

of all ranks, are attending our schools.—They are learning English reading, writing, and arithmetic, discover good abilities and are making gratifying progress. A number of the elder boys are now able to read the Bible. These schools are an agency of immense value.

The third is the acquisition of the Calabar or Efik language. Mr. Waddell got printed, when he was home, a pretty large vocabulary, and since his return he has made attempts at translation, in reference to which King Eyo has said, 'he that does not know that, does not understand Calabar.' Mr. Goldie, who bestowed much attention on the language, has made several little books, the chief of which are a small catechism in English and Efik, a book containing a selection of texts, designed to illustrate the leading doctrines of the gospel, printed also in English and Efik, and a geography in Efik, which has just been printed by Messrs Fullerton, Mc Nab and Co. of this town, and to which these gentlemen have kindly contributed a set of beautiful maps. It is stated in the report, that the mission press at Calabar, wrought by Mr. Edgerley, has thrown off 55,300 pages.

The fourth is the obtaining of provisions, a matter of some difficulty and annoyance. The mission ship has here been of great service, not only in promoting the health of our esteemed agents, but in getting from other markets supplies of food. After adverting to the superstitions of the people, as presenting a mighty obstacle to the success of the gospel, the gratitude due to God that no breach has during the year been made in the mission band, and to the importance of this mission as being the door to nearly half a continent, the report thus sums up the tokens of good that have appeared.—'The missionaries have been at work scarcely four years, and already impressions have been produced which are distinctly visible. The Sabbath is now generally observed at Creek Town; work is by many suspended on that day, and some have declared their willingness to suffer rather than to violate its sacred rest. The emblems of superstition are losing their hold on the people; for at the suggestion of Mr. Waddell, who called on them to give a proof that the gospel had done them good, the Ekpongyong, the chief domestic idol which occupied the inner room in every house, have been thrown into the river—cast away as useless things. Young Eyo, the king's son, has given

hopeful evidence of a change of heart, and several young men meet regularly on Sabbath for prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. During the biennial ceremonies for the expulsion of ghosts, which occurred in the month of November last and which were wont to occupy the attention, and to call forth the energies of all persons, men, women and children, several of Mr. Waddell's scholars not only abstained from taking any part in them, but spoke against them as foolish and absurd; and when Mr. Waddell went on Sabbath morning, ere the turmoil had ceased in the town, to visit young Eyo, who was sick, and who said that he had almost prayed to God to make him so, as his heart was not now in these fooleries, he found several of the boys seated at the table in his room, reading the Bible.

CAFFRARIA.—In Caffraria there are three stations. At Chumie there are an ordained missionary, a female European teacher, and seven native agents. During the year thirteen converts have been baptised; and at the dispensation of the Lord's Supper in September last, there were ninety-eight communicants. Igqibigha is vacant. There are here three native teachers. The little church consists of twenty-four members. Three converts have lately been added, with regard to whom, Mr. Niven gives very interesting notices.—The third station is Uniondale, which Mr. Niven has lately opened in the Amatole Mountains, and which is said to command equally population and great facilities for agriculture. The time of the missionary has necessarily been much occupied in erecting suitable buildings. The latest accounts represent the numbers attending at this station, and the prospects of success as very encouraging. The Rev. George Brown has been busily engaged in itinerating among the Caffres, and has not yet fixed upon a station. The Mission Board have to state that circumstances have occurred in this mission, which have led them to the conclusion that it is dutiful and proper to send out a commissioner from this country, both to examine the state of the mission and to visit the surrounding districts, and to report upon the facilities which they present for missionary labour.

PERSIA.—Mr. Glen has, during the winter, distributed at Tehran nearly 200 copies of the Persian Bible. Between seven and eight hundred copies of the entire Word of God have been put into circulation in Persia, an amount of living