

little as the human hand is increasing in magnitude, and contains a pledge of future prosperity.

The following is a condensed view of the state of the Missions in the several foreign stations at present occupied by the Society; extracted from the last Report of the Parent Society which has just been received.

### The Gibraltar Mission.

"At Gibraltar the Mission has continued to exert a favourable influence upon many of the military in that large garrison, and by them and the inhabitants of the town the chapel has been well attended. Considerable exertions have also been made to supply the neighbouring parts of Spain with copies of the Scriptures in Spanish, a number of which have, at different times, been kindly furnished by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Useful tracts have also been distributed among the Spaniards; among whom a spirit of inquiry as to religious truth is rising, in several parts of that important country.

From the increase of the congregation, the chapel at this station would bear an enlargement, a work which may probably ere long be effected. In the mean time, various means of usefulness are open to a missionary besides public preaching, in a place so circumstanced as Gibraltar, connected with Spain, and comprising a population of people belonging to so many nations.

The following is an extract from the journal of Mr. Crocombe, who has succeeded Mr. Rees:

"July 28th. The last week has furnished me with several proofs that my unworthy labours have not been fruitless. We have had several conversions. Great peace and unanimity prevail in our Society, and much of the Divine presence is felt in all our means, both public and private. Several of the military have lately been brought under hopeful religious impressions.

"The morals of the great mass of the population of this garrison are greatly depraved. The profanation of the Sabbath, especially by the Spanish part of the community, is indeed awful. Open shops, and the performance of work of various kinds, are the least of the evils which we are doomed to see and mourn over. Skittles, quodds, balls, cards, singing songs, and dancing, are the common sabbath-day amusements, and commence regularly in the afternoon. May true religion and morality lift up their heads, and exert their influence in this truly wicked place!"

### The French Mission.

Some success has attended the Mission in Normandy, at Mer, and at Cherbourg, where several persons have been brought to a saving acquaintance with the truth of the gospel. The late visits of the Rev. Charles Cook, one of the Society's missionaries, to the south of France and Switzerland have been attended with good. The Lord is calling forth his witnesses in those quarters; the sad state of fallen Christendom is laid upon the hearts of the remnant of his people with increasing weight; and prayers more earnest, and efforts more energetic, seem on the point of being exerted for the restoration of pure and primitive religion. In various places in the south of France a great desire exists among the Protestants, especially of the lower classes, to hear the truth preached with simplicity and faithfulness, as well as the best disposition among some of the ministers and Consistories to favour the efforts of zealous Protestant Missionaries.

### The Ceylon Mission.

This Mission employs 13 missionaries, and 3 assistant missionaries, with upwards of 120 catechists and school-masters; and is every year acquiring stability, and exerting a wider and more beneficial influence upon the heathen population in the neighbourhood of the respective stations.

Besides the literary labours in which some of the Brethren in Ceylon have been engaged, as co-adjutors with clergymen, the missionaries of the Church and Baptist Societies, and other gentlemen, in the translation of the Scriptures, Mr. Clough has been employed upon a Cingalese and English Dictionary, and Messrs Fox and Gallaway have published copious school dictionaries in Cingalese and English, and the Ceylon-Portuguese and English, which will prove of