

MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH.

The following account of the state and progress of mission work among the Kaffirs at Lovedale is encouraging :

"The year 1874, though there were drawbacks, has been a prosperous year to Lovedale, and there is an expansion in almost every department of work.

We have, first of all, to return our very hearty thanks to the missionaries of other denominations who have given us their confidence and support. We are glad if other Churches educate their young men here. That they are employed in the African mission-field, or become useful men otherwise, is enough for us. The object of the Institution is Christian; we hope its spirit is catholic. A consciousness of belonging to this or the other sect is not encouraged here, any more than antipathy of race; and whatever may be the ultimate form of the South African Church we don't think it advisable that all the home sectarian antagonisms should be reproduced on African soil.

Numbers.—The total number of all at both institutions, including both the educational and industrial departments, whose names have been on the books within the year, is 432, compared with 393 last year. Made up of native boarders, 240; European boarders, 35; European day pupils, 32; apprentices, 40. Girl's Institution: boarders, 65; day pupils, 20. The number admitted was 112, and from many also going out, the number actually present at any one time would be about 340.

Fees.—The boarding and class fees for the year are—Native, £1003; European, £1106; Girl's Institution, in all £284;—making a total of £2893.

Translation Classes.—English is the key to all our instruction, and is the only language used in the classes. During the past year, the hour from seven to eight in the morning has been devoted to translation from English into Kaffir or Dutch, and *vice versa*. Sesuto, added to the above, makes up four languages spoken here, and there is a trace of the fifth—Zulu. Most can speak two languages, and many three—two native languages and English. This may be of use by-and-by, but in the meantime speaking any language except English is discouraged.

The Moral and Spiritual History of the Past Year.—We have cause of deep gratitude for what God has done for us in respect of the higher results of our work within the past year. During the special services in June, many were awakened to seek salvation, and many have since given evidence of a saving change. Others, who were of Christian character before, have since then been much more devoted. Christian work is one of the tangible proofs of Christian character; and during the past session there have been about thirty-eight among the pupils of both institutions, who go out on the Sabbath to labour among the heathen, or who teach Sabbath schools.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—It has been found necessary for Rev. Dr. Robb to remove permanently from Old Calabar. For the twelfth time he has had a severe attack of intermittent fever, and his constitution is so much weakened that it is considered unwise to expose the veteran missionary