

one hundred native evangelists and teachers,—or altogether an educated agency of 160 persons. There are, besides several stations, forty congregations, with an aggregate membership of 6024, and ninety-three day schools, attended by 4843. The Committee have sent out during the year the Rev. John Sclater and Miss. Sclater to British Caffraria, Mr. D. E. Lewis to Old Calabar, and the Rev. J. B. Alexander to Jamaica. There had been no deaths in the foreign field; but the Rev. Messrs Elmslie and Whitecross of Grand Caymanas, who had resigned their charges on account of disabled health, and returned to this country, have been removed to their celestial home. And we regret to state that the Rev. Daniel McLean, the minister of Hampden, Jamaica, whom the Committee had appointed to be religious tutor, has been constrained, on account of medical opinion as to his health, to resign his charge and his connection with the Jamaica Mission. We have just to add here, that nearly all the missionaries speak of the great encouragement which the deed of the Synod in May last year, which set apart the first Sabbath and week in November as a season of special prayer for the success of foreign missions, gave them, and that they united with their brethren at home in holding meetings and offering supplications on that devotional week.

As this is the Twentieth Report of Foreign Missions which the Committee have submitted to the Church, it may not be out of place in a few sentences to take a retrospect of what the Church has done during these twenty years. When the Board of Missions was formed in Edinburgh in the close of 1845, we had only a few congregations in Jamaica and in Trinidad; and since that time we have formed the Calabar Mission, assumed the Jamaica Mission of the Scottish Missionary Society, the Caffie Mission of the Glasgow African Society, the Jewish Mission of the Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel, and have begun operations in India and China. In 1845, the income for home and foreign missions was less than £6000; and in 1864 it was upwards of £28,000. It is a cheering fact that, since the happy union of the United Secession and Relief Churches, the missionary income has been doubled. Oh, there is nothing like the servants of Christ pulling together and provoking each other to love and good works. And if the income for the current year shall equal that of the last, then in these twenty years we shall have raised for home and foreign missions £420,746; whilst in that period we have sent abroad to our foreign fields, including Canada, Nova Scotia, and Australia, 102 ordained missionaries and preachers, besides teachers and subordinate agents. And what are the effects which this growing devotedness to foreign missions has had upon the Church at home? It has, by developing Christian liberality, enlarged home mission work and extended the Church, helped to pay the debt which rested on our churches and mansees, augmented the stipends of our ministers, called into operation several benevolent schemes, and in many ways advanced the life and prosperity of congregations. All have felt that, in this noble work, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Indeed we have, as a Church, much cause of thankfulness to God for the past; but we have not yet reason to be satisfied. The Church of Christ must make progress; growth is essential to its well-being; and, in our missionary education, and it may be said that we are scarcely yet beyond the spelling-book. We will not be in a right state till three things are realized: first, that every member of the Church be doing something for missions; secondly, that that something be up to the measure of granted ability; and thirdly, that the full evangelisation of the heathen world be with each one a matter of fervent, importunate, and continuing prayer. And when these three things are gained, they will place us on a higher platform, where we shall have wider views, and achieve still greater things. The Lord Jesus is the Ruler of providence, pledged for the spread and the prosperity of his Church; the silver and gold are at his disposal; the hearts of all men are in his hand; the fuller influences of the Holy Spirit are ready to be shed down;