

From the above you will see that we all have cause to thank God for the great success which has attended our efforts during the past summer. May this be but the dawn of a still greater success. May a brighter, and still brighter future await us as a missionary society. And while we pray "Thy kingdom come" may we seek to help on the glorious work. May the dawn of the latter day glory soon break in upon us when, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose"; when the kingdoms of this world shall become the one great Kingdom of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Recent intelligence specifies several interesting particulars with reference to the missions of the Free Church in India. We note some of these.

1. The Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell resigns his charge at Broughty Ferry, in Scotland, with the view of going to India as General Superintendent of Missions. Dr. M. Mitchell was for a number of years a missionary at Bombay, and is well acquainted with most of the languages of India.

2. The Rev. Baba Padmanji has been ordained by the Free Church Presbytery of Bombay, as pastor of the native congregation at Puna. The Rev. Dr. Wilson preached in English, and conducted the ordination services in Marathi.

3. A circular has been addressed by a number of Presbyterian Ministers to all the Presbyterian Missionaries in India, proposing the formation of a General Assembly. It is not intended that the missionaries should be disconnected with their various churches at home, but it is believed that there might be a General Assembly for Ecclesiastical purposes, the missionaries still reporting to their respective churches or boards.

4. The first fruits have just been gathered in the Gond Mission, two converts, husband and wife, having been received into the church. The two converts with their child were baptized together. This is a new mission and it is encouraging to see that the work has not been in vain.

MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CAFFRARIA.—The November number of the *Record* gives an account of the appointment of the Rev. Tiyo Soga as first missionary at the Tutuka. This appointment was the result of a conference of the missionaries of the U. P. Church and of the Free Church. Mr. Soga was asked to accept the mission, as it was necessary that it should be in the hands of one perfectly acquainted with the Caffre language. Mr. Soga, although at a great sacrifice, has accepted the appointment which he has been requested by his brethren to undertake.

INDIA—BEAWE.—The Rev. Wm. Schoolbred in writing from Beawr mentions that cholera had broken out, and that four of the orphans and Mr. John Drynan, teacher and evangelist, had fallen victims. Mr. Drynan was a native of Girvan, Ayrshire; had been in the army in India; was made the subject of a great spiritual change in 1860, since which time he had manifested great christian devotedness and was much given to prayer. He joined the mission in 1862. All acquainted with him regarded him as a man of great worth and at the same time of unaffected modesty. His loss will be greatly felt.