

new church in the centre of the town. There are also French and German services and till this year there were two Scotch Presbyterian services; but fortunately, this season, an example of unity is given in our own Church, where all sections of Presbyterians and many other Nonconformists, have worshipped in harmony, and with much edification, joined occasionally by Episcopalians and by English and Americans, attracted by the admirable pulpit gifts of Dr. Kerr, Mr. Miller and Dr. McGregor."

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The United Presbyterian Church like other Churches in Britain and America, is turning its attention to Japan as a field for missionary effort. Speaking of the young men whom the Japanese Government has sent abroad for their education, Dr. Ritchie, of Dunse, says:—

"Some of these Japanese youths discover a remarkable ingenuousness in considering Christian truths; and the Lord is opening their heart to receive them in faith and love.

"Among others, a touching and encouraging story is told of a young lad who, years ago, was smitten with a great thirst for knowledge in Japan, and, though in a comfortable position, hired himself into various situations in order to gain what he desired. He commended himself so much to the captain of a vessel, on board of which he worked a passage to America, that he interested several friends in his behalf. He was thus brought under Christian training and influence, and has become the hopeful subject of youthful piety. From the moment that this young man began to read the bible, and to surrender his heart to the Lord Jesus, he has been animated with the irresistible thought, of preaching the gospel to his countrymen in Japan. In the early part of his career as a student, he went to work and translated into Japanese the greater part of the Gospel by John. When he came to the 16th verse of the third chapter, it arrested his attention, and a new light began to dawn on his mind. He felt that he had never before this known aright God's love, or believed in his receiving forgiveness of sins; but now a great burden was lifted from his back, and all doubts and fears were at once and forever cleared away. The world to him appeared full of sunshine, and his soul throbbed with a Divine joy. He subsequently always spoke of this passage as *his verse*, and he has never ceased to wonder at the goodness of God, in protecting and keeping him in this happy state of mind. Thus the same word of gospel grace, that touched the heart of Kaiarnack, the first Christian convert under Moravian preaching in Greenland, and prompted him to exclaim, 'Stop! let me hear THAT again, for I would fain be saved too!' has moved the soul of one of the earliest converts of the sons of Japan, and it may be, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, is at this hour preparing him to be soon a herald of the Cross to his native land.

"All these circumstances show that this is an hour of solicitude and of hope for Japan."

Mr. Edgerly gives an account of his itinerating labours in Old Calabar, The following is characteristic:—

"In the month of June, Mr. Thomson and I arrived in the town on a Saturday evening, under the protection of Efium. The people received us with a mixture of timidity and pleasure which soon became entire pleasure. It was here and at this time Okikpo's officer had seen us, when the messages cheered and then saddened his master. Our host was the king's brother, a sensible, friendly man, called Unyoh, who joyfully gave up his best for our comfort.