

time do better. He hoped at least to do a greater and grander work for the country; and he hoped to be in Glasgow two or three years hence to tell how the mission had prospered.

Dr. Murray Mitchell moved the first resolution, viz.:—"That this meeting express cordial satisfaction at the proposal to establish a missionary settlement of an evangelistic, educational, and industrial character on Lake Nyassa, to be called 'Livingstonia,' under the management of the Foreign Missions Committees of the Free and Reformed Presbyterian Churches, and its satisfaction at the prospect that at last the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be carried into the darkness of Central Africa." In supporting the motion of support, Dr. Murray Mitchell mentioned that the scheme now launched had received the careful consideration of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church, and, indeed, he had occasion to communicate with Mr. Wilson, of Bombay, he was struck with the coincidence between his views and those of Dr. Stewart.

Mr. Jas. Campbell next moved—"That the heaviest expenses must be chiefly incurred at the outset, and during the earlier years of its existence, in order to open up such a mission on a secure and permanent basis for the future an effort should be made to raise an aggregate sum of £10,000." He was happy to say that half the sum required was already subscribed.

The Chairman afterwards announced that the following subscriptions had been subscribed:—Mr. James Young of Kelly, £100; Mr. Jas. Stevenson, Glasgow, £100; Mr. W. Mackinnon of Balmakill, £100; Mr. P. Mackinnon, £500; Mr. Martin of Auchendennan, £500; Mr. White of Overton, £500; Dr. Joshua Wilson, £100; Dr. Hugh Miller, £100.

Dr. Buchanan subsequently nominated a committee for raising subscriptions. In reply to a question, he said he had no doubt the expression of opinion that came from the chairman at the end of the hall was an indication of a desire which pervaded the community that this great enterprise should be adequately supported and vigorously carried out. Although the Free and Reformed Presbyterian Churches were specially named in connection with this mission, the other Churches were surely not deterred from placing themselves alongside those who had been the first to come to the field. The field was ample—there was room for all on the vast African continent.

As the good and noble Livingstone lived or died in vain. The desire of the tribes of Africa rising to newness of life will call him blessed. The Christian

people of England and Scotland will enter in upon the field which Livingstone explored, and carry thither the light of the Gospel.

A Startling Calculation.

[The following appears in the London *Weekly Review* in the form of a letter to the editor. The calculation although not original is certainly all that is claimed for it and is worthy of serious thought. It is an exceedingly interesting way of putting the case.—Ed.]

"If we were to suppose the present population of our globe to be sixteen hundred millions, which is probably an over-estimate, and that in all that vast number there was but one true Christian; and that he should be instrumental in the hands of the blessed Spirit during the coming year of the conversion of two others to Christ; and that each of these new converts should instrumentally lead two others to Christ during the first year of their spiritual life; and that the work should thus continue, each new convert leading two others to Christ within a year of his conversion, how long would it take at this rate for the whole sixteen hundred millions to be brought to Christ?"

The answer will doubtless startle many of our readers; but if we may rely upon figures, the whole world would be converted in a little less than thirty years and a half, or within less than a single generation! Is such a work too mighty for God's Spirit to accomplish, or for the Church to strive to achieve?

But let us vary somewhat the conditions. Instead of supposing, as above, that there was but one true Christian in all the world, let us, with a nearer approximation to the truth, suppose their number to be at least twenty millions. This is probably much below the truth. If each one of these should bring to Christ instrumentally a single soul within the coming year, the whole number would be doubled before the close of 1875. If similar blessed results should follow prayer and effort in 1876, and be continued year after year, each true Christian becoming instrumental, by prayer and personal effort, in the salvation of only one soul each year, long before the year 1881 would have come to a close, the grand chorus would be heard in heaven, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever." By each true Christian bringing instrumentally one soul to Christ each year, in less than seven years the whole world would be regenerated?