

appear that they are not unacquainted with the religion of Jesus. Indeed Dr. Mitchell says of them "surely these men are following him (Christ), although afar off." Dr. M. adds. "They have planted societies—churches, at they call them—throughout Bengal, in the North-west Provinces, the Punjab, Bombay, and Madras, in which, as they say, 'hundreds congregate, week after week, to worship the holy God in spirit and truth.' And theirs, they think, is the Church—at least the Indian Church—of the future. They expect that their own society will exhibit a purified Christianity—the very essence of the Gospel; and while they earnestly say that the future Church of India will not be antichristian, they are equally strenuous in declaring that it will not be Christian, as Christianity has yet been understood.

"Of course, in one point of view, all this is deeply sad. But still, let us hope for these men; and above all things let us pray for them. Let us patiently and lovingly point out all that is imperfect or erroneous in their system. Let us not be startled at a measure of wilfulness; it is the self-reliance of young minds exulting in the possession of new truth, and the consciousness of nascent powers. Meantime, the are most energetic in spreading what they believe to be the true faith. Oh, that we, on whom hath shone a far clearer light, may be stimulated by their example to a tenfold zeal."

MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—The Rev. Mr. Edgerly, writing from Creek Town, announces the death of the King, Eyo V. His death had been hastened by the indulgences to which he was addicted, and which had made him prematurely old. He had always been friendly to the Mission, and professed to believe the Bible, that Christ died for sinners; but the missionaries had no reason to believe that personally he had sought an interest in Christ. He is succeeded by his brother Ibok Eyo. It is known what his policy will be; but the missionaries do not expect much from him, as he never had been friendly.

A young man had been baptized and admitted to the Lords table, by name N Kananke Idiok. He had been a catechumen for a considerable time.

Three deacons had been appointed to look after the temporalities of the church. During the past year, the native church raised £33 10s 3d. Of this sum £1 19s had been paid for the relief of the poor, and £13 9s had been invested in two casks of palm oil, which were sent to England and realized £42. The balance was also to be invested in oil, and sent to help the church, that had so long helped them.

At Bonny, the chiefs had signed a pledge that they would no longer destroy twin children.

JAMACIA.—The churches in Jamaica appear to be in a prosperous state. At a missionary meeting held at Hampden, which was very successful, it was agreed to undertake the support of a native agent at Old Calabar.

MISSION OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FORMOSA.—A terrible crisis has taken place in the English Presbyterian mission in Formosa. One of the catechists has been murdered, and another is in prison, while the chapel is levelled with the ground; and the whole