

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INDIA.

Dr. Glasgow had recently completed a missionary tour through the region around Surat, visiting the Christians and professors in different places. He was accompanied by Gungaram, the earliest of the converts, acting as an elder, though not ordained. They addressed the natives, many of whom professed to believe in the Saviour, and expressed their wish to have a Christian missionary. At Borsud much time was taken up in conversing with natives from surrounding villages. Four children of professing Christians were baptized. The Rev. D. Moore had returned in renewed health, and resumed his work in the district of Borsud.

 APPEAL FOR A MISSIONARY SHIP.

The missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces have, with the sanction of the Synod, issued an appeal for funds to build a missionary ship for mission work among the New Hebrides. Might not the children of the Canada Presbyterian Church aid in this work, and contribute some planks or spars for this missionary vessel? we subjoin part of the appeal which has been issued.

"Have you ever heard a saying of that eminent missionary, William Carey, before he left for India. 'I,' said he to a brother minister 'will go down into the well, if you will hold the rope.' If you do not clearly understand this figurative language, you must ask your parents or teachers to explain it, so that you may know what we mean when we say that we and other missionaries have gone down into the well, and that we want you to help to hold the rope. But how can children hold the rope? What can they do in so great and difficult a work? They can do a great deal. There is no doubt about it; because they have already done much. Children have already laid hold of the rope, and held on most nobly. The children of England, as you all know, bought the 'John Williams,' and they have raised almost, if not all, the money that has been needed to pay her expenses for seventeen years' past. Then there is the 'Morning Star,' bought by the children of American Sabbath Schools; and there is the Calabar Mission schooner, also purchased by children. Besides these, there are several other missionary vessels. It is likely you have heard of most of them. There is the 'John Wesley,' the 'Southern Cross' (lately wrecked), the 'Dove,' the 'Harmony,' the 'Candace,' in Germany, and our own 'John Knox.' Thus, you see, there is a goodly number of ships these days employed in the blessed work of carrying the Gospel to the heathen, and you see that of these vessels three were purchased by children; and this brings us to the point we wish to lay before you. *The John Knox has done us good service for the last five years; but she is now altogether too small for us, and we want another vessel of seventy or eighty tons burden, and we want you to aid in getting the vessel for us.* And this is the way in which we wish you to hold the rope. We want this vessel to visit the teachers and missionaries on the islands where they now are, to carry them to islands that are still heathen, and to make an annual visit to the Australian colonies, during the hurricane months, to bring supplies for missionary and teachers, and to keep the subject of missions before the minds of Christians in these colonies. There is far more work of this kind than the 'John Williams' can do, and unless we get another vessel, a long time must pass before the light of the Gospel reach the many islands that remain in darkness. Should you respond to our call and get us another vessel, she will be chiefly employed among a large group of islands, of which you have heard, no doubt—the New Hebrides. This group of islands, some thirty of which, as Espiritu Santo and Malicolo, are very large, the former being 200, and the latter 150 miles in circumference. And then these islands are so beautiful. If you saw them, you would almost fancy you were looking upon a paradise; but, alas! they are, with the single exception of Ancitum,