

as this Christian prince will live among his people, and will no doubt exercise a very extensive influence of a religious and spiritual nature. The Brahma Somaj of Calcutta appear to be going further and further away from Christianity. The number, too, appears to be declining. In 1864, there were 2000 nominal Brahmas; in 1871, there were only 92 returned.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The Seminary at Lovedale has been remarkably successful, and its influence is rising every day. A branch has been established among the Fingo people, about a hundred miles to the north-east of Lovedale, and the Fingoes themselves—still a heathen race—have contributed nearly fifteen hundred pounds towards the establishment of the seminary.

MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHINA.—**AMOY.**—The Rev. Carstairs Douglas gives an interesting account of the baptism of four converts at Tungkio:—"On Sabbath forenoon, besides the usual services, we had an examination of the more promising inquirers. The elders of Khiboey (of which Tungkio is an out-station) were present, and after full consultation we resolved to admit four of them to the membership of the Church. In the afternoon I accordingly baptized them. One named Lui lives in the village of Tungkio itself, so that his character is specially well known. He and one of his sons have been regular attendants for months past, not only on Sabbath, but also at the meetings for worship held each week-day evening in the chapel. Two others are younger brothers of Sinboan, a member of some years' standing, who has recently been chosen a deacon. For several years they have violently opposed him, but his quiet, patient endurance began gradually to tell on them. About a year ago the elder of the two took fever, and soon became dangerously ill. Before that time he had put away his idols, but he still clung to an ancestral tablet. On his sore sickness he gave that tablet also to his brother, telling him to burn it, and he promised that if God should spare his life he would be a steadfast Christian. His health was restored, and he has kept his vow. About the same time the stubborn heart of the youngest brother was also subdued, and now they are a united Christian family. Strange to say, the three brothers have three different surnames, their mother having been twice remarried. The fourth new member, as well as the three already mentioned, was awakened shortly before the opening of the Tungkio chapel, and these four are the first persons baptized in it—indeed, this visit was the first occasion on which a missionary spent a Sabbath at it. The chapel was crowded, chiefly with members and regular hearers.

SWATOW.

FROM THE REV. W. L. MACKENZIE, *Swatow*, 19th January, 1874.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

Our statistics for the past year are sent to you by this mail, along with the mission account.

It is a comparatively easy matter to reckon up the additions to the membership of the Church, the adults and infants baptized, the number of deaths, &c., &c., and it is on several accounts desirable that the Church at home should know these things. One may to some extent ascertain what progress is being made, what fruits are visible of the labour expended by means of statistics, and therefore we send the report required of us. To tell of the gracious doings of the Lord in bringing men and women out of the darkness of heathenism into His marvellous light; to tell of souls convinced of sin and drawn to the Saviour; to tell of their gropings in the dark; of