

employed in the Central Institution in prosecuting their own studies, and, as occasion offers, in making known the gospel to their countrymen. During the past year, also, three of the converts have been licensed to preach the gospel, namely, Rev. Prasanna Kuma Chattargya, Rev. Jagadishwar Bhattargya, and Rev. Lal Behari De. The Assembly will now see that the Church is now on the highway to the enjoyment of a native ministry, well furnished and disciplined, for a portion of the people of Bengal.

"Besides these various appliances at Calcutta, the Orphan Institution there, under Miss Laing, has continued its operations for the past year. It contains about fifty girls, who have been rescued there from absolute destitution and degradation. Another school for girls, taught by Mrs. Ewart, contains about a hundred pupils—Jewesses, Armenians, Portuguese, and East Indians—so that, along every available channel, and by every open door, your missionaries are entering in, and seeking the good of India.

"Bansbaria.

"The school at Bansbaria contains about 200 youth, and a Bengali school at Tribeni contains about 100; a school for females, superintended by the wife of Jagadishwar, contains about 30, so that there are at that station 330 children under Christian training. But in addition to that, Jagadishwar, who, it will be borne in mind, is now a preacher of the gospel, regularly visits in the neighbourhood of the station with evangelistic views, and has enjoyed many opportunities of making known the truth.—The missionaries report that this station is altogether in a satisfactory state.

"Culna.

"The Christian agency at this station, during the past year, has consisted of Lal Behari De, now a preacher of the gospel, assisted by Kali Das Chakrabarti, a Christian convert. The general attendance at the Institution has never amounted to more than 150. A Bengali school, adjoining to the English seminary, has succeeded well; and, in addition to the other appliances, the Rev. Lal Behari has regularly preached in the streets and bazaars. Since he was licensed, he has commenced a Sabbath morning lecture, in English, similar to that in the Calcutta Institution. More recently, he has been removed to Calcutta, and two of the probationary catechists are stationed at Culna.

"Chinsurah.

"In connection with the Central Institute at Calcutta, and as an affiliated station, is Chinsurah, at the distance of about thirty miles from the capital. During the past year, the Rev. Ebenezer Miller, Mr. Fyfe, and the Rev. Prasanna Kuma Chattargya, have been enabled to labour at the station without any interruption. The Institution has greatly flourished, and the number of

pupils amounts to about 750. Mr. Miller has conducted a regular English service in the mission chapel on Sabbath mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Besides the Europeans and East Indians who attend, a considerable number of natives, students of the Institution, are occasionally present; while Prasanna has preached in the streets and bazaars as much as his other duties would allow. There is a female school at the station, supported by a small endowment, secured for it by the convention of the Dutch and British Governments when Chinsurah was ceded to the latter in 1825. It is wholly under the control of the Free Church agents there, and is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

"But the zeal of your missionaries in Bengal is not limited to the spheres now indicated, important and vital as they are. During their relaxation in January, certain of them, instead of seeking that relaxation which their numerous labours seemed to demand, proceeded on a tour to the eastward from Calcutta, and journeyed as far as Dacca.

"In addition to these things, the Committee would report that funds have been raised in Calcutta for the purposes of the mission, amounting to above £1000 for the year.

"The following is a list of the native Christians at present connected with the Bengal Mission. It will enable the Church to judge of our progress and position.—

"Preachers.

"Rev. Prasanna Kumar Chattergya.

"Jagadishwar Bhattachargya.

"Lal Behari De.

"Catechist.

Lal Behari Singha.

"Probationary Catechists.

"Guru Das Maitra.

Bunka Behari Basu.

Buikanta Nath De.

Uma Charan Gosha.

Dina Nath Addya.

"Teachers.

"Gooinda Chandra Basak.

Kali Das Chakrabarti.

Surjya Kumar Haldar.

Bakar Ali.

Shyama Chara Chattargya.

"Students.

"Shib Chandra Bannargya.

Grish Chandra Singha.

Bubha Mohan Basu.

Ram Chandra Basu.

"In Secular Employment.

"Uma Chandra Gosha.

Shyama Charan Mukerjya.

Pra Krishna Chattargya.

Jadunath Bannargya.

Manlavi Abelalla.

Gobinda Chandra Ghosha.

Ram Dayal.

"Females.

"Wife of Prasanna.

"Jagadishwar.