

The first missionary (Dr. Duff) was appointed in connection with the church of Scotland, in 1829. Four years afterwards, Dr. Inglis, convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, thought he could now reckon on £1200 a year, and he wrote to this effect to Dr. Duff. The large-hearted missionary, in his reply, said,—“Oh do not fix at £1200 a year, but put down £10,000 as your minimum, and from that rise up indefinitely without fixing any maximum at all!” This was looked upon as so extravagant that, when the letter was circulated in the Committee, one of the most respected members, in his astonishment, made the following entry with his pencil on the margin of the letter—“What! is the man mad? Has the Indian sun turned his head?” It is pleasing to note the increase in the annual contributions, and to bear in mind that since 1843 the sum raised for Foreign Missions has been £303,521 4s. 2d.

MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PORT MARIA, JAMAICA.—The Rev. John Simpson, who has been thirty five years in Jamaica, has resigned the charge of the congregation of Port Maria and has returned home. The congregation were deeply affected at the departure of Mr. Simpson. The church was formed in 1830, and some of the original members still remain.

OLD CALABAR.—The July Record contains an earnest and affecting appeal, from the pen of the Rev. H. Goldie, of the Old Calabar mission, for additional labourers. The ground, on which the appeal is grounded, are the dark and degraded condition of the Africans,—the injury which the Africans have, in too many instances, suffered from intercourse with Europeans,—the peculiar circumstances of the Calabar mission which too often cause it to be shunned as a field of labour by those dedicating themselves to the foreign service of the church.

SIMULTANEOUS PRAYER FOR THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—It has been recommended by the Synod of the United Presbyterian church, that in the afternoon of the second Sabbath in each month, there shall be special prayer, in all the congregations of the church, in behalf of the Home and Foreign Missions.

MISSIONS OF THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE CONNAUGHT SCHOOLS.—During the past year there have been 40 Schools and 43 teachers, an increase of 4 schools and as many teachers. Of the new schools, two are in wild and remote regions. The attendance has amounted 1401,—717 being Roman Catholic children. There have been difficulties to be faced, and the opposition of the priests has continued. In two cases the schools have been suspended mainly through the opposition of the Priests. The results of the work have been important. Several who had lapsed into Romanism have been rescued, and others saved from this declension. Education has been stimulated; several schools having been established in self-defence by the Romanists. The precious seed of the Word of God has been lodged in many hearts, which doubtless will yet bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of God. In other places the agents of the General Assembly's Mission have laboured zealously and successfully. In Ballinglen, Castlebar, Birr and various other places missionary work is prosecuted, and the Gospel is preached earnestly and affectionately wherever there is an open door.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN CHINA.

We have always regarded with peculiar interest the Missionary opera-