

by Miss Euphemia Miller, a young woman of devoted piety, now teaching in Paisley who has earnestly requested to be allowed the privilege of devoting herself to serve Jesus Christ in Africa; and the Mission Board have engaged as a teacher Mr Wm. Thomson, a young man belonging to the Rev. Dr Beattie's congregation, Glasgow, who resided seven years in the neighborhood of Sierra Leon, who has partially acquired three African languages, and who is desirous to spend his life in promoting the welfare of the wretched inhabitants of that long neglected land. Old Calabar is the door of entrance to the vast, fertile, and thickly inhabited regions drained by the waters of the Niger, the Schadda, and the Cross rivers.

"Caffraria.—The sounds of war have ceased, peace has been proclaimed, the converts have returned to their stations, and the operations of the mission have been resumed. Twenty converts have been added to the church at Chunne.

"Persia.—The work of circulating the Scriptures among the Mohammedans of Persia, where public preaching is forbidden, and where it is a capital offence for a follower of Mohammed to avow Christianity, was considered as a delicate task, requiring great prudence and care. The Rev. Dr. Glen and son, destitute of human patronage, relying alone on the care and protection of God, and proceeding quietly and prudently, had met with most gratifying success. 400 copies of the Persian Bible have been disposed of in Tehran. The venerable Dr. Glen had died, but his son was proceeding with the work to which his father and himself had devoted themselves.

"Australia.—The Rev. J. E. Richardson reached Melbourne, the capital of the colony, on the 24th of October. Mr. Richardson immediately entered upon the assiduous discharge of his duties, with the view of ascertaining the wants of the inland districts, and of discovering the locality where it would be most proper for him to settle.

"Saintonge, in Western France.—In accordance with the instructions of the Synod, £500 were given to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, to enable them to carry on their operations in the district of Saintonge, Western France.

Thus it will be seen that, besides what we have done in Scotland, in England, and in Ireland, our operations have extended to Canada and Nova Scotia in North America, to Jamaica and Trinidad in the West Indies, to Calabar and Caffraria in Africa, to Persia in Asia, to Australia in the South Seas, and to France in Europe—regions far distant, but likely at a future day to prove centres of powerful missionary emanation. Our missionary income for the year appears to be about £14,350, which is £1,260 more than our income for last year; and if we add to this, the sum raised for the mission ship, in

that case the amount contributed for missionary purposes alone, during the year, will be fully £17,500—a sum much larger than has on any previous year been realized. The depressed and almost ruined state of Jamaica, has, by putting it out of the power of the people to contribute, as in former years, made the outlay in the case of that mission alone, upwards of £1000 greater than it was last year. This large sum, with several other extra demands, have raised, as the statement of the treasurer will show, our expenditure to £16,070—a sum far beyond the usual amount, and which, consequently, causes a considerable deficiency on the year. But while this is a call to increased exertion, it ought not to appal or discourage us.

Mr. Peddie then read the report showing that, large as the sum was which had been contributed, it did not exceed one *halfpenny* per week from each member of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Hope M. Waddell, missionary to Old Calabar, who was received with loud applause, in concluding his address, said he would refer to an important part of the report read by the secretary, and that was the valuable effort made by the children at home. The missionary ship was one of the means required for the efficient carrying on of the missionary work in Africa. That ship demanded a world's gratitude to the children by whom it had been bought. He trusted that these children, as they grew up in years, would fill well the place of their forefathers, and feel increasing interest in the missionary work. He even hoped that from among these children, able missionaries of the Gospel would arise.—*Juvenile Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian Church.*

A HAPPY DEATH.

Martha Phillips was born, March 8, 1839, and was the daughter of pious parents in connection with Eagle Street Chapel, London. Naturally of a quick and thoughtful disposition, she found no pleasure in those things which generally attract the notice of children of her own age; but her delight was to attend the Infant School, and with her Testament and hymn book to sit with her schoolfellows in the class,—not restless, but eager to hear what the teacher said.

Martha enjoyed good health until seven months before her death; about which time one of her little brothers died, which had such an effect upon her that she would not again associate with children, but spent her time in