

and tell them that the people of England will not send them Missionaries? Shall I tell them that in this vast country there are no young men able and willing to undertake the work? Shall I tell them that in this country, which is known throughout the World as the richest country, there is not wealth enough to support Missionaries. Oh! let not this be said; but rather let us go back full—full with the blessing God has given us. The more we go forward in our work, we shall have the way opened. We shall not only go through the Yoruba country but across the Niger. There the people are waiting for the Gospel, which was promised them by Missionaries that were in the expedition commanded by Captain Trotter, but the promise has not been fulfilled. You know that Mr. Crowther, when he went with a subsequent expedition, was reminded of that promise by the natives themselves. "Where," they said, "are the Missionaries you promised us? Our eyes ache with looking, our hopes become faint with disappointed expectation of the promised blessing." And now, Christian friends, shall it be so, that the Niger, the Yoruba country, and the countries beyond, shall stretch out their hands to us for blessing, and we deny it to them? Let it not be so; but let us go forward in the name of the Lord our God."—*Church of Scotland Juvenile Record.*

### TINNEVELLY.

"Of all the Indian Missions of the Church Missionary Society," says the Annual Report (7th May, 1856.) Tinnevelly claims the precedence in respect of the number of Christians, and its advance towards a permanent settlement of a native church. Five years ago the several districts of Tinnevelly were under the pastoral care of twelve ordained missionaries, of whom ten were European and two native. Now the number of ordained Missionaries is still twelve, but five only are European and seven native. At the former period the converts were 24,552, and the communicants 2743. Now the converts are 27,140, and the communicants 3821. At the former period there were 295 places of worship, and 6682 children at school. Now there are 375 congregations, and 8253 children at school. A second proof of the progress of the Missionary spirit is evidenced by voluntary contribution and unpaid Missionary agency. The poor Christians of Tinnevelly contribute more than £70 a-year to the Church Missionary Society, and ten times that amount, in the whole, to other pious objects. Besides this, there is a native Missionary Society, supported and managed by themselves, which maintains