

The Educational condition and prospects of this District are very encouraging.

THE MADRAS DISTRICT has sustained a heavy loss in the death of its exemplary and devoted Chairman, and General Superintendent. But although the Lord removes the agents, the work still goes on. He is continually "bringing many sons to glory;" to some of his labourers he says—"IT IS ENOUGH, COME UP HITHER;" and then he sends "other labourers into his vineyard."—The general aspects of this Mission, it may be said, have varied little during the year. The congregations and Societies remain in the same state; but both, we have no doubt, would be greatly improved, if a more efficient sub-ordinate agency could be created. **HELP—MEN OF ISREAL HELP.** The state of the work in "*the Mysore*" is truly encouraging. In many places "the fields are white unto the harvest"—this is particularly the case in the Bangalore Canarese-station; and also at Coongul. The latest official statements, speak very favourably of the outward walk and deportment of the members generally; and express gratitude to God who enables them to walk in the truth, and unto all well pleasing. The Missionaries bestow a great deal of time, and a great deal of labour, on the translation of the Holy Scriptures into the Canarese language; they are also endeavouring to revise former translations; and these sacred toils, super-added to their other numerous engagements, make them in labours more abundant.

#### AUSTRALASIA AND POLYNESIA.

The various Missions belonging to the Society in this quarter, are steadily rising in importance. According to the annual returns recently received, TEN new Chapels have been erected, and FOUR other preaching places provided. The number of hearers has proportionably increased; and an addition of six hundred Church Members is reported. The Committee are highly gratified to hear of the financial exertions that are made with a view to ultimate pecuniary independence. Indeed abundant evidence is afforded of the zeal and success of the Missionaries in every department of their work.

It has been found necessary to enlarge the York-street Chapel, in the Sydney North Circuit, by the erection of a gallery. The Chapel now contains sittings for Twelve Hundred persons. The cause at Surrey-Hills has increased so considerably in importance, that it is deemed desirable to constitute a separate Circuit. A large place of worship is requisite to provide for the rapidly increasing population.—The general aspect of the work in the Melbourne Circuit, in the Colony of *Australia Felix*, or Victoria, is reported as "very encouraging."—The Society's Mission in *South Australia* is rapidly rising