

It will be very naturally expected, that the famine and pestilence which, by permission of Divine Providence, have visited this unhappy country, with the powerful political agitation which now prevails, will have been severely felt within the range of the Society's operations.

The distress and suffering in some of the localities have been shared by several of the Missionaries themselves, yet the most gratifying intelligence has been received from those self-denying men, from time to time, of their unwearied diligence, their untiring zeal, and encouraging success.

2. FRANCE.—The most disinterested statement, and most gratifying which could be presented to the public respecting the operations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in France, may be found in the testimony which has recently been borne in London, both in public and in private, by the Rev. Dr. Baird, who, from many years' attentive observation, personally, of the state of religion upon the continent of Europe, is so competent to decide upon the kind of means needed for its advancement—who says, "The Wesleyans have done much for France, but I would say to them, that not fifty, but a hundred more of their Missionaries are wanted here."

3. SWITZERLAND.—The state persecution of religion in the Canton de Vaud, still continues to be severely felt. The labours of the Missionaries during the past year, have sometimes been violently interrupted—yet they still maintain their position, and we are not without hope that, in the Providence of God, the vigour of the persecution will soon have exhausted itself, and the free and unfettered efforts of the Missionaries be brought to bear upon the prejudices and superstitions of the people.

4. IN SPAIN—the labours of the Missionary have not been in vain in the Lord.

In Europe, we have 30 Stations; 50 Missionaries; 4,789 Members; 7528 Scholars.

II. ASIA.

1. NORTH AND SOUTH CEYLON.—In the respective Singhalese and Tamul Districts, all the Missions are reported to be in a state of useful efficiency and vigour. In the South especially, the Missionaries report an increase of 37 Members, besides 35 in the Kandyan provinces, which have not been taken into account. The printing press is employed on the Singhalese translation of the Scriptures, and in the multiplication of useful school books and tracts. The native Normal School, of which the Rev. Dr. Kessen is the Rector, has prepared 30 Students, who are about to be sent throughout the country, to take charge of Schools, under the patronage of Government. As a proof of the estimation of the usefulness of our Educational Institutions by the British Government, we observe that it has passed the following native Educational Estimate for the current year, viz:—

Native Normal Institution,.....	£ 7900	0
Preparing and Publishing Books in vernacular languages,.....	468	0 0
Establishing Thirty Singhalese Schools,.....	1142	0 0
Salaries to Singhalese Masters in English Schools,.....	200	0 0
	£2600	0 0