

CHATHAM.

A Soiree in connection with the Sabbath School of the U. P. Church was held in the Town Hall here on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th ult. Thos. M. Taylor, Esq., in the chair. The Hall was filled to excess, and upwards of 400 must have been present. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs McColl, Campbell, and Jamieson, and by the Rev. W. Fraser, Pastor of the church. There was also some delightful music by a choir. The profits, which were considerable, are to be applied to the commendable purpose of procuring a Sabbath School Library. The desire, so generally evinced, to have libraries connected with our congregations may be regarded as one of the unequivocal marks of progress. We recollect the day when scarcely a congregation in Scotland had a library.

NEWTON, CLARKE.

The U. P. Congregation here have just raised the sum of £7 10 for Missionary purposes, and have distributed it thus: Chinese New Testaments, £2 10s; Calabar £2; Synod's Mission Fund, £3. In estimating this contribution it is proper to remember that the congregation have been for some time in a state of vacancy. The Head of the Church, in whose cause they are so creditably manifesting their interest, will, we trust, soon give them a Pastor according to His own heart.

WHITBY.

The Annual Missionary Meeting and Soiree of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Whitby was held on the evening of Wednesday, 5th February. Although the preceding day had been stormy throughout, and the weather cleared off too late for many of the distant members to come out, the meeting was respectable in point of numbers

and was not inferior in point of interest to the more numerous attended ones of preceding years. Able and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, Scott and Tweedie, (United Presbyterian,) the Rev. Messrs. Kerr, (Wesleyan,) and Gerrie, (Baptist.) As one design of the meeting was to furnish an opportunity of cultivating Christian Union, it was satisfactory to observe different denominations not only represented on the platform, but still more extensively throughout the audience. The excellent arrangements, the interesting addresses, and the delightful music, all contributed to the lively satisfaction which seemed to be expressed by every countenance.

The Annual Report showed that the missionary enterprise is advancing in the estimation of the contributors, the amount raised being considerably larger than in any former year. It is highly necessary that such an increase should appear, inasmuch as the circumstances of the people are improving. And if the Christian people only keep in view, in furthering the best of causes, the ancient rule to give "according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee" there can be no doubt but a much larger amount will ere long find its way into the Treasury of the house of the Lord.

During the year 1853, the congregation has raised for missions the sum of£24 8
For charitable purposes, though not exclusively, yet chiefly, within the same bounds..... 21 0

Total.....£45 7

The above is exclusive of any collections for other schemes of the Church. The Missionary Funds were divided thus: two thirds to the Missionary Fund of the U. P. Synod in Canada, and one third to the French Canadian Mission.