

verts who have gone from this mission. They are indeed few in number, but they are, so far as I can judge, real disciples of the Lord. Of the thirteen whom I have baptized, two were hypocritical deceivers of the most accomplished kind, swindlers and liars." Mr. Laing's appeal on behalf of our own Home Mission Work in Manitoba appears in the April number of the *Missionary Herald*.

A new evangelist, Dr. Antonio Sanchez, mighty in the Scriptures has come to the assistance of Mr. Moore, and preaches the gospel in the old Moorish capital, Cordova. Mr. Beattie of Gogo, India, reports the admission into the church of a Hindoo woman who for some time has been strongly opposed to Christianity although her husband became a Christian in 1868.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Annual Report of the United Presbyterian Students' Missionary Society contains the following:—

"Our mission at Nusserabad, in India, having become involved in financial liabilities, as a consequence of prolonged and wide-spread drought, we resolved to devote our energies for the year to promote its release from this unhappy exigency. As a recompense for the rations so frugally distributed by our agents among the famine-stricken people, an enormous reservoir was constructed with special regard to the welfare of our mission. In order, however, to the completion of the undertaking—so servicable as the sole means of irrigation in seasons of dearth—a deficit of £1,400 was unavoidably contracted. And we feel glad to record that the exertions of our Society, with a view to its liquidation, have been crowned with a success far surpassing our anticipations. 235 meetings have been held, and £967, 17s. 8½d. realized—a result which exhibits a marked increase, as compared with last year, in the average contribution of each congregation."

This is the appropriation of last year. For the present, another field has been found. Looking at the state of affairs in Rome, and impressed with the urgency of the crisis, our Society desires to do its utmost during the year to strengthen the hands of those Roman labourers who are so devoutly striving to supplant the Mass and the Confessional, and to lighten the minds of the deluded citizens with "the truth as it is in Jesus."

It has been arranged that the funds we succeed in raising shall be allocated towards the close of the financial year, by a committee, consisting of the Professors and the present office-Bearers of the Society. Without, therefore, pledging ourselves to any particular mode of expenditure, we have, nevertheless, resolved to keep more especially in view the claims of the Free Italian Church, the Waldensian Church, and the Evangelical Publication Society."

The people of Old Calabar have superstitious views in regard to the birth of twins, which causes the destruction of many children. The Rev. Hugh Goldie's journal says:—

"Monday, July, 12th.—To-day a note came to hand from Asuqua Ekanem, native agent at Ikunetu, to the following effect:—"On the morning of Wednesday, the 8th, during a heavy rain, a lad came and told us of a twin-birth in the farms. Ekpenyong Ndong (another native assistant) and I went immediately, and saw the woman in the bush with a little pile beside her. She was weeping very much, having been driven into the bush. We tried to comfort her, but she would not listen. We asked her to go home with us, but she refused, nor would she receive any help from us. She would rather die than be a twin mother. We asked for the infants, but all were afraid to tell us. At last, one boy, on the promise of a shirt, led us to a pot lying under a palm tree; and, on turning it up, we found two little girls squeezed in-