

baptized there that winter. The longing in the child was surely in answer to prayer. The father came here, and wished to fetch the whole family to Kishinew; but the wife opposed it. We helped him to get away Bertha; a year or two later he got away the boy. The mother is now dead, but the two children are baptized, and well cared for in a Christian boarding-school at Kishinew. Bertha will be about thirteen, and may turn out a promising useful woman. Such cases are calculated to encourage our teachers, and those especially interested in school-work. The new appointed teacher will find on her arrival that she comes to a ready field, and to a popular school. Mr. Leonhardt visits every Saturday among the parents, and feels greatly encouraged in his work."

Encouraging intelligence comes from many of the Free Church Mission Stations on the Continent. The following is a fair sample.

"CANNES.—The generous gift of a place of worship by Admiral and Mrs. Pakenham, has put us in possession of a commodious church, and as the transfer has been completed, it is now the actual property of the Free Church of Scotland. We need not say that the services of Mr. Grant of Ayr, during the winter, have been highly valued. In a recent letter Mr. Grant says:—

"Though many of my hearers have left Cannes, their places are more than filled by new comers. The 'chapelle' is now full on Sabbaths, and half full at the prayer meeting on Thursdays. My congregation wished me to have a forenoon service also; but until the 'chapelle' was really ours, we could not well move in the matter. And at last we thought it better not to disturb the French congregation for the sake of six weeks. But Lord Dalhousie has kindly opened his drawing-room for a service at 11.45. With this and three prayer meetings my hands are full. But it is pleasant to find the people so *greedy* of the word. I am every day more deeply interested with my work here, not only in the public meetings but still more with private conversation with individuals."

The following is an extract from a letter written by a young lady who has been visiting the Zenanas of India:—"The second house we visited was exceedingly interesting to me, there was such a number of nice, pretty young creatures in it. I felt so sorry not to be able to speak to them. Though not rich, they belong to a high caste Brahmin family. Any rich ladies coming to see them, Miss — says, have to make a very low obeisance, and touch the feet of every female member of the family. We shook hands with all the young ones—the older generation deeming the touch of our hands pollution to them, after which they would have needed to wash, before they would feel comfortable in mind or body. As on a previous visit, we found them, on entering, all seated on the floor, to the number of nine—all pupils of Miss —. They were dressed to receive us, and all seemed very glad to see us. Among these nine are the mothers of some of them. All read Bengalee; and two are learning English. Both have made wonderful progress during the year they have been studying it; and by the way they read to us out of their lesson-book, it was evident they quite understood what they read. It was their own request to learn our language, and they seem very fond of it, and anxious to get on. One lady showed me her copy-book, and her English writing she has just begun; and the A's and B's, strokes and turns, she is busy over, are every bit as creditable as those we see at home. All are not equally far on, so they form different divisions; and the daughter of the native pastor of — takes charge of some of the less advanced ones, allowing Miss — to devote herself to those further