

other of our stations to be baptized. This course seemed to us to be objectionable ; and he was exhorted to commit his way to God, and to confess his Saviour, in the place where he had been called.

THE FRUIT GATHERED.

In order to break with his caste, he visited the Christians at Shahavadi and Ahmedabad, and openly ate and drank in their company. His brother followed him to the latter place, intending to bring him back to his father ; but on learning that he had openly violated the rules of his caste, he gave him up as a hopeless case. Narotam then returned to Surat, and on Sabbath, the 17th of this month, after making public profession of his faith in the doctrines of Christianity, and engaging to make the glory of God the great end of his life, he was baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. His case affords an illustration of what is being done in our schools. Seeds of divine truth are being lodged in the minds of hundreds of the young, who, though they fail to follow out their convictions as Narotam has done, are friendly to Christianity, and irreconcilably hostile to idolatry ; and the multiplication of such cases over the country cannot fail to tell powerfully on its future history in connection with Missions.

MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHINA.—The Missions of the English Presbyterian Church in China have been from the commencement blessed with a very considerable measure of success. During the last year this success has not been less than formerly. The Rev. Mr. McKenzie in a letter to the Rev. Dr. Hamilton of London, gives the following account of their position.

MY DEAR DR. HAMILTON,—We are, by the mercy of God, spared to enter on another year of mission work in this heathen land. And at such a time it is surely very fitting to call to mind the Lord's great goodness to us, and to his people in Tie-Chin, during the bygone year ; and to praise him for what he hath wrought. His long-suffering has abounded towards us, and his grace has been magnified in our midst by the ingathering of the heathen to his Son, and by the strength and consolation granted to his people. True, it is still but the "day of small things ;" the light is but beginning to dawn, the heaven has but begun to work : and alas that I should have to say so ! cause of reproach to the name of Christ and of grief and shame to his people, has been given by some of those who profess his name. Yet, notwithstanding these things, notwithstanding that but a few tens of the teeming population of this region have as yet turned to the Lord, notwithstanding that some of his professed disciples have grievously fallen and backslidden, yet we cannot but feel that this is a time to thank God and take courage, and rejoice in the hope that the good work which the Lord has begun, will go on, and that his kingdom is making, and will continue to make, progress in this part of China.

The number of *adults* received by baptism during the past year is eighteen, of *infants* four ; thus, the whole increase of membership during the year 1863, amounts to twenty-two.

Of the adults sixteen were baptised at Yam-tsau, and two at the new neighbouring station of Ch'in Ch'ung ; the four children were baptised at Yam-tsau.

The total of church members now amounts to between 50 and 60, 45 of these being adults. Of these, the greater number are at Yam-tsau, the remainder being at Swatow, and Tat-hau-pow, and the new station at Ch'in Ch'ung.

While you will rejoice with us that the Lord is showing us his mercy and causing his name to be known among the heathen by calling one after another to the life of discipleship, and by enabling his disciples to witness for him, you will also join with us in mourning before him, that so many of those who have professed his name have fallen into open sin, and thereby injured themselves,