

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS.—Rev. Dr. McKay, and Rev. Thomas Smith, who have been in Britain for a time, on account of their health, have sailed again for the scene of their labours in India. Rev. Mr. Ewart of Calcutta, and Rev. W. K. Mitchell of Puna are expected home.

MITCHELL.—We rejoice to hear of the favourable circumstances under which the Rev. James Findlay has commenced his ministry in Mitchell. With the view of manifesting their esteem, and at the same time aiding him in the performance of his duties, the members and friends of the congregation in Mitchell, and Carlingford, lately presented him with a valuable horse.

DUNDAS.—The Rev. M. Y. Stark received from several members of his congregation, and other friends now or formerly connected with it as adherents, the handsome sum of fifty-five pounds, as a token of their esteem, and appreciation of his labours as a Minister of the gospel.

OWEN SOUND.—A congregational Soiree took place on the 22nd January, which was unanimously attended, and appeared greatly to promote good feeling and harmony among the members. At its close Ladies of the congregation presented their Pastor, Rev. John McKinnon, with about twenty one pounds as a token of respect and attachment.

MOSE.—The congregation of Mose lately presented their Pastor the Rev. W. R. Sutherland with a cutter and harness as an expression of esteem and encouragement.

NAIRN CHURCH, FLAMBOO.—The Rev. Mr. Wardrope Sen, on the occasion of his removing to another part of the country, was presented by the congregation connected with Nairn Church, with a sum of money as a parting token of Christian affection and esteem.

(The above notice was received some time ago, but was accidentally overlooked.—EDITOR.)

GRAFTON.—At a Congregational Meeting held on the 13th ultimo, the Rev. Mr. Smith, in the name of the congregation, presented to Mr. John Munro, Elder, a gold watch, chain and seal, with a suitable inscription. The seal was the gift of Mr. Taylor. The gift was intended, on the part of the congregation, as an expression of their gratitude to Mr. Munro for his unwearied exertions in promoting their best interests. Mr. Munro acknowledged the gift in very impressive and feeling terms.

[We can bear testimony to the faithful services rendered by Mr. Munro to the cause of our Church and of religion. It were well if we had many office-bearers in our churches equally faithful, liberal, and energetic. We understand that one of his last services has been to present a handsome clock for the Church in Grafton.—EDITOR.]

NEW.—On Sabbath, 15th ultimo, the handsome and commodious new church erected at

Milton, was opened for public worship. The Rev. Dr. Willis officiated in the forenoon and afternoon, and preached two eloquent and impressive sermons to large congregations.

On Tuesday, 17th, the Presbytery of Toronto met for the ordination of the Rev. J. Mitchell. The Rev. J. Laing preached and presided. Mr. Mitchell enters on the duties of his charge with the prospect of great comfort and usefulness.—A fuller account may appear in our next number.

RIDGECROFTS.—The Rev. W. Forrest was ordained as Pastor of the congregation at Ridgectown, on the 18th ult. The Rev. A. McColl preached and presided; Mr. Straith addressed the Minister, and Mr. King the people.

An account of the inductions at St. Thomas, Fingal, and Tilbury, will be found in the proceedings of the Presbytery of London.

SALT FLEET AND BIRCHBROOK.—The Congregations of Birchbrook and Saltfleet, in addition to their usual subscriptions for stipend, and various acts of christian kindness to their Minister, the Rev. George Cheyne, lately presented him with a considerable sum of money, as a new year's gift.

FRUITS OF THE ACQUITTAL OF THE MURE MERS AT ST. SYLVESTER.—The Lower Canada papers give particulars of a brutal assault made by a Roman Catholic mob on an aged French Canadian, of the name of Pepin, who has been for some time a Lay-Preacher in connexion with the Wesleyan Methodists. We fear similar outrages will not be uncommon.

KNOX'S CHURCH TORONTO.—At a late meeting of this congregation, it was unanimously agreed to call the Rev. W. Fraser, of Gourock.

BERLIN.—The members of this Congregation have unanimously called the Rev. A. C. Geikie.

ST. MARY'S.—The Rev. D. Beattie has been called by the Congregation at St. Mary's.

Items of Religious Intelligence.

ANOTHER PRISONER FOR RELIGION IN MADRID.—It appears, from a letter written by the Rev. Dr. Rule, that another person has been committed to prison on account of his attachment to the Gospel. The person referred to is Signor Jose Vecina.

WAR IN CHINA.—The war which is still carried on in China has, in a great measure, arrested missionary operations for the time. It is to be hoped, however, that present events may be over-ruled by God, for the more extensive diffusion of the Gospel in that populous empire.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. MEDHURST.—We regret to notice the death of this devoted Missionary, whose name has been so long connected with China. Dr. Medhurst was about forty years in the mission field.

PEACE WITH PERSIA.—It is thought probable, especially since the capture of Bushire, that the

court of Persia may accede to the proposals of Britain, and that consequently, there may be the restoration of peace.

TRANSLATION OF THE RIA. MR. McDONALD, OF BLAIR-GOWRIE.—The Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Blair-Gowrie, whose name is closely associated with the educational movement in the Free Church, has accepted a call to North Lath.

WESLEYAN METHODISTS.—The Wesleyans are making arrangements for the erection of a church in the neighbourhood of the camp at Aldershot. It is said that Lord Pannure has promised the full acquiescence of the Government.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The *United Presbyterian Magazine* states, that the Divinity Hall, in connection with that Church, was never in so prosperous a state as at present.

REV. DR. LIVINGSTON.—A meeting was lately held of the merchants, bankers, traders, and others, of London, for the purpose of promoting the project of a testimonial to Dr. Livingston.

DEATH OF THE REV. MR. NICOLAYSON.—The Rev. Mr. Nicolayson of the Church Jewish Mission at Jerusalem, has lately been removed by death. Mr. Nicolayson was engaged in the work since 1825.

"THE NEWS OF THE CHURCHES."—This excellent periodical still sustains its high character as a vehicle of ecclesiastical and missionary intelligence. We understand that the proprietor offers to send it to all Colonial Ministers at least half price.

Missionary Intelligence.

SAMOA.

The following are extracts from letters written by Rev. H. Nesbit, missionary, Samoa, to his brother, Rev. J. Nesbit, Oakville.

SAVU-SAMOA, April 29, 1856.

• • • • The people are still far from having settled quietly down. Some of the war party have just begun to make a great stir about taking back certain of their allies with due honor to their own lands. They profess that they are going to do it quietly, but still all ready for war, so that the other party have some difficulty in believing what they say, and are consequently getting all ready to shew fight when they make a move. They may perhaps find some way of coming to an understanding, but it is very difficult to say; and if they really do fight again, it may throw things as far back as ever. In the midst of this state of things we have just to hold on our ground the best way we can, endeavouring to hold up to the people the torch of truth, that they may see their way back to the path of peace and prosperity, from which they have so long and so wilfully strayed; we trust some have found their way back, and that others have thoughts of returning. Yet the great mass seem to like their own way best, and so do not lay to heart Solomon's assurance that "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

We are not, however, without reasons for hoping that the good work is not at a stand.—We continue, from time to time, to have a few added to the church, and the number of candidates for church fellowship keeps large.—Since I wrote the commencement of this letter three or four days ago, we have held a church