

"Notwithstanding the loss of our first class, it is satisfactory to be able to say that our numbers have not decreased ; the roll, all the year, has borne upwards of 60 names. The attendance is very good, and indeed I believe is larger now than it has ever been before in the history of the schools."

ALL HELPING.

"As heretofore, a large amount of work has been performed in vernacular preaching. We think we may say that nearly all our educated Christians—and the far larger portion of them are so—feel the solemn duty that rests on them of making the gospel of Christ known to their countrymen as far as in them lies. Of course, men that are hard-worked in government and other offices have not much time to devote to evangelistic labor ; but still our Christian brethren have done what they could."

STATE OF RELIGIOUS OPINION.

"In Calcutta, at present, the ratio of baptisms among educated men is smaller than it has often been. Many causes may contribute to this issue. For one thing, the tone of religious belief in Europe powerfully influences that of educated Hindus. We all know that, for some years past, lax views in regard to Revelation, and the supernatural generally, have been obtaining currency in Europe ; and that an opposition between science and Scripture has been strongly asserted to exist. All this tells powerfully on our work in India. There seems to be a pretty general belief among educated Hindus that missionaries proclaim an antiquated form of Christianity which enlightened men in Europe are forsaking. They wait, therefore, to see what form religion will assume in Europe before they make up their minds as to their own belief. We do not see that Comtism, properly so called, has made much progress around us. We do not see much of a harsh infidelity ; but we do see much of unsettlement, of perplexity, almost a chaos of belief."

JEWISH MISSIONS.—The last number of the Free Church Record contains interesting letters from Amsterdam and from Perth. At the latter place on the 20th of May, a daughter of Israel and her infant child were received into the church. The father and husband had been previously brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ. Rev. Mr. Koetig, who writes, states that many are making inquiry.

• MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—An interesting event has just taken place in connection with the mission at Creek Town, viz., the licensing and ordination of a native, Rev. Esien Ukpabio. He was the first convert, the first native missionary agent, and is now the first native minister, solemnly ordained to the work of the ministry. The interest of the event brought together a large number of people from Duke Town in addition to those connected with the station itself. He has been under training for years, and great hopes are entertained as to the success of his ministry. It is intended that he carry the gospel to some of the tribes in the regions beyond. Mr. Goldie, the missionary, mentions another encouraging event,—the conversion of Eppe Idibi, whose mind had been first impressed with the truth of Christianity a good many years ago.

The King of Duke Town, Archibong II., has received a finely bound copy of the Efk Bible, sent out by friends in the congregation of St. James' Place, Edinburgh. He sends a cautious and characteristic letter of thanks, promising to try and learn what the Bible says, and to do what it requires little by little.