

"Now it is my privilege to give you an account of a most interesting ceremony which took place in the orphanage this morning--the baptism of Katyani, the first girl in Dr. Duff's female school, whose sole instructor has been Mrs. Chatterjee, the head teacher, herself the first female convert in the mission. Katyani has been a candidate for baptism for a considerable time, but it has hitherto been postponed, chiefly because of the probable effect of it on the school. Having now their hot weather holidays, it has been considered a favourable time for the baptism to take place, and accordingly it was celebrated to day by Mr. Day. It was a most interesting, solemn sight for the children, all of whom were present, and some of whom interested me much by calling Katyani their "sister." I may mention that she came to me on Saturday evening, and last evening her brother, with two other young men, came to see her, and used all their persuasion to make her return home; but it was of no avail.

Missionary Intelligence.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Irrespective of Australia, France, and Belgium, the United Presbyterian Church has seven separate missions fields, namely: Jamaica, Trinidad, Old Calabar, Algiers, Aleppo, Rajpootana in India, and China, embracing 45 stations, 85 day schools, 40 ordained European missionaries, 4 medical missionaries, 5 ordained native missionaries, 8 native evangelists, 14 European teachers—in all an educated agency of 150 persons.

JAMAICA.—In Jamaica there are four Presbyteries, and 26 congregations, with a membership of 5626, the number received for the first time during the year having been 320, while there are 778 candidates. The amount raised was £3935, being about 14 shillings per member.

TRINIDAD.—In the Island of Trinidad there are three congregations, with an aggregate of 172 members, and an average attendance of from 320 to 375. There is a missionary society in every congregation.

OLD CALABAR.—In Old Calabar there are 5 stations, viz: Creek Town, Duke Town, Old Town, Ikinetu, and Ikorosong. At this last mentioned station there has been a little church formed during the past year. The members at the several stations amount to about 70. There are schools, prayer-meetings, and other agencies employed. The work of Bible translation is also carried on.

SOUTH AFRICA.—In South Africa there are three stations, two in British Caffraria, and one in the Colony, viz: Glenthorn. At Emgwali large additions have been made to the Church during the past year. On 5th July, 1863, nine adults were admitted, and on the first Sabbath of 1864, 20 persons were received, 17 being converts from heathenism. The number of members connected with the congregation is now 164.

ALEPPO.—This mission has special reference to the Jews. It embraces Aleppo, and the towns of Killis to the north, and Idleb to the south. The mission has great difficulties and discouragements to contend with. The history of the past year indicates some progress. The schools especially are hopeful and encouraging. Five members were admitted for the first time during the past year. Dr. Wortahet makes himself useful as a physician.

INDIA—RAJPOOTANA.—Here there are 4 stations, viz: Beawr, Musserabad, Ajmere, and Todgurl. At almost all these stations the first fruits have been gathered, the earnest, it is hoped, of an abundant spiritual harvest. Schools are conducted, and Bibles, and tracts distributed. At Beawr there is an orphanage, which promises to be very useful.

CHINA.—Dr. John Parker has, in the room of his deceased brother, been engaged as medical missionary. It is intended to send out an ordained evangelistic missionary as soon as possible.