

quite marked. God is truly blessing the labors of this native brother."

Gaboon Mission.

Mr. Walker, of the Gaboon Mission, speaking of a young man who had just professed his faith in Christ, says:—

"I have the more hope of him that he has not been a hard drinker; that is, I have not known of his being such, and there are very few in this country of whom I could say that. I know that almost all drink.

"THE CURSE OF INTEMPERANCE.—Alcohol is the burning curse of this country. And the traders, with one exception, are as remorseless as the grave. If they can gain a few pounds of ivory or india-rubber, they care not if the liquor they sell destroys every living being in Africa.—There is perfect recklessness in those who come here; no thought for anything except for the greatest gain in the two or three years they are to remain. And how many of them, when counting the few days to their departure, and seeing home and all its joys so near, were cut down in a day! We hear no more of the slave-trade on this coast. God has thrown a wall of fire around it, which the white man must penetrate with great caution, and it will be a sure defence against any general invasion. But Satan is not to be thus deflected, and where the foot of the white man has never trod, the fiery stream of alcohol rolls and burns, causing waste and anguish and horrors greater than the middle passage ever witnessed. Some people wonder why the coast tribes of Africa waste away and disappear. It is no wonder to one who lives here, with his eyes open, unless he himself has come within the maelstrom. The coast is beleaguered with the hosts of Satan; and they are bold, persistent, untiring, unscrupulous, unmerciful. If you wish to know some of the concomitants of the rum trade and rum-drinking, read Prov. xxiii. 33. These are our real obstacles. Heathenism is bad, but unmixed it is not impregnable. Nine-tenths of the liquor exported from Liverpool comes to this coast. American traders generally are the same. Pray for us, that there may be found ten righteous men here, and that all the people perish not."

Western Turkey Mission.

At a Union Meeting of Missionaries, held in September, at Cesarea, the first business was to consider a proposition from Moonjasoon, (about twelve miles distant) for the formation of a church in that place, and the ordination as pastor of Mr. Gregory Bogsiana, who had been educated at the

Theological School at Marsovan, and had for some years laboured among them as a preacher and school-master. Mr. Farnsworth writes of the examination which was held in Moonjasoon:—

"The little chapel was crowded with an attentive and deeply interested audience during the examination, Armenians and Moslems seeming hardly less interested than our own brethren.

"Among those present from abroad was an old policeman, a Mohammedan, from the city. I afterwards met him at the palace, and he expressed his admiration of the candidate, saying, 'From twenty mouths there came forth words to entangle him, but he could not be taken.' The Moslems manifested the most lively interest in the examination on the character and attributes of God."

The ordination took place in a garden, where it is proposed by and by to build a large church. Mr. Farnsworth continues:

"It was estimated that in the garden and on the walls surrounding it there were as many as three hundred persons. For two hours they gave most excellent attention, and some were deeply affected. One, a Moslem, was reproved by some one near, who said, 'Why do you weep at the words of these infidels?' The other replied, 'These are not the words of infidels; they are God's words.'

"In the evening there was a social gathering on the roof of the pastor's house. The full moon shone so brightly that lamps were scarcely necessary for reading. There was singing, for which this congregation, and especially the women and children, are famous; and before parting, a former preacher recalled the days of his labours, dating from a time when there was no brethren there, and none but Moslems dared receive him as a guest.

"This church starts with a good prospect of vigorous growth. It assumes the entire responsibility of their pastor's support, and, according to the rule of our mission, raises half of it from the first. The burden is pretty heavy, as there are but four or five families that can do much; but it is assumed in a good spirit, and we trust they will receive the blessing promised to those who sow liberally."

Labours among Women at Ahmednuggur.

During the past year, Mrs. Bissell has gained access to six families of the higher caste, most of whom at her approach call in their friends and neighbours to share the privilege of her conversation. The women admit the truth of the Divine message, but say they are afraid of their false gods