

And as regards Principal Snodgrass's application, it might be well to desist from evidence of the Synod's active concurrence in his views as to the urgent need of the third professorship, which could best be given by their contributing the larger portion of the funds needed, instead of simply asking the Colonial Committee to add to their past liberality.

Missionary Intelligence.

(From the Home and Foreign Missionary Record of the Church of Scotland.)

INDIA.

Lodiana.—The "Pioneer" of India has an interesting account of this mission, established by the American Presbyterian Church thirty years ago. There are now in connection with it eleven stations, superintended by seventeen missionaries and fifty native catechists, besides Scripture-readers and teachers. Numerous agencies are also employed in bazaar preaching, tract distribution, and itinerating. There are schools at all the stations, and in the deserts of Lahore these are suited to all ages and classes. Some of the native teachers have studied the Hindoo and Mohammedan systems, and are quite able to cope with those clever but mistaken devotees. Zenana work flourishes at many places, and there is a boarding school for girls of high caste, to which a Christian lady devotes her attention.

The income of this Punjab mission amounted last year to £1930. Surely, when we see such results from one agency, we may take courage and enter by that long-closed door which God has now set open.

Cuddapa.—A flourishing mission was established here forty years ago by the London Missionary Society. The district belongs to the Madras Presidency, and is situated between Madras and Bombay. It is a great mart for cotton and indigo. At the present time the mission numbers 900 professed Christians and about 200 catechumens; 350 children now receive Christian instruction, and there are 12 out-stations where agents labour, preaching the Gospel. Many girls attend the schools, some of whom have since married scripture-readers and catechists, and are now engaged in imparting to others that knowledge which they themselves received. The Society for the propagation of the Gospel have also established a mission in this district and the neighboring one of Kurnool. They have 1000 converts and only three ordained missionaries. In this district there are nearly ten millions of Her Majesty's subjects. Truly the fields are ripe unto the harvest, but where are the reapers? Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send labourers endowed with His own needful grace.

Beawr.—The United Presbyterian *Record* contains a most interesting account of the death of Punyl, a convert at this station. She is the first who has been taken. Only three years ago she forsook heathenism and was baptised. Her development as a ripe Christian, meet for glory, has been most rapid; and in reading the account of her last illness, we are led to marvel at the wonderful grace of God. She retained, through a severe and protracted illness, perfect trust on the promises of God; to her they were yea and amen in Christ Jesus. At first during her illness, she took delight in the book of Job, the Psalms, and many similar passages of Scripture, but latterly, as death drew near, "none but Christ and His own words seemed to satisfy her." Through all her illness she was able to see her Father's hand; and, when recovering from a severe attack of the racking cough, would exclaim, "Oh, I am going away to be with Jesus!" "I wandered long in the jungle of sin," she would say, "but Jesus came and took me by the hand, and said to me, 'My daughter, come to me.'" How gloriously is the Gospel of Christ suited to every clime and race! how human is its Christianity!

Poonah.—In sad contrast to those cheering accounts are notes of a preaching tour in the Bombay district, by a missionary. The statement, though widely circulated, has not been contradicted, and we fear is not exaggerated. We refer to the building and maintaining of idol temples by the Government of this country. Even the heathen use this as an argument against embracing Christianity, and say, "If you Christians believe idolatry to be wrong, then why do you repair our temples and pay annual grants of money to the gods and priests?" "Why this suppression of your views of right and justice in the case of our gods alone, when you impose taxes upon our rulers, and confiscate our property at your pleasure?" Some of the more enlightened understand this policy, but the mass of the people do not. In the Government return for the collectorate of Poonah, it is stated that in one year twenty idol temples were built and repaired at the Government expense for every one school. In the Bombay Presidency, £69,859 are paid annually to idol temples, and in that of Madras £87,678. About as much more is annually paid in Bengal and the North-west Provinces. Many are deterred by those facts from coming to Christ; and is it not incumbent on every Christian to lift up his voice against such iniquity, and, above all, to pray to Him who turneth the hearts of all men as He will, that He would speedily cause this "offence of the cross" to cease?

JAPAN.

The prayers of God's people are earnestly asked for this remote empire. A great change has taken place there during the past