

preparatory studies as Assistant Missionaries, and at the last District Meeting, it was resolved, that in order to meet more fully the case of the Native Helpers and Local Preachers, Branch Institutions should be formed in the different Stations. One of the Missionaries has prepared a system of Theology, in the form of lectures, and a volume of Sermons has been prepared and printed for the use of the Native Teachers generally.

5. In Southern Africa, two Institutions are in active and vigorous operation—One at Haslope Hills—the Watson Institution, has already been the means of diffusing much good, having been established several years; and another at Farmerfield, which has sent forth three Local Preachers during the year, while seven Class Leaders have also received training, to enable them efficiently to discharge the duties of their office.

6. At Freetown, in Sierra-Leone, Western Africa. For some few years, an Institution has been in operation of the same kind, and with similar results. In 1844, three young men well trained and well qualified for the work, were placed in the Schools as Assistant Teachers; since that time several others have been placed at different Stations, some of them qualified to assist the labours of the Missionary, and eleven students are still receiving instruction in English Grammar, Latin, History, Natural Philosophy, the use of the Globes, Composition; and above all, they are reported as "well grounded in the fundamental truths of religion and most of them have their minds well fortified with the doctrines of Evangelical truth"\*

7. At Akrah, Cape Coast, a Station only very lately occupied, an Institution has also been established under the care of the Rev. Mr. Wharton, who while labouring in the West Indies nobly offered himself for this work and was removed to this important charge; he says "there are only five at present under Instruction, but four of these are most acceptable Local Preachers."

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATIONS AND PRINTING OPERATIONS.

1. In CEYLON NORTH.—At Jaffna, the Rev. Peter Percival has been engaged to revise the Bible in the Tamul language, under the auspices of the Jaffna Auxiliary Bible Society.

In SOUTH CEYLON, At Negombo,—the Rev. R. S. Hardy is engaged on a Manual for Catechists and Local Preachers in two parts, compri-

\* This Institution has lately been removed to King Tom's point, where a building which originally cost £7000, has fallen into the hands of the Society for 300 guineas; here a Newspaper called *The Watchman* is regularly issued.