

Mr. Laing, writing from Burnshill, South Africa, to Dr. Smith, has to tell of much encouragement in his work. He says:—

"I am happy in having to inform you that on Sabbath, the 12th June, I baptized twelve adults, all being females except one. Considering that the majority of our Church members are females, it is the more necessary to attend to their religious instruction, both on their own account, on account of their children, and on account of their friends and neighbours. One of the members now baptized follows her husband into the Church, and was two or three years ago a red heathen. I had often seen her in the heathen livery, and desired that she might be won to Christ. Another is connected with a family of Christians, most of whom have been in the Church for a considerable time. Her mother, when the daughter was admitted, said with great satisfaction that now all her children were recognized as Christians. The advantages of being connected with a Christian family were very apparent in the case of this young person, for she surpassed in intelligence all the other catechumens. When the omniscient Purifier of the floor comes to make a separation between the true and false members, may those converts be found to be genuine wheat, and fit to be gathered into his garner."

The Colonial Committee of the Free Church has granted one hundred pounds sterling to the Canada Presbyterian Church for Red River and British Columbia, and the same sum to the Church of the Lower Provinces for its missionary operations.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

We take the following summary of missionary intelligence from the *Record* of the United Presbyterian Church:—

Jamaica.—Before this number of the *Record* reaches the hands of our readers, the deputies appointed to visit our Jamaica Mission will, it is expected, have reached the United States, where they propose visiting some of the American mission-houses, especially those in New York and Boston, with the view of obtaining such information and impressions on missionary matters as may be usefully suggestive. Attention is directed to an important proposal, bearing on the education of native ministers and other agents in Jamaica. Some time may elapse before a college shall be established in the island. In that case a provisional arrangement for the efficient education and training of agents will require to be made, based either on the present plan, or on some other that may be deemed more suitable. In any case, it will be the object of the Mission Board, while studying a wise economy, not to cripple the mission at a time when circumstances in the colony, financial, ecclesiastical, and educational, are pointing in the direction of hopeful progress.

Old Calabar.—We have this month again the sorrowful tidings to communicate of another death in our missionary circle at Old Calabar. After a very brief interval, Mr. Lewis has followed his friend and fellow-labourer, Mr. Timson. It is, however, worthy of special notice, that in the case of Mr. Lewis, as in that of Mr. Timson, death came not in the channel of any disease that can be specially assigned to climate. It is true that the peculiar situation of the mission occasioned no small trial to Mr. Lewis, inasmuch as reasons of health rendered it necessary that Mrs. Lewis should remain behind him in this country. She was, indeed, destined never to join him in the scene of his mission; and one of the distressing and affecting incidents connected with his death was, that she arrived with her youngest child at Creek Town a few days after his funeral. In accordance