

Old Calabar), 9 European female teachers, 62 native catechists or evangelists, 133 native schoolmasters, 25 native female teachers, 54 principal stations, 143 out-stations, 6630 communicants, 1024 candidates, 157 week-day schools, with 9183 pupils ; the total educated agency consisting thus of 290 persons.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Mr. Moore, of Madrid, writes.—

Among the inhabitants of the district where we work are a good many gipsies, who carry on sundry sorts of trading, but deal chiefly in mules. They are therefore obliged to attend the fairs held in all the adjacent towns, and have thus a wide circle of acquaintance. I have often wished to get an entrance among them, but they are rather difficult of access. A short time ago, Mr. Corfield, the very efficient agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave me a few copies of the Gospel of Luke in the Gipsy language, hoping I might be able to put them in the hands of the Gipsies. But still I feared that if we went to work directly, we might get repulsed, so I had recourse to the following stratagem :—Taking Pepe Pauli with me one morning, we directed our steps toward the *posada* or inn, where the Gipsies with their mules are lodged. As soon as we came in sight, I separated from Pepe, after giving him his instructions. On approaching the door in which the *chief* happened to be standing, Pepe took out his Gospel and began to examine it with great curiosity ; then stepping up very politely to the Gipsy and handing him the Gospel, he says, “I have got a little book here which I can’t understand ; could *you* tell me what it’s all about ?” The Gipsy took it, and after reading a portion of the first chapter, Pepe asked him, “Do you understand it ?” “Yes, I should think so ! why it’s my own mother tongue !” and he ran in to show it to the rest. Pepe then told him that he would make him a present of it, on the sole condition that he would promise to read it constantly, and could also get some more for his companions. The result was that about half a dozen were then distributed, some of which were kept for comrades that were then at the fair of Alcala. We have since had an application for more, and Mr. Corfield has given me another dozen. One of these men was present at both our services on Sabbath last, and consequently witnessed, with apparently deep interest, the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Our schools are in a flourishing state notwithstanding much opposition.

The Connaught mission still prospers. The *Herald* says :—“He sent His word and healed them.” This is true of a goodly number now before the Throne, who were once benighted Roman Catholics. Let one instance suffice as an illustration :—

B. was a mission scholar. She came out openly from Popery, and in consequence had to bear the taunts and persecution of friends. Being seized with a rapid consumption, and drawing near to death, every means were used to induce her to return to the priest, and to the Church of her fathers. Threats and entreaties were alike unavailing. B. remained steadfast to the end, repeatedly declaring, “I have no priest but the Lord Jesus Christ, and I want no priest but Him !”

In other lands numbers taught by our mission have found that liberty of conscience, which was denied them at home, and all living witnesses for Christ.