

sition. Complaints have been made to the Government against the proceedings of our Agent, and a struggle is likely to ensue. The importance of this new Station is increased by the consideration that it is the only Protestant interest in the extensive department of the Meuse.

The French and Swiss Circuits, generally are efficient, or present indications of improvement.

At GIBRALTER, the schools are (Mr. Alton reports) in efficient operation, and well answering the design of their establishment.

The foundation of an extensive Spanish work, it may be reasonably hoped; is being silently laid, by the religious training of so large a number of Spanish children. The process may be comparatively slow, but succeeding generations will witness the beneficial effects.

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THE SINGHALESE DISTRICT, SOUTH CEYLON.—The Society's Mission in this quarter has to contend with serious difficulties—has to encounter formidable opposition from different quarters; but notwithstanding these untoward circumstances, a considerable improvement has taken place during the year. An increase of piety is very apparent in several of our members; the recent conversion of a considerable number of precious souls has greatly enlarged our borders; and results of this heart-cheering character, are expected to ensue from the labours of the newly appointed Catechists.

Four new Chapels have been built during the year; and four more are in course of erection. Considerable activity has been excited among the Budhists in behalf of their own system, and in opposition to Christianity. This circumstance is viewed as a sure indication that the truth is felt to be powerful, and that the interests of the Gospel are advancing. There are one thousand two hundred and fourteen members in Society, chiefly native converts; and had "the Committee" adequate funds at their disposal—the Schools could be more efficiently sustained, and thereby rendered of great service to "the Church."

IN NORTH CEYLON, OR THE TAMUL DISTRICT, the several departments of the work are in a very encouraging state. This is more particularly the case at JAFFNA; in TRINCOMALEE; and on the BATTICALOA STATION. From the latest reports it is very evident that "the true light" is advancing in these benighted regions; and that neither the lectures lately delivered in defence of Hinduism, nor the ostentatious idolatries lately practised in the Temple of SIVA, and in other places, will prevent it from accomplishing the end, whereunto it was sent, namely the illumination of them that sit in darkness.

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