

islands of this group. So much absence from my own station will interfere materially with my work here, but it is unavoidable. There is a great work to be done on these islands, and there are few to do it.

"We long to hear of more missionaries for these islands. It is sad to think that you cannot find men who are willing to come to our help. May God incline some to give up the endearments of home, and come far hence to preach among these Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. The cause of our Redeemer languishes for want of men, while they are found ready to embark in every secular enterprise.

"H. M. S. *Charybdis*, Capt. Lyons, is here at present. Her chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Smyth, visited this island in another ship during my absence. We find him a very excellent man, and a true friend of the missionary cause. He conducted an English service yesterday in our Church; and addressed our Sabbath School also. The visits of such a person in our distant island home are very refreshing to us. The *Charybdis* is here with despatches for H. M. S. *Challenger*, which is daily expected from the Feejee Islands.

"The boxes sent from Halifax to Melbourne by the *Chanticleer* have come safely to hand, and your directions about them have been attended to. Many thanks to the friends of the mission for their seasonable supplies of clothing for the natives.

"I must now bring my letter to a close. Remember us and our work at the throne of grace. May God direct and bless all our efforts for the furtherance of his cause.

"I remain, ever yours, &c.,

"JOHN GEDDIE."

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—We learn from the *Missionary Herald* that the Rev. R. Montgomery, one of the veteran missionaries of India, has returned to the field of his labours, taking with him three fellow-labourers, Rev. Mr. Gillespie and his wife, and Miss Little. Before they left Belfast there was a meeting held in the Linen Hall Street Church, for the purpose of commending them to the blessing and protection of Almighty God. At the same time Mr. Montgomery was presented with the sum of £500 as an acknowledgment of his valued labours as a minister of the gospel and a missionary in India for upwards of twenty-five years.

INDIA.—AHMEDABAD.—Mr. McMordie gives an interesting account of the prosperous state of the mission schools under his care. At an examination lately held by the Government Inspector, there were in the English school 119 pupils, besides a large number of pupils in the vernacular schools. The number of pupils is steadily increasing. Mr. McMordie relates many interesting proofs of the intelligence and progress of the pupils. They are familiar, in many instances, with the contents of the sacred volume.

MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

INDIA.—The missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church have carried on, with encouraging success, missionary operations in Ajmere, a city of about 36,000 inhabitants; the population of the district connected with it being 425,000. The Rev. Messrs. Robson and Gray are ordained