entered most heartily into the business of the day, and seemed particularly pleased with the progress of the young men. Rewards were distributed to the deserving, as usual; among others, a gold medal, given by Macleod, Wylie, Esq., of Calcutta, a tried and ardent friend of your missions, and everything bearing on the welfare of India. Though your committee cannot here dilate, yet the accounts of this examination, transmitted both by Mr. Miller and Mr. Fyfe, are such as to show that a great work is going on at Chinsurah, bearing on the future welfare of India.

3. BANSHARIA.

This Institution occupies the position once held by the modern Vedantists, and is thus an index of the approaching triumph of truth, or an example of its actual success. For more than four years your missionaries have carried on the Institution there upon principles precisely similar to those of the Central Institution at Calcutta, and it continues to prosper. The committee earnestly invite the attention of the Assembly to the fact, that the Bansharia seminary is now carried on solely by native agents. The Rev Jagadishwar Bhattachariya, one of your native preachers, is at the head of it, and both from personal communications from that preacher and other sources, your committee have reason to rejoice in the grace of God given unto him, and the success vouchsafed to his labours. Your next station is,

4. CULNA.

And this also continues to flourish. It is entirely conducted by native agents. For nearly two years it was under the able management of the Rev. Lal Bihari Das, one of the native preachers. When he was removed to Calcutta, the Culna school was entrusted to the catechists, Gura Das Maitra and Dibanath Adhyn, assisted by Kali Das

Chakrabartti, a native christian teacher, along with several others.

The second mission connected with the Free Church in India, in the south, is at

MADRAS.

and in commencing their report upon this department, the committee feel called to refer to the great loss which the church and the mission have sustained in the death of the Rev. Robert Johnston, its second missionary, which took place at Edinburgh on the 22nd of February last. For nearly fifteen years (since 1838) he had been a missionary to the heathen, and of your devoted band of labourers in the East none more instant in prayer, or more abundant in labours than Mr. Johnston. It was his lot, along with his surviving colleagues, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Braidwood, to lay the foundation of your Southern Mission. They have dug deep and laid it well, and the beauty of the fabric attests the blessing which has crowned their efforts.

But before Mr. Johnston's departure he was privileged to know of two new labourers sent out to Madras to assist the brethren there amid their manifold labours. Owing to Mr. Johnston's and Mr. Braidwood's absence from India, Mr. Anderson, the senior missionary, was the only ordained European at your station at Madras; and though nobly seconded by the three ordained native missionaries, Rev. P. Rajahgopal, Rev. A. Venkatarani, and Rev. S. Ettirajooloo, yet other labourers were required; and Messrs. Blyth and Campbell, after being ordained by the Presbytery of Edinburgh in the month of July last, proceeded to Madras. They have thrown themselves with admirable zeal and earnestness into the work. Every letter received from them indicates at once their right appreciation of the mission's strength—their ardent desire to see it stronger still, and their zealous endeavors to promote that end. The only regret of the committee is, that a third labourer has not yet been found to proceed to the East; but the committee, encouraged by a donation of £500 from a gentleman for that purpose, are corresponding with a preacher of the church upon the subject.

The next station in Western India is

PUNA.

The heart of your devoted labourer, Rev James Mitchell, at this station, has been cheered during the past year by the arrival of his son, on the 26th January last, Rev W. Kinnsaid Mitchell, as his colleague. He had long and anxiously pled for such assistance, and the committee earnestly trust that the combined labours of the father and the son may be blessed as the means of shedding light upon thousands now in darkness.

Mr. Mitchell during the past year has been, as usual, abundant in labours. He has preached the gospel wherever he had strength, and could find an audience. Worship has been conducted in Marathi with the