

my deacons, had a bayonet thrust in his side, and a gash in his forehead, the latter being caused by his being violently thrown against the tree to which he was bound. From the verandah of my house I saw the soldiers belabouring an old man about the head, a church-member, whilst others were fastening him to a tree. The Governor came, demanded of the teachers what they were doing here, and who sent them. One of them answered that they were obeying the command of Christ, who had said, 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations,' &c. Upon hearing this the Governor immediately sent them on board and had them placed in irons; the natives were also put in irons, the women being permitted to come to my house; but they were not allowed to remain long."

After five day's confinement, the teachers were sent ashore, but strictly charged to have no communication with the natives. The "Day Spring" called with seven missionaries on board, but no communication with the shore was permitted. The chapel is occupied by the French as their headquarters.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

INDIA. FIRST CONVERT AT AJMERE.—The state of the mission at Ajmere is encouraging. The first convert was baptised on 13th Sept. The convert, who is 25 years of age, was a Jati or Jain priest. In embracing Christianity, he gave up a considerable amount of worldly property. What things were gain for him he has counted as loss for Christ.

In other departments of work there is abundant encouragement. The schools are largely attended. The girls' school is becoming one of the regular institutions of the city. The girls, of whom there are at present 25 in attendance are making good progress. There are several indications that people are beginning to think and to speak about religion.

At Bawar three converts have been added to the Church, making in all eight baptised natives at this station. The baptism took place on 4th Sept. The converts, Jussa, Rupa, and Salig Ram, had for a considerable time been inquirers, and good hopes are entertained of their steadfastness. Others are under instruction with a view to baptism.

OLD CALABAR—TWO NATIVES BAPTISED.—At Duke Town, Old Calabar, the Lord's Supper had been dispensed to 31 communicants. Two natives were baptised, a young woman named Asako, and a young man a slave, named William Oobham. They had both been attending the means of instruction for a considerable time.

JAMAICA.—The work is going forward in its different departments; but not without considerable causes for apprehension as to the future. From various causes the Sabbath attendance has been for some time falling off. The session are seeking in the exercise of faithfulness and affection to produce a better state of things.

MADAGASCAR.

The communications from Madagascar are favourable. Both the sovereign and her ministers are heathen, but they have hitherto granted not only toleration but just and equal rights to all the adherents of the Christian faith, while they have treated Mr. Ellis with great personal respect.

The last number of the *Missionary Magazine* contains an interesting account of the opening of a new native chapel, which we subjoin: "I furnished the materials," writes Mr. Ellis, "and the people found the labour necessary to build a chapel that will hold 700 or perhaps 800. The native pastor of Ambohipotsy and myself preached at the opening service on the 25th of August, when the place was crammed. The high officers who had been present at the service, with Mr. Briggs, who has been appointed minister of the place, and Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, afterwards dined with me. We were fourteen in number, and the guests expressed themselves pleased with the accomplishment of their wishes—the opening of the chapel in that neighborhood. On the following Sabbath morning (last Sabbath day) I preached in the chapel, which was about three-fourths full. Many of the people