

worship, have likewise been built, where there are not less than from fifteen to twenty small congregations to which the Brethren and their assistants are in the habit of regularly preaching the Word of God.

The numerous well-regulated and well-conducted schools throughout the Island, which are devoted to the religious and moral instruction of the rising generation continue to produce the best effects, both as preventatives of idolatry, and as means of sending into hundreds of Heathen and Mahomedan families, that leaven of christian knowledge, which it is hoped will in many instances leaven the whole lump. The growing esteem of the natives for christianity is widened by their attention to the missionaries, and the ministry of the gospel: several hopeful members have been added to the Society during the past year.

IN CONTINENTAL INDIA, the stations occupied by our missionaries are *Madras, Bangalore, Seringapatam* and *Negapatam*. There are in Madras four chapels and as many schools: there is also a native society of whose true conversion to God, and spirituality the most satisfactory accounts have been from time to time received.

At *Negapatam*, the services are in English, Portuguese and Tamul. A class of serious persons chiefly of Dutch and Portuguese descent, has been formed, and also three schools in which the principles of Christianity are explicitly taught. This station is comparatively recent, and has suffered much by the removal of successive brethren through sickness; but it now promises, both in itself, and from its connexion with a populous and interesting country, to become a station of growing importance.

THE SOUTH SEA MISSIONS, are next in order.—These embrace several stations in *New South Wales—Van Dieman's Land—New-Zealand* and the *Friendly Islands*. In New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land, although the moral degradation and wretchedness of the greater part of the population is extreme and awfully affecting; yet it is pleasing to learn, that the plans of the mission are organized, and are carried into