

The Bombay Report furnishes the following from an educated native missionary, showing that in India, as well as nearer home, there are gainsayers:

"I have had from time to time most encouraging accounts of the distribution and usefulness of the Scriptures in the districts where they have been circulated. Your Colporteurs under my superintendence and direction have visited most important places both on this and the other side towards Indapoor. Last November I paid a flying visit to my old friends in Bombay, Christian and non-Christian, and the way in which some of the most educated and enlightened of the latter spoke of the Bible and Christianity was most astonishing. Here are a few notes from my journal: "Called on —; had a most agreeable chat on various subjects connected with the religious and social condition of our people. Pointing to the Dnyaneshawari of Dnyanoba, a most abstruse and metaphysical work on theology, and the Bhagwat Puran, almost as difficult as the other, copies of which were lying on the table, he said: 'I read a chapter in these books, and then a chapter in the Bible, and ask my friends which is simpler, which at once comes to the heart? One out of five hundred is not able to understand the so-called sacred books of India, while the Bible is so simple and so convincing that it at once comes to the heart. I say to them. Take the latter, because it is so well suited to your nature; let the question of its Divine origin be settled afterwards.' Observing his backwardness to admit the latter point, I said to my friend—'How would you account for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, evidently very simple, uneducated men, fishermen and tax-gatherers, producing a far more suitable book to the wants and circumstances of man than Dnyaneshwar and Vyas, confessedly two of the master minds of India?' The remark seemed to stagger him not a little. Another seeing a copy of the Bible Society's last Report with me, says of his own accord: 'I know why Europeans are superior to us natives, because of the morality that that book (meaning the Bible) contains. This gentleman also holds a most important post under Government. Another, as well informed and enlightened of my countrymen as any I know, remarked to me as follows: 'But whatever the two savans, Renan and Strauss, may say, I, for my part, like Cowper's humble cottager, believe that Christ did exist, and did exist for the world's eternal good; and although there is much in my way towards embracing his ennobling and life-saving religion, yet I feel proud in confessing that I heartily regard him as the real Saviour of mankind.' Now, five-and-twenty years ago even the most intelligent and foremost of my countrymen would have instinctively shrunk from expressing their views in the way that hundreds of them do in our day."

*Ceylon* has four Auxiliaries, but there is little connected with them calling for special notice. The same remark applies to *Malaysia*.

In *China* Mr. Wylie has labored very successfully