

## MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—The last number of the *United Presbyterian Missionary Record* announces the death of Mrs. Simson, who had arrived with six other missionary agents, on 9th August last, she had previously laboured in Old Calabar, having first entered on the work there upwards of 18 years ago. The Missionaries who were associated with her bear testimony to her fidelity as a missionary worker, and her holy, unblamable character and life. Her mortal remains were laid with those of her husband and her children in the humble cemetery at Ikunetu.

INDIA.—Writing from Ajmere, Rev. Mr. Gray gives an interesting account of the conversion of a Mohammedan teacher:—"A little more than two months ago, a learned Mohammedan, by name Imdad Husain, called one morning for religious conversation. The account which he gave of himself may be stated in a few words. He belonged, he said, to Nahor, (160 miles north of this), in the State of Bikaner. Though a preacher of the Mohammedan religion, he had been of an inquiring turn of mind, and some years ago had received, through a brother in Delhi, a copy of one of the Christian publications on the points of controversy between Christians and Mohammedans. This served to shake his faith in Mohammedanism, and he began to study the New Testament, a copy of which had found its way to him through the same brother in Delhi. The result was that he had come to Ajmere, with the view of having some difficulties solved, and being received into the Christian Church.

He had not been long here when he began to ask for baptism. There was, however, a difficulty: he had two wives. One he had left at Nahor, the other he had brought along with him. The one who had accompanied him was the younger and the favorite; and understanding that Christians could not be allowed to have more than one wife, he had brought her, that he might be able to retain her in the event of his receiving baptism. When it was explained to him that his first wife must be considered the legitimate one, he undertook the very trying step of giving up one whom he had hitherto regarded as his lawful as well as beloved wife. Since then she has been living with the wife of our only married native brother, Mohammed Shah. At first she naturally felt very much aggrieved, and could do nothing but fret and repine; but now she is rapidly acquiring a knowledge of Christian truth, and a few days ago applied for baptism. Meanwhile Imdad Husain has received a letter from his father, telling him of the death of his wife at Nahor; and he considers the way has been providentially opened up for his being reunited to her from whom he had been willing to separate only for the sake of Christ. It is hoped that she may soon receive baptism, and that they may be united in Christian marriage. Let me ask earnest prayers on their behalf, and in behalf of all inquirers struggling under similar difficulties.

On Sabbath last Imdad Husain was received into the Church. Some of the schoolboys and teachers were present to witness the baptism. Since the report got abroad in the city that a learned Moulvie was about to become a Christian, he has had a good deal of discussion, oral and written, with some of his brother Moulvies. One or two of them he found well acquainted with the Bible, and perhaps still better acquainted with infidel objections; but he does not seem to have had much difficulty in answering them.

NUSSERABAD.—Rev. Gavin Martin, writing from Nusserabad, gives, on the whole, encouraging intelligence as to the progress of the work. The conduct of the members of the Church has been satisfactory; and there are