

with the Gaelic language, it is to be desired that the next minister sent hither be able to speak in that venerable tongue. Itinerants are a class of labourers hitherto unknown in New South Wales, the want of them is, consequently, not so much felt as it ought to be : and if I may be allowed to throw out a suggestion I think they ought to be the parties principally aided by your funds. Fifty pounds to the support of a pious and zealous minister of Christ, in a place and among a people who, without such aid, would have none to care for their souls, must be instrumental in doing much more good than three times the amount expended on brick and mortar. Many influences draw from people money to assist in the erection of their religious edifices ; scarcely any thing but a desire for the bread of life would draw from them the funds requisite for the introduction and maintenance of a travelling mi-

nister. I need not point out the important service likely to be rendered by such men, in breaking up the virgin soil in the many rapidly increasing hamlets and clusters of population, which are ever and anon springing up over the face of this vast territory.

CONVERSION OF THE JEWS.—Mr. Duncan of Milton Church, has been appointed a Missionary, by the Committee of the General Assembly, to this people. Mr. Candlish submitted this appointment to the Presbytery of Glasgow, and prayed that he should be loosed from his charge. On the motion of Mr. Burns, the document was allowed to lie on the table till next meeting. It appears that Mr. Duncan has all the learning needful to fit him for disputing with the Masters of the Jewish Synagogue. We take this as a token for good.

IRELAND.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,—MISSIONARY SCHEME.

The Synod of Ulster has now embarked in the missionary cause. And as a portion of the *Record* is about to be set apart for the correspondence of her missionaries, we shall thus be able to present our readers from time to time with extracts from the same. The same number of the *Record* to which we are already so largely indebted, contains a letter from the Rev. Mr. Morgan of Belfast, Secretary of the Missionary Committee,—his letter gives a sketch of the rise of the missionary spirit in Ulster, and of the steps which have subsequently been taken in giving it effect. Our brethren in Ireland appear to have embarked on this glorious undertaking with much zeal and christian wisdom :—

“We have selected, says Mr. Morgan, “two of our most approved brethren, men beloved and useful in their parishes, fit for labour in any locality, and richly endowed with gifts and graces.

“It so occurred, that the very time when these two brethren were to be set apart to their missionary work, was that of the meeting of the Synod for the consummation of its union with the Secession body in Ireland. This was considered most auspicious : and arrangements were made, that, as soon as the union was formally declared, the first public act of the united

body should be the designation of the missionaries. That arrangement was carried forward ; and the Rev. Messrs. Glasgow and Kerr were set apart as missionaries to the heathen, in the district of Katiawar in India, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. That is a day to be remembered. Its impressions will remain while memory endures ; and old age will often recall it, and tell what things were done upon it to generations yet unborn.

“On the day of the appointment of the missionaries there were no funds in readiness to send them forth. We had reckoned, that if God gave us men he would soon give us money ; and our faith was not exercised in vain. A subscription was set on foot in the Assembly, and the members contributed about £500. An appeal was made to the congregations in Belfast, which produced about £600. Several congregations in the country sent forward contributions of their own accord. Our Secession brethren had a little stock of near £200, which they cast into the common treasury ; and thus, in two months, there were raised about £1500 to commence our missionary enterprise. With this sum we have been enabled to defray the outfit of our two missionaries and their wives, to pay for their passage from Liverpool to Bombay, and to advance their salary for the first 12 months. Their allowance is the same as that usually given by the Church of Scotland. The