

Jones, Abergoole, was elected on the Committee of the North Wales Temperance Association. It was announced that the Rev. Robert Richards, Corug-y-Druoidion, has accepted a call to Vale-road chapel, Rhyl.

IRELAND. THE Irish Times, of Dublin, June 30th, says: Many of our readers will be glad to know that Rev.

John Hall, D.D., LL.D., of New York, will conduct the services next Sunday morning and evening in Rutland Square Presbyterian Church. Dr. Hall was formerly minister of this Church, and occupied a position of very great influence in Dublin. During his pastorate he made troops of friends, whom he has never forgotten, and who can never forget him. Dr. Hall has just received an addition to the many honors he already wears, the Senate of Trinity College having conferred upon him yesterday the degree of LL.D. honoris causa.

MR. GEORGE WOODBURN, licentiate of the Maphorselt Presbytery, has been ordained to the congregation of Kells.

MR. JONATHAN VINT, J.P., died at his residence, Willowfield, Belfast, a few days ago. Mr. Vint was father of the late Rev. Robert Vint, who laboured for some years with conspicuous success at Southampton.

THE Presbytery of Dublin have visited the congregations of Duncannon, Kilkenny, and Carlow. The findings in each case were satisfactory, and the Presbytery expressed its high appreciation of the good work done by ministers and people in these districts.

THE Rev. Oliver Leitch, D.D., of Letterkenny, died recently in the seventy-seventh year of his age. Dr. Leitch had been minister of the Presbyterian church, Letterkenny, for more than half a century. He was a faithful pastor and a painstaking preacher, and exercised great influence in the neighbourhood of his labours.

THE foundation-stone of a new church now in course of erection for the congregation of Faughanvale has been laid by the Rev. Prof. Pettigrew, who, before his translation to Magee College, had been minister of Faughanvale for twenty-seven years. Under the present minister, the Rev. Samuel Semple, the work continues to be prosperous and well maintained.

THE Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church has held its annual meetings at Cullybockey. The outgoing Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Moffatt, of Letterkenny, preached, and afterwards addressed the Synod on the work accomplished by their body for the last half-century. The Rev. S. B. Stevenson, Belfast, was chosen as next Moderator. The business transacted was general.

AUSTRALIA. REV. HENRY JONES, M.A., who about two years ago resigned the pastorate of the Castle-square church, Carnarvon, and went to Australia, has taken charge of the Chalmers Presbyterian church, Melbourne.

The Mission Field.

REV. WILLIAM IMBRIE, D.D., for sixteen years a missionary in Japan, has returned to New Jersey to educate his two boys. He will make Princeton his home for the summer. Dr. Imbrie has been one of the foremost in the ranks of our missionaries in the foreign field, gaining and keeping a strong influence over the educated Christian Japanese, who have given him their abiding confidence and respect.

REV. DR. JOHN G. PATON has expressed his regret at the attack on Protestant missionaries in the New Hebrides in a blue-book published under the sanction of the Colonial secretary. He answers charges of trading and pleasure-seeking, and shows up the Romanist fathers who are praised.

PROFESSOR SALMOND is jubilant over the success of the Free Church Guild work in India, which he has been presiding over for some years. The number of guilds and affiliated societies is now 361, being an increase of thirty-five on the year; and the

known effect of the organization is to bind the youth of the Church more closely together, and more intelligently to the Church to which they belong. In conformity with a recommendation made at the last annual meeting, it has been resolved to commence a guild scheme and the object selected is the support of native evangelists in the villages of India. About 140,000 of the publications of the society have been issued.

DR. SORER gives the following figures to illustrate the comparative progress made by Protestant bodies in Japan:

| | 1882. | 1892. |
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| Presbyterians..... | 1,988 | 11,190 |
| Congregationalists..... | 950 | 10,760 |
| Methodists..... | 898 | 7,080 |
| Episcopalians..... | 761 | 4,366 |
| Baptists..... | 254 | 1,761 |
| Others..... | 127 | 368 |
| Total..... | 4,987 | 35,534 |

The first Protestant missionary went to Japan in 1859. The first convert was received in 1864. The first church of ten members was organized in 1872. What a growth in twenty years!

MR. BONNENFANT, missionary colporteur of the Board of French Evangelization writes:—"In 1887 I was sent to work at Sorel. As soon as I arrived I started to go from house to house as is my habit. I found that the place was very fanatic and I did not meet with much success. One day I met Monsieur E. C., who lives quite near Sorel on the Richelieu River. He said he did not want the New Testament as he could neither read nor write. I assured him that it was the word of God and partly written by the apostles themselves, and read many passages to him. He listened very attentively and then I prayed with him. Before parting he said he would take a New Testament and ask his sons and daughters to read it for him so that he might be able to see the truth for himself. He then thanked me and asked me to come again and see him. I had some correspondence with him but never saw him again until this summer when you sent me to this place. When I came I was glad to see him and it was the same with him. But after five years I did not find him alone studying the Gospel, but five families who had lost faith in the dogmas of the Romish Church, and were searching for truth. God had blessed our work and I am sure He will bless the work we have done here this summer. Amid difficulties and persecutions I opened a hall in the town and had so many listeners and inquirers that there was not room enough for them. Many people wanted to hear and many of them are now studying the word of God, and will find and accept the redemption of God, who gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life. Oh that God would give us more and more the power to confess Him."

THE Scottish settlements in British Central Africa, missionary and coffee-planting, are receiving a very extensive reinforcement in the shape of the new movement known as the Zambesi Industrial Missions. Mr. Joseph Booth, having surveyed the missions of all denominations from Cape Town to Banderawe, took an artisan from Melbourne with him last year and began work on 2,000 acres of land near Katunga, on the Lower Shire river, granted by Masea, the chief, an old friend of David Livingstone. The missionaries then purchased Michiru, in Blantyre district, and advanced their extensive holding to the border of the coffee plantations of the Messrs. Buchanan Brothers. On this the Commissioner granted them five other stations to the west of the Shire, above the cataracts in Chikuse's country, and promised them two more to the east of the Shire, all on condition of their occupying the land before the close of the present year. The sum paid is ninepence per acre for twenty years after which the grant returns to the Government, whose immediate object it is to facilitate the abolition of slavery in the Ngoni country. The two enterprising missionaries

who have also a station at the Chinde mouth of the Zambesi, have vested the whole in trustees, two of whom are Messrs. John and Richard Cory, of Cardiff, and have formed a society in England with a secretary. Ten workers and their families, some of them Scotmen, have just sailed from Bristol to reinforce the party in Africa. The result is that at the present moment the enterprise consists of a staff of twenty European missionaries, fourteen overseers teaching the natives coffee plantation, fourteen native Christians, and three hundred native laborers, on 100,000 acres of land "honestly bought" from chiefs, or leased from the authorities. Chikuse's people are offered an acre per family free, and as wages eight yards of calico a month with tools, seeds, &c. The mission is to be self-supporting.

The McAll Mission.

THE following appeal has been made by a strong committee on behalf of the McAll Mission in France. It is addressed—To the Friends and Supporters of the McAll Mission in France:—Dear Friends,—The sad tidings of the loss this Mission has sustained in the removal by death of our honoured President, the Rev. R. W. McAll, D.D., on the 11th May, have doubtless reached you, and we feel sure that your sympathies and prayers have been given on our behalf.

We acknowledge with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father the great blessing He has given this Mission during the twenty-one years of its existence. We feel encouraged by the remembrance of past mercies to go on with renewed energy and perseverance in the work so dear to our beloved departed friend, for which he lived and laboured with a devotion and strength of purpose, that those only who were by his side can in any degree realise.

In October last Dr. McAll made definite arrangements for effectively carrying on the Mission, in the event of his then unobscured health compelling him to withdraw from the active direction. Thus we were in a great measure prepared to take up the trust now committed to us.

We intend, by the help of our Lord and Master, and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, to continue the work of preaching the gospel of God's grace among the French people. We remain faithful to the principles laid down by Dr. McAll (identical with those of the Evangelical Alliance), animated by the same spirit of love to the needy and fidelity to the Word of God.

The opportunities for the evangelisation of this land were never more favourable, and the spiritual results of the work have become more encouraging year by year. But we find ourselves much embarrassed financially. Although our expenditure has decreased during the past few years, we are in difficulties, owing chiefly to the fact that large sums formerly received from a comparatively limited number of donors have, owing to death, entirely ceased, while the growth of the work has made it exceedingly difficult for us to curtail our efforts. This, however, we are now compelled most reluctantly to do, in order to prevent the recurrence of deficits, which have so tried us. We have rigorously cut down our expenditure to the sum we believe we can safely reckon upon as our reliable income.

But in order to free us from present liabilities and to form a working capital, and so enable us to pay our way during those months of the year when experience shows as that hardly any subscriptions are received, while expenditure continues as usual, we need a sum of five thousand pounds.

We therefore appeal to you to come to our aid, and, as a fitting tribute to the memory of the Founder of the Mission, we invite you to share in raising this sum of FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, and thus relieve us of a burden which is a weight we can ill bear in addition to the full responsibility of the work which now devolves upon us.—Deputation Secretary—Colonel FINCH WHITE, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, W.C., to whom donations may be sent.