

other native audience could not be found. And yet there are some that would tell us that ours is not a preaching or evangelistic system at all. The Lord forgive them in their seven-fold ignorance and blindness!"

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The missionary intelligence contained in the October number of the "Missionary Record," is more than usually interesting. It announces the accession of no less than thirty-one converts from heathenism—three in India, four in Calabar, nine in Caffraria, and fifteen at Glenthorn, Cape Colony.

The four in Calabar who have been received into the Church were adults, who have been in the class for candidates for four years. Besides these, two children, twins, were baptized. There has been a strong prejudice against twin children among the heathen in Calabar. It is one evidence of the waning influence of heathenism when twins can be presented and publicly baptized.

The missionary at Emgwali, Caffraria, gives the following account of the baptism of nine adults there:—

"JULY 7.—Day before yesterday was with us a memorable day; it was our quarterly communion. On the previous day the sky was lowering, and towards evening a gentle rain began to fall. This made us apprehensive that the next day would be wet, and thus debar many from coming out. But our hearts were rejoiced when Sabbath morning dawned upon us with a cloudless sky; and when the hour of service came, and the great bell sounded forth its summons, the people flocked in numbers, and our church was crowded to the very door. I preached to a most attentive audience from the words, 'The Master is come, and calleth for thee.' There was indeed a great congregation, the people came from far; and all around were the waggons which brought the worshippers to the house of prayer. At the conclusion of the service, I baptized nine adults, and admitted them to the fellowship of the church. They have been a long time inquirers; four were members of the same family—a mother and three sons. Five of these persons belong to the Bolo. Are not these cheering tidings? The work is advancing; the murky clouds of error are passing, the twilight begins to appear, the day is approaching. The Caffres now feel the power of Christianity; they see that it alone is the great engine which is fast crushing their heathenish customs. Let us hope and pray that Ethiopia is beginning to stretch out her hands to God.

"The communion was a time of refreshing; upwards of 120 persons sat down of the table of the Lord. At the close of the service, I gave out the grand old hymn of Ntsikana, 'O thou great covering we wear,' and it was truly affecting to see one old man, who has been a faithful follower of Christ for many a long year, bursting out into tears and weeping bitterly. I felt as if the old man realized yet more fully his nearness to the end of his earthly pilgrimage. With the words of the hymn, 'That glorious place of rest above, have we sought it?' uttered by our lips, and with the benediction of the Three-one God upon us, we parted one from another, one communion-season less on earth—one communion-season, let us hope, nearer heaven."

Of the fifteen received into the Church at Glenthorn, four were Hottentots, and eleven were Caffres. The Rev. W. Cumming says, with reference to the admission of so many: "It was a deeply interesting sight to see so large a portion of the area of the Church occupied by members drawn from most of the tribes around. I thought that if their numbers were to increase at the rate which has been going on for some time past, either the building must be greatly enlarged, or some movement to other stations must take place, otherwise the house will be too small to contain all who come."

MISSIONARY WORK OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The following is given as an approximate estimate of the missionary work carried on by the Church of Scotland:—