

Church, who have been trained as evangelists, have returned to their own districts to preach the truth as it is in Jesus.

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND has engaged with much vigor of late years in the foreign work. Its receipts for this object have steadily increased, and have been recently in advance of the number of workers under appointment. A short time ago it issued an appeal for ten new missionaries. Its missions are in the West Indies, Africa, India, and China. Hundreds of orphans are thrown upon the care and support of its missionaries in India, owing to the severe famine that has been prevailing among the Rajpoots.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND devotes much of its funds to its educational institutions in India, believing that the best way to evangelize that country is through a well trained native ministry. A native pastor for the church at Sealkote was recently ordained at Jalandhar. This minister is a Mohammedan of high rank. Female education is occupying the attention of this Church as of almost every missionary organization.

THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is at work in India and China as well as upon the Continent and among the Jews. Mr. Rea reports several additions to the church at Borsud, India.

Several of these societies are in need of funds to meet the demand upon them from abroad, and are affirming, what is too true of many Christians in this lands, that many are hearing and profess to believe the Gospel, who are doing nothing for its diffusion.

Switzerland.

There are forty-two churches in Switzerland separated from the national church, and organized into a Synod, of Presbyterian forms, which meets once a year. An American clergyman, Rev. W. A. Nichols, attended the annual meeting, and bears testimony to the general harmony and propriety of their proceedings, and the intelligence and earnestness of the clergy. Two new churches were organized during the year, and seven evangelists are employed in forming new stations. Their theological seminary had sixty-five students enrolled, of whom sixteen were French, six Spaniards, one Canadian, and one Syrian. They have no Board of Foreign Missions, but two young men offered their services to go anywhere. The movement in favor of an entire separation of Church and State in Switzerland is gaining ground in all quarters.

Japan.

The late Japanese Congress decided that Buddhist priests were not to be allowed to take any more scholars to train to their profession. Probably this has reference especially toward a revival of Shintoism, the older and purer Monotheism of Japan; but the Buddhist priests seem many of them to believe that it also points toward a more favourable consideration of Protestant Christianity, and not a few are purchasing the Scriptures, so as to be ready for the change when it comes. Mr. Cornes, a Presbyterian missionary in Yeddo, writes that their Bibles are all sold mainly to Buddhist priests, and they have been obliged to send to China for a new supply. In his letter of August 14, he tells of a teacher in Yeddo, not a Christian, who has sent to him repeatedly for Bibles and "evidences of Christianity," which he is using as text books, and which are studied by his ninety pupils.

Italy.

The Waldensian Church receives from the Italian government annually, the sum of 6,426.30-100 francs, which sum is divided among the fourteen or fifteen parishes of the valleys, each parish receiving from 400 to 500 francs.

fireside Reading.

Testimony of a Missionary.

At a recent Temperance meeting in Montreal the Rev. Mr. Gulick, son of one of the Sandwich Island missionaries, delivered an address, in which he said that he had been born and brought up in the Sandwich Islands, and had an opportunity of knowing the difficulties of the mission work, the greatest of which were the fire-arms, fire water, vices and diseases introduced by white men. When the first missionaries went from America to those Islands, they found all these hindrances in full operation, and not only so, but the people having no knowledge of anything from America except this dire catalogue, thought that the religion of that country must be to match, and were prejudiced against listening to it at all. It was only when they found out the difference between Christian Americans and others that they would listen to the former; for, happily, the American sailors and traders who introduced vice, rum, and ruin, did not even pretend to be Christians. These, however, did not relinquish their prey readily, but threatened to kill the missionaries, and incited the natives to kill